



Dear parishioners,
 Today sees the end of the Christmas season, with the celebration of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the Gospel today has three important things to say to us about ourselves. Jesus, the Son of God, born without sin, nevertheless accepted willingly the graces offered in the Sacrament of baptism. At our baptism, we received these same graces. Do we value our baptism? Secondly, we hear that Jesus "was at prayer after his baptism". Our baptism is pure gift, but having received this gift, we need to put in the necessary work to strengthen the graces we have received, through prayer, charity and good works. Lastly, in the Gospel, we hear that the heavens opened and God proclaimed Jesus as His beloved, His delight. If we share in Jesus' baptism, we also share in this belovedness, we also are the delight of our Father in heaven. Can we truly accept this?

We know that immediately after His baptism, Jesus began His short public ministry that only three years later saw Him die on the cross. Seen in this light, today's Gospel can reveal Jesus as a man preparing himself for the ordeal to come: taking in the graces He will need,

strengthening Himself in prayer and then clothing Himself in God's unconditional love. Only then does He begin the serious work of proclaiming the Kingdom. If we want to do our Father's will and share the Good News, we need to follow Jesus' example.

As the Christmas season ends, I would like to thank, once again, all those generous parishioners who contributed in any way to the preparation of the liturgies, the church and the grounds and also all who came to share in the celebrations.

It is also timely to remind you that the beginning of Lent is only four weeks away, with Ash Wednesday on the 13th February! - Fr. Sunny

30 days of Grace ... In a Year of Faith

Daily Reflection booklet - FREE!

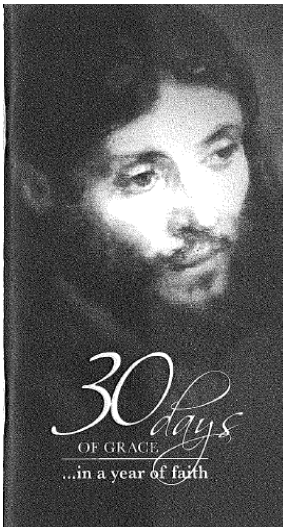
This booklet is being offered by the diocese of Canberra—Goulburn as a resource for us to respond to the call of Benedict XVI, in this Year of Faith, to deepen our relationship with Jesus and to increase our faith.

To enable as many of us as possible to take advantage of this resource, we are offering the booklet **for free** as you leave Mass today. Please accept this gift and use it to develop the habit of spending a few minutes each day in reflective prayer.

For those who wish to make a donation for the booklet, this would be appreciated and you can do so by dropping your donation into the ice-cream containers on the bulletin stands in the foyer.

"Christians are today called "to be witnesses of prayer, because our world often remains closed to the divine, to the hope which leads to the encounter with God."

- Pope Benedict XVI



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME (PREP)

The PREP programme is for parents whose children do not attend a Catholic school and who wish them to receive the necessary formation to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. Our parish is happy to receive children from pre-primary age to high school.

There will be an enrolment and information evening on

WEDNESDAY.JANUARY 30, 2013 at 7pm

Please attend this evening, even if your children have been previously enrolled in the programme, as it includes some important information for you.

An information flier, which includes the PREP term dates for the year, can be found in the church foyer under the Parish Information board.

LOOKING FOR YOUNG TEENS WHO CARE!!

This year our parish will hopes to start a group for teens 12-16 years who would like to be involved in community awareness projects, reaching out to those in need—and having fun at the same time!

MORE INFORMATION NEXT WEEK!

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2013

This programme is for those parents who wish their children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. A requirement of the programme is that the child receive a minimum of 2 years religious education, either in a Catholic school or in a parish religious education programme.

The first Sacrament to be celebrated in our parish will be First Communion. The enrolment Masses for this Sacrament will be on the Weekend of 9 & 10 of March. Parents may bring their children to either the 6.30pm vigil Mass on the Saturday night, or the 9.30am or 6pm Mass on the Sunday.

Children may be enrolled if they have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. First Eucharist is usually received in Year 4. If you have any queries, please call the parish office on 92768500.

Important
DATE!

To Do:

Our Parish Events

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Antonino Gelemo, Saura Giannini;

Anniversaries: Fred Ienco, Doel D'Costa, Charles & Allan Richards;

Deceased: Shian Coggins;

The Sick of the Parish: all who are in need of our prayers.

*"May we hear Your son with faith
and become your children
in name and in fact"*

YEAR OF FAITH—CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the Year of Faith, we have been asked to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church, where we discover WHY we do what we do. Such as:

I. The Desire for God

27 The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for: The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator.

Want to know more? Order your copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (or the shorter form, the Catechism) from the parish office or order from the internet, if you prefer.

