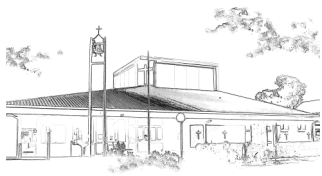


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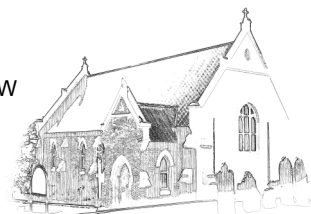
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The Baptism of the Lord – Year C 11/12 January 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered; This is my beloved Son, with whom I am pleased.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

Oh, bless the Lord my soul!

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have give us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit it, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

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JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

A Jubilee Year is a sacred time of prayer, pilgrimage, and conversion. The Roman Catholic Church dedicates every twenty-five years as a JUBILEE YEAR of prayer to re-establish a proper relationship with God, humanity and creation. Thus, on 24th December 2024, the eve of Christmas in Rome, Pope Francis opened the Jubilee Year 2025, with the opening of the HOLY DOOR in St. Peter's Basilica. This will go on till the 6th of January 2026.

This jubilee year's theme is "PILGRIMS OF HOPE" of which the pope encouraged all to recognise that we are messengers of Hope, and we carry our Christian Hope with us into different experiences of our life pilgrimage on earth because our Hope is very essential to our faith. Bishop Vincent Long has celebrated the opening of the Holy Year in our diocese, and he invited all to participate in the many events that will be taking place this Jubilee Year. He also designated three places: The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville; St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta; and Mount Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa, as Pilgrimage sites in our diocese.

As we personally say our jubilee prayer, go for confessions, and undergo some pilgrimages to the designated sites, may we gain the full plenary indulgence granted for active participation of Pilgrims in the course of this Holy Year. May the Baptism of our Lord which we celebrate today help us to continue to "Fan the flame of Hope that has been given to us, and to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart, and far-sighted vision" as Pope Francis prayed. And may we never be disappointed as we Journey in Hope.

Fr. Raymond C. Ugwu, C.S.Sp.

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Rosters: All Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers and Ministers of the Altar please note that **all mass rosters are on the Parish website**. To access the rosters, go to the **News & Events tab** wherein you can read the Bulletins & Rosters.

All other ministers are asked to check your email inbox to retrieve your roster for the various ministries. **Please mark your diaries accordingly**. Any concerns please contact Mary McGuinness asap.

Seeking Musicians and Singers for Our Parish!

Our community needs individuals to bring music to our celebrations. Music can help to lift our prayer. **We are looking for keyboard players, guitarists, flutists, violinists, and singers to help the congregation to join in singing. Please, your assistance, just once a month, can make a big difference!**

Thank you for considering this opportunity to enhance our parish with your musical talents!

Reach out to Maria Boyd or Mary McGuinness (see bulletin for email address) if you have any questions or suggestions.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come Join the Celebrations at the St Paul's Feast .. Saturday, 18 January 2025 at 5.30pm at St Monica's, Richmond.

Readers Please Note:

Weekend January 25/26 Australia Day.

The weekend Mass will be that set down for Australia Day. Readings are included in Sunday Missals.

Lenten Groups. We invite you to consider if you would like to be a part of a small group during Lent. Ash Wednesday March 5. We would like to get an idea of numbers so that we do not miss out on the Brisbane programme. An expression of interest will be included in the bulletin shortly.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Friday 17 January Saint Anthony.
- Saturday 18 January St Paul's Feast.

THE Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A)

will recommence Monday 3 February at 7pm in the Emmaus Room. All Welcome.

BAPTISM preparation for school age children. If for any reason your child or a child you know has not yet been Baptised & seek to be Baptised into the Catholic Church, Four preparation classes will be held at St Monica's Emmaus Room at 4pm on Wednesday afternoons from the 5th February to the 26th February. Contact Maria at sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au to register your interest.

Sacraments News.

These are the **Dates for Sacraments for 2025** – All enrolments will be electronic. Please keep this copy for your reference. This is also available on the Parish website.

Available from	Enrolment closing Date	Commitment Ceremony Weekend of	Parent Info-Night - compulsory	4 Weekly Groups Begin compulsory sessions	REHEARSAL	Ceremonies
2 nd Feb Yr 5+	Confirmation closes 9 th April	5th & 6th April Saturday 6pm St Monica's, Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm St Monica's Sunday Kurrajong 8am	Wednesday 9th April 7pm	Classes Commence from 27th April	Wednesday 21st May 7pm TBC	St Monica's only 7pm Tuesday 27th May & 7pm Wednesday 28th May
28 th April Yr 3 +	Reconciliation Penance closes 30 th July	26th & 27th July St Monica's Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm Kurrajong Sunday 8am	Wednesday 30th July 7pm	Classes Commence from 3rd August	N/A	St Monica's only 3rd September (4pm & 7pm)
2 nd Aug Yr 4+	First Holy Communion- closes 24 th September	20th & 21st September St Monica's Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9.30am & 5.30pm Kurrajong Sunday 8am	Wednesday 24th Sept 7pm	Classes Commence from 12th October	Wednesday 12th Nov @ St Monica's 7pm	St Monica's or St Gregory's 15th & 16th November

PARISH MASS TIMES

St Monica's
Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 7.30am,
9.30am, 5.30pm
Mon, Wed & Fri: 9.00am

St Gregory's
Saturday: 9am
Sunday: 8am
St John of God
No Masses at this stage

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
St Monica's:
Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm.
St Gregory's:
Saturday after 9.00am Mass.

