

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus at his baptism.*

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Feasts of the Week

17 January - St Anthony, abbot. Memorial.

St. Anthony lived in solitude for about twenty years. "His was a perfectly purified soul. No pain could annoy him, no pleasure bind him. In him was neither laughter nor sadness. The sight of the crowd did not trouble him, and the warm greetings of so many men did not move him. In a word, he was thoroughly immune to the vanities of the world, like a man unswervingly governed by reason, established in inner peace and harmony."

Here are a few of his famous sayings to monks. "Let it be your supreme and common purpose not to grow weary in the work you have begun, and in time of trial and affliction not to lose courage and say: Oh, how long already have we been mortifying ourselves! Rather, we should daily begin anew and constantly increase our fervour. For man's whole life is short when measured against the time to come, so short, in fact, that it is as nothing in comparison with eternity. . . . Therefore, my children, let us persevere in our acts of asceticism. And that we may not become weary and disheartened, it is good to meditate on the words of the apostle: 'I die daily.' If we live with the picture of death always before our eyes, we will not sin. The apostle's words tell us that we should so awaken in the morning as though we would not live to evening, and so fall asleep as if there were to be no awakening. For our life is by nature uncertain and is daily meted out to us by Providence. If we are convinced of this and live each day as the apostle suggests, then we will not fall into sin; no desire will enslave us, no anger move us, no treasure bind us to earth; we will await death with unfettered hearts."

— Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,  
10am (Children's Liturgy),  
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 8.00am

Friday - 8.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

NIL

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with  
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time.  
Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Preparation classes are  
held in the Presbytery on the  
1st Sunday of each month  
after 10AM Mass .



"I baptise you with water: but one who is more powerful than  
I is coming... he will baptise you with the Holy  
Spirit and fire" Luke 3:16

Responsorial Psalm

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: One mightier than I is coming;  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.  
Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: This is he of whom John said: I have  
seen and have given witness that this is the Son of God.

This weeks readings - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14,  
3:4-7; Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Next Weekend: 2nd Sun Ord - Year C. Readings: Isaiah  
62:1-5; 1Cor 12:4-11; Gospel John 2:1-11

The Baptism of the Lord - Yr C - 13 January 2019

## Home Mass

Fr Van will say Mass at the home of John & Denise Ashe at 7.00pm on Wednesday 16th January. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Denise on 9796 1055.

## Fight poverty with your used stamps!

We are currently helping Mary MacKillop International collect used postage stamps to help with poverty overseas. If you have some mail with used stamps on them please cut off the stamp, leaving a generous margin of the envelope all around the stamp and bring them in to the Parish Office. We will be collecting until the end of January.

## Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

***Theresa Mai***

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.

## Mass Intentions:

**Recently Deceased:** Marcia Shanahan; Matthew Chu Van Tuynh; Natacha Esther; Phan Hong Chuong; Gioan Long Joseph Song

**Anniversary:** Alexander Page; Ana Nguyen Thi Tac; John Zouki; Joseph Marcellus Fernandes; Rosie Fernandes; Maxine Serret; Marie Simone; Tomas Martinez; Claude Serret; Sione Pousini

**Deceased:** Irene Page; Alex Page; Robert Page; Joseph Hien; Anna Can; Shiri Krishnan; Maria Ngo Thi Hoa.

**Sick:** Max Goodwin, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Rukmani Krishnan; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Teresita Tenorio; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Adelle Tulay; Emlyn Beale; Maria Bui Thi Don; John Ashe.

## Weekly Rosters

**Altar Society: 20/1/19 Group 3:** Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (*Florist*)

**St Vincent de Paul:** 20/1/19 Thom Pham 27/1/19 J Obeid

**Church Cleaners: 18/1/19:** Vinh Nguyen **Children's Liturgy:** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**Weekend Choirs: 20/1 Saturday 6pm** - St Anne's Choir.

**Sunday 8am** - Singing Servants of God **10am** - Samoan Divine Mercy Group. **6pm** - Youth Choir.

### Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	13 JANUARY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Patrick Abourizk	Philip Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Elias Eltarraf	
R	Gloria Booby	Ligaya Castillo	Anthony Rowe	Charbel Eltarraf	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Thao Nguyen	Ala Pesamino	Paul Ngoc	
M	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo	

### 20 JANUARY

C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Kiara Asuzu	Henrietta Owusu	Kathleen Mezentsef
R	Patrick Abourizk	Maxwell Asuzu	Thu Ha Kim	Lucia Mezentsef
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Cindy Hoang	Mesake Mar	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Rosa House	Amelia Mezentsef

Reflection

## Family

Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviours, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behaviour, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life.

As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviours that govern your family life by answering the question, "What are some of the things that make our family life unique?" Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16,21-22. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviours, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

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## Pro-Life Training Day with Brendan Malone

Internationally renowned speaker Brendan Malone will run workshops on how to effectively participate in campaigns to defeat anti-life parliamentary bills and how to spread the pro-life message with clarity and compassion. We are expecting a new abortion up to birth bill in NSW parliament soon. We must prepare to combat this. \$30 per head includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Saturday February 16, 9am to 5pm at St Paul of the Cross Parish, 532 New Canterbury Rd. Dulwich Hill. RSVP essential: [www.trybooking.com/ZZAZ](http://www.trybooking.com/ZZAZ)

## Vocation Discernment Weekend Run By The Capuchin Friars 15-17th February 2019

Come away for a few days of quiet to reflect upon the inspiring and uplifting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these amazing ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 7th February: contact Father Thomas [vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au) or 0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.org.au>

## St Bakhita's Day – Ethical Sourcing Seminar and Expo

Don't miss this important seminar (8 February) to ensure your business is prepared, informed and ready to take action to address forced labour, slavery and exploitation in supply chains.

Executives from across the corporate and public sector are invited to attend the seminar at St Mary's Cathedral. The Expo will bring together international best practice, modern slavery survivor testimony, local case studies and practical step-by-step guidance to support ethical sourcing practices as part of a robust procurement framework. Program of speakers released later in January 2019.

Event contact and to RSVP: Alison Rahill, Anti-Slavery Taskforce, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney E: [alison.rahill@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:alison.rahill@sydneycatholic.org) M: 0439 482 290