Pilgrimage to Ireland—"Then Father tell me truly, Shall my soul pass through Ireland?" (Irish lyric)

Escorted by Father Ted Tyler, Parish Priest of Upper Blue Mountains in the diocese of Parramatta, this magnificent and delightful pilgrimage to Ireland will be full of interest. Flying out of Sydney on Monday September 23rd and arriving back on Tuesday 8th October, 2013, fifteen days will be spent in the Emerald Isle visiting places of exceptional religious and historical interest. There will be visits to various cities and towns such as Dublin, Belfast, Enniscorthy, Kilkenny, Cobh, Limerick, Galway city, Knock, Sligo and Belfast. Spiritual highlights will include St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, St Brigid's Cathedral, Saint Canice's Cathedral, the Shrine to Saint Oliver Plunkett, Lough Derg and Holy Island, Kylemore Abbey, Coragh Patrick (mountain), the great shrine of Knock, Ballintubber Abbey, Sligo Abbey, Clonard Monastery, and many others. Bookings will need to be made by mid March.

Further Inquiries, email Father Ted at freityler@live.com, or telephone [John Voytas 0411 325 710](tel:0411325710)



PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home of Mr. & Mrs. D. Nathanielsz, 18 Cardwell Ave, Noranda. Phone: 9276 5048

Calendar of Saints

17 January: St. Anthony of Egypt, Founder - 356AD



PARISH OFFICE AND PARISH CENTRE CLOSURE

The parish centre will be closed to all groups from Christmas Day until Monday 21st January, 2013.

The parish office will open from Monday 14th January, 9.30am—12.30pm Monday to Thursday.



HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

SUNDAY JANUARY 27, 2-3PM
God continues to call men and women to serve Him in the priesthood and religious life. Come and pray that those whom He calls will answer the call. All welcome.

Our Liturgical Life

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday Masses: 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Reconciliation: Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

OUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:

Wednesday 7.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm

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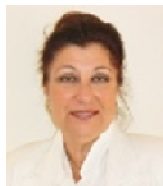
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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Flame Ministries International 23rd Annual Congress: 'Faith, Grace & Divine Blessing' Aquinas College, 58 Manning Road, Salter Point, Fri-Sun 18-20 Jan 2013 with Guest Speakers: Emeritus Archbishop Barry J. Hickey & Stephen Spiteri Catholic Apologist and FMI Speakers inc. Eddie Russell and Kaye Rolling. Rallies: 7.30pm Fri-Sun. Mass 11am Sun. Mgr. B. O'Loughlin PP. Day Sessions from 10.30am Sat & 12.30pm Sun. For more info call Kay Ford. Ph: 9382 3668, Mob: 0439981515. Email fmi@flameministries.org. Web: www.flameministries.org.



Catholic Missions

Catholic Mission National Office in Sydney, is organising two visits to Timor Leste in 2013. The dates are **3-13 June and 5-15 August**. Anyone interested in joining a group of people on these visits, can contact Frances Kelly on email fkelly@catholicmission.org.au Tel: (02) 99197800

CENTRAL EUROPE PILGRIMAGE TOUR

Prague-Salzburg-Vienna-Bratislava-Budapest-Levoca-Krakow-Prague September, 2013. Price: AUD \$2970 p.p.

See the information on the prayer board or contact the parish office for an email copy on 92768500

PERTH YOUNG CHRISTIAN STUDENTS MOVEMENT ADULT ASSISTANT

SOCIAL JUSTICE, STUDENT RUN, FAITH IN ACTION, EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE THE CHANGE WHICH THEY WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD

Young Christian Students is a local, national and international movement run by and among high school students. Our aim is to put our faith into action and be the change we want to see in the world, using the "review of life" (see, judge, act) methodology. Through this we see that students are experts in their own reality and should be the ones to make changes within it. Perth YCS is looking for a diocesan adult assistant, to support, empower and challenge diocesan student leaders. We'd love to have you on the team! Experience in the "review of life" method is preferred. **This is a volunteer role.**

Enquiries: Perth Co-ordinator, Merida Cooke—0402705119
Or Perth YCS office on 08 94227911 / Perth@aycs.org.au

Your Bible Questions Answered: "In the new translation of the Mass, the priest prays, 'Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.' What does the reference to 'dewfall' mean? Is it something from the Bible?" For the answer, or to submit your own Bible question, visit www.thebiblicalfoundation.org.au

Tuesday 8th January : Spirituality & The Sunday Gospels

Guest speaker—Deacon Aaron Peters
7pm-8pm at St Benedict's School Hall, Alness St, Applecross.
Everyone is welcome. Cost: collection. Accreditation recognition by the CEO. Enq: 94871772 or www.normawoodcock.com

Are you aged 12-25 and like photography? Want something to do over the summer holidays? Then enter the **City of Bayswater Youth Photography Competition!** Your photo will be displayed in an exhibition at the RISE in Maylands, and you'll go in the running to win a professional print of your photo and \$50 cash!
Entries must be received by **Friday 22nd February 2013**. Entry forms available in the church foyer or at the following website: www.bayswater.wa.gov.au/2/65/1/youth_services.pm