Anointing of the Sick Mass
Second Friday of the month, 9am
at St Monica's or by arrangement
with the priests

Baptism

By appointment only.
St Monica's: 2nd & 3rd Sundays
at 11am.
St Gregory's: 1st Sunday at 11am
Booking & Preparation are essential.

Marriage

Strictly by appointment. A minimum
of 6 months notice is required. All
enquiries please email:
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PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING 12 Feb
2025 at 7pm.

Meeting Minutes
available on notice
boards in church
foyers & parish
website.

APPEAL FOR USED CLOTHING

The John Moroney Correctional Complex is appealing to our generous assistance in helping the inmates who do not have suitable clothing to wear as they leave the prison.

The young men need simple things like jeans, shorts, t-shirts or shirts and old sneakers. Footy jumpers or caps are always good. Please, avoid green coloured dress for it reminds them of the prison uniform. Mixed colours are fine.

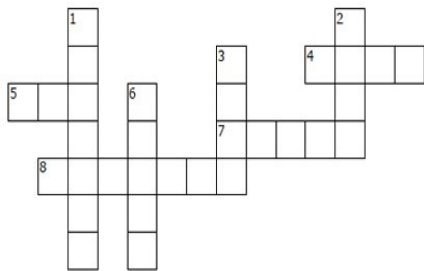
Anything that will give them a sense of dignity as a number have to travel by bus or train.

You may also Purchase St Vincent De Paul clothing vouchers which the inmates can trade in for clothing.

Jesus, the One and Only

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:22b (NIV)

Based on Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



ACROSS

4. The name of the man who baptized Jesus
5. A male offspring
7. The sound produced by vibration of the human vocal cords
8. To cover briefly completely in water or pour water over a person's head

DOWN

1. A shoe consisting of a sole fastened to the foot by straps
2. A deep feeling of affection for a person
3. A bird often used as a symbol of peace
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... and those we remember at this time:

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We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

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We welcome the newly baptized...
Hazel Murphy

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday
to all those celebrating this week:

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35 yrs): Parish of Richmond is dedicated to nurturing spiritual growth, fostering meaningful connections, and building lasting friendships within our youth community. Join us as we develop the Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35 yrs) and come along to our third meeting on Friday 17th January 2025 at 7pm in the Emmaus Room.



REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Rosary

St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.

St Gregory's: 8.40am before Saturday Mass.

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday excluding school holidays during 9.30am Mass at St Monica's

Parish Morning Tea

After 9.30am Mass every fourth Sunday of the month at St Monica's & every second Sunday of the month at St Gregory's after 8am Mass

Body of Christ Prayer Group

First Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome 1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.

Table Tennis fortnightly on Monday's 5-7pm in the Old Church.

Benediction & Mass

St Monica's: Every 1st Friday of the month 6.30pm - 7.30pm
St Gregory's: Every 1st Saturday after 9am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament St Monica's: Wed after 9am Mass to pray for vocations.

Luke 24 Youth Group

Monday 10th February in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

18/19 January 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - C. Allison L. O'Brien
7.30am - S. Duff M. McMahon
9.30am - K. Petersen M. Manea
5.30pm - C. Salkeld A. Salkeld

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - J. Gorman J. Portelli
7.30am - A. Burnett A. Dunbar
9.30am - M. Portelli Z. Culican
5.30pm - S. Nash C. Barber

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - A. Vincent
7.30am - K. Bauer
9.30am - A. Brailey
5.30pm -

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - L. Sultana
7.30am -
9.30am -
5.30pm -

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breaden
7.30am - C. Thompson
9.30am - L. Culican
5.30pm - M. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am -

Cleaners

Counters

12 Jan - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon
19 Jan - C. Barber F. Pausanos
C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 13 January 2025

Reader - F. Crew
EMoHC - C. Nickle

Wednesday 15 January 2025

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 17 January 2025

Reader - L. Sheffield
EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 18 January 2025

Reader - F. Crew
EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 19 January 2025

Readers

8.00am - C. Smiroldo P. Humphrey E. Leddy

Minister at the Altar - C. Byatt

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - A. Drew
Data Projector - H. Gillies
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Pope Francis @Pontifex 10 January:

A diplomacy of hope is, in the end, a diplomacy of justice, without which there can be no peace. The Jubilee year is a favourable time to practice justice, forgive debts, and commute the sentences of prisoners.