



12th January, 2014 - Year A The BAPTISM of the LORD

ALL HALLOWS' PARISH CHURCH 2 Halley Street FIVE DOCK 2046

Parish Priest:

Fr Greg McGregor

Associate Pastor:

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

Secretary:

Elena Di Perna

Presbytery:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8.30am - 3.30pm

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Sacramental Life

Eucharist:

Saturday - 9.00am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday - 8.30am

Sunday - 10am Children's Liturgy

Sunday - 6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday - 9.00am

Tues - Wed - 8.00am

Thurs - Fri - 9.00am

Lauds (morning prayer) is prayed 20 minutes before morning mass daily.

All Welcome.

Italian Mass:

No Italian Mass until further notice.

Reconciliation: Saturday

9.30 - 10am & 4.45 - 5.15pm

Anointing: Every 2 months -

check bulletin for dates.

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation with Funeral Directors.

Dear Parishioners,

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the joyful season of Christmas and we return to the ordinary movements of ordinary time. As the days slowly grow brighter, we continue to hope that we will remain faithful to our New Year's resolutions as we look forward to the new life offered by spring. New life is what we celebrate this day.



Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Do you know the joy of trust and submission to God?

The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan river. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus, a seventh century Church father tells us: "Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him." Do you want to see your life transformed in the love and power of Jesus Christ? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew us in his Spirit and to anoint us for mission. We are called to be "light" and "salt" to those around us. The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God's message of salvation. Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the gospel to those around you.

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with the joy of the gospel. May I find joy in seeking to please you just as you found joy in seeking to please your Father, Amen".

Christ, the Beloved Son

*Father of new birth,
today your beloved Son
is baptized by John in the River
Jordon.*

*May our world embrace
the peace that Christ gives,
and may we seek after justice
for all the nations.*

*As you anointed Jesus with the Holy
Spirit and power
so his disciples are anointed with
the Spirit
so that we may do good as he does
and advocate for those who face
oppression.*

*Recalling our Baptism into the life
of Christ,
may we never cease to proclaim your
light to the nations.*

*We ask this through Christ our
Lord.
Amen*

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS BLOOD SERVICE

IS VISITING LEICHHARDT TOWN HALL

107 NORTON ST

FRIDAY 24 JANUARY, 2014

9.30AM - 3.30PM

CALL 13 14 95 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE AN
APPOINTMENT

**All Hallows Community Garden
- Parish Garden**



**Date for your Diary: Australia Day
- Sunday 26th January 2014
Outdoor screening of Red Dog**

Come and celebrate this special day watching a classic Australian film at our Outdoor Cinema in the parish garden. This will be a great night for all the family, from 7.00pm with movie commencing around 8.00pm. There will be a sausage sizzle and popcorn available. Bring your rugs, picnic food and drinks, sit back, relax and watch Red Dog under the stars and soak up the atmosphere of the night. Watch this

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-



Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

Sam Rodillosso, Frank Ruello

Also for:

For the following ill members of our community:-

*Tomas Laming, Fr Mial Mc Sweeney,
Angela Colantonio, Antonia Merlino,
Ida Bova, Amelia Casarotto, Mirella Mercuri, Alex
La Rossa, , Norma and Bernie Lloyd, Peter
Hankinson, Monica Moschella,
Madelina Michael, Marcello Cheles, Brian Lees.*

(Names will remain on list for 1 month unless notified.)



GET YOUR COPY OF THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Catholic students hit the jackpot in HSC
- Happiness and honouring Reconciliation at La Perouse
- College appoints new rector
- 'Son of the Church' who wants others to hear its music
- Swiss watch on Vatican bank and 'root of all evils'

ONLY \$2.00 AVAILABLE FROM THE STAND

TRANSPORT HELPERS NEEDED



Drivers are needed to take elderly parishioners to 8.30 am Mass on Sunday. A roster is organised so that each person drives 2 or 3 times a month and if you are unavailable our drivers swap with each other.

If you can help please contact the parish office or phone Robyn Glover 9181 5265

POPE FRANCIS' COLUMN



“A Christian without hope lives life without meaning”

In his homily at Casa Santa Marta on 10-12-2013, Pope Francis talked about God's tenderness. He said that God comforts each Christian with tenderness, and brings hope to their lives. But he also warned about the risks of losing hope. Here follows the Summary of his Homily.

"He re-creates things. And the Church never tires of saying that this re-creation is more wonderful than the creation. The Lord re-creates more wonderfully. And so He visits His people: re-creating, with that power. And the people of God always had this idea, this thought, that the Lord will come to visit them. We remember the last word of Joseph to his brothers: "When the Lord will visit you, you must take my bones with you." The Lord will visit His people. It is the hope of Israel. But He will visit them with this consolation."

"And the consolation is this drawing all things, not once, but many times, with the universe and also with us." This "drawing of the Lord," the Pope said, has two dimensions that it is important to emphasize. "When the Lord approaches," he said, "He gives us hope; the Lord draws us with hope. He always opens a door. Always." When the Lord approaches, the Pope repeated, "he doesn't close doors, He opens [them]." The Lord "in His nearness gives us hope, this hope that is a true strength in the Christian life. It is a grace, it is a gift"

"When a Christian forgets hope — or worse, loses hope — his life is senseless. It's as if his life hit a wall: there's nothing. But the Lord comforts us and draws us forward with hope. And He does it with a special closeness to each one, because the Lord comforts His people and comforts each one of us. It's beautiful how today's reading ends: 'Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers the lambs, carrying them in His bosom, and leading the ewes with care.' That image of carrying the lambs in His bosom, and leading the ewes with care: that is tenderness. The Lord comforts us with tenderness."

"God who is powerful "is not afraid of tenderness. He becomes tender, becomes a child, becomes small." In the Gospel, he noted, Jesus says the same: "In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost." In the eyes of the Lord, he added, "each one of us is very, very important. And He gives with tenderness." And so He makes us "go forward, giving us hope." This, he said again, "was the principle work of Jesus" in the forty days between the Resurrection and the Ascension: to comfort the disciples, to be close to them and give them consolation".

"He was close to them and gave hope, He approached with tenderness. But we think of the tenderness He had with the Apostles, with Mary Magdalene, with those of Emmaus. He approached with tenderness: "Give me something to eat." With Thomas: "Put your finger here." The Lord is always this way. This is the consolation of the Lord. May the Lord give to all of us the grace to not be afraid of the consolation of the Lord, to be open: ask for it, seek it, because it is a consolation that will give us hope, and make us feel the tenderness of God the Father."



WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH?

Inner Wheel Club - Balmain Group
1st Tuesday of month 6.30pm - 9pm in Hall

St Vincent de Paul Society
Meetings held each 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm in the meeting room connected to the garage.

Catholic Women's League Five Dock
3rd Monday of month 12.00pm in Parish Hall

Choir Practice
All welcome to choir practice in the Church
7.30 pm every Monday.
Ring Maria on 9713 7310

Italian Choir Group
Tuesday - 12.30 pm in the Church

Italian Prayer Group
Tuesday - 1 pm in Parish Hall
Messa Italiana ogni ultimo martedì del mese
Enquiries: M. Mureddu 9712 2394

Playgroup
9.30am - 11.30am in Parish Hall
(not during school holidays)
Wednesday - Franca 0414 868 259

Family Mass Choir Practice
Wednesday 7.45pm in Church
All welcome!

Italian Prayer Group - Thursday
In Chiesa dopo la Messa delle 9 ogni settimana. Ogni terzo giovedì c'è la Messa Italiana con Padre Bob per tutta la comunità di All Hallows.
Tutti ben venuti!
Enquiries: Lucia 9713 1800

Youth Mass Choir Practice
Tuesday 7.00 pm in Church
All welcome!

Sunday 12th January 2014 - The BAPTISM of the LORD

READINGS: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

SATURDAY 5.30pm	SUNDAY 8.30am	SUNDAY 10am	SUNDAY 6.00pm Youth Mass
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READERS

C. O'Grady M. Zol M. Fitzpatrick G. Picone	G. Favotto H. Chow K. Hextell G. Giliberti	M. Raymond N. Raymