

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Oscar Ralevski & Oliver Ralevski

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.



Vocation Discernment Weekend Run By The Capuchin Friars

15-16th February 2020

Come away for a couple of days to consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 9am Saturday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. There will be Mass each day, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these particular 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 6th February. Please contact Father Thomas: vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.org.au>

Fight poverty with your used stamps!

We are once again 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.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; **Youth:** Aurora Doueihy 0428 755 022 **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993 ; **St Vincent de Paul:** Diago Rodrigues 9791 5209 ; **Bankstown Josephite Associates:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292; **Children's Liturgy:** Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217; **Sacramental co-ordinator:** Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; **Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933; **Polish Priests:** 8783 0533; **De La Salle Brothers:** 9708 2692; **St. Felix Primary School:** 9796 7875 Frances Bonanno - Principal; **LaSalle Catholic College:** 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal; **Archdiocesan Website:** www.sydney.catholic.org.au



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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.

Vietnamese 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 .



And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Mt 3:17

Lunar New Year

The Lunar New Year Mass is on Saturday 25 January at 10.00am. Refreshments will follow after Mass in the grotto area. All welcome.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

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

This weeks readings - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

Next Weekend: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A.
Readings: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34.

The Baptism of the Lord - Yr A - 12 January 2020

Altar Society Roster

The new yearly roster is now available in the Sacristy. A copy may also be found on our website.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all those who supported the Christmas raffle. The winning ticket was GREY X-09. Congratulations to the winner.

Visit Of The Relics Of St Thérèse Of Lisieux and Her Parents

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Thérèse, and her parents, Louis and Zélie, will visit the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March. A copy of the full itinerary can be found on the Backboard in the Foyer so that you are aware of where and when you can take the opportunity to venerate the relics of one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints and her parents who helped nurture her faith. The Parishes closest to St Felix who will be holding these relics will be;

- ◆ **St Joachim, Lidcombe** on Saturday 14th March from 2.30pm with an all-night vigil until 6.00am the next day.
- ◆ **St Therese, Padstow** on Sunday 15th March from 7.00am to 1.00pm and
- ◆ **St Peter Chanel & St Joseph's Berala** on Monday 16th March from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Ngoc Phong Nguy; Sr Myrna Porto

Anniversary: Doris Hayes Sinclair; Sione Pousini

Deceased:

Sick: Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Linda Yusnanda; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez (*daughter of Rosa House*); Lillian Jaja, Billy.

Weekly Rosters

	Sat 6pm	12 JANUARY	8am	10am	6pm
Comm	Gloria Booby	Philip Castillo	Thu Ha Kim		
Reader	Jessica Vujevic	Ligaya Castillo	Anthony Rowe		Nhung Bui
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)		Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Emmanuel Icard	Thao Nguyen	Ala Pesamino		Paul Ngoc
Minister		Melanie Campisi	Joe Luongo		Loreto Eduardo
Choir	St Anne's	SSOG	SMMC		Sacred Heart Choir

19 JANUARY

Comm	Emmanuel Icard	Kiara Asuzu		
Reader	Gabrielle Nguyen	Maxwell Asuzu	Emanuela Viner	Anthony Eltarraf
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Cindy Hoang	Mesake Mar	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen
Minister	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Rosa House	Amelia Mezentsef
Choir	St Anne's	SSOG	SDMG	Youth Choir

	12 January	19 January	Notes:
Altar Society	Group 2	Group 3 (<i>see notes</i>)	SSOG: Singing Servants of God SDMG: Samoan Divine Mercy Group SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 3: Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (<i>Florist</i>)
Church Cleaners	Charbel Karam	Vinh Nguyen	
SVDP	Andrew Nguyen	Thom Pham	
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	School Holidays	
Morning Tea	J & S Fonseka	A & L Rowe	

Reflection

We are all children of God

At Jesus' baptism, God affirms his Son's mission for salvation. God announces his pleasure with Jesus and, in Matthew's Gospel, announces to all that, "This is my beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17). With this affirmation, Jesus is able to resist the temptations described next in Matthew's Gospel and to begin his public ministry. As family members, we can support one another in our Christian living by affirming the importance of each person in our eyes and in God's. Confident that through our Baptism we too were made children of God, we can resist temptation and share in Christ's mission.

Gather as a family to read today's Gospel, Matthew 3:13-17. Recall that God's message about Jesus was meant for us, "This is my beloved Son." It was also an affirmation for Jesus about his role in God's plan.

Place each family member's name on a slip of paper and put the names in a bowl. Invite each person in the family to choose another family member's name and to prepare a message for that person, affirming their importance in God's eyes and in your family life. Pray together that your family will continue to support one another in your baptismal promises to be disciples of Jesus and then invite each person to read aloud the message they prepared. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

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Pray for Australia - With Bruce Downes (online)

Australia is currently being devastated by Fire!

It is time to Pray powerfully together!

Pray for the firefighters and emergency workers

Pray for the victims and families

Pray for the homes and businesses destroyed

Pray for the burnt land and death and injury of our animals

Pray for rain, so much rain needed!

Pray for healing.

Join me and Pray each night at 8pmAEDT on Facebook, Instagram and Youtube!

Facebook.com/TheCatholicGuyBruceDownes

Instagram.com/TheCatholicGuy

Youtube.com/TheCatholicGuytv

Or pray with me wherever you are!

May we experience God's power and love amidst the tragedy!

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

Would you like to become a regular contributor to the Parish?

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office. Otherwise send an e-mail with your details to Marie at admin@stfelixparish.org.au

Name..... Telephone No.:

Address:.....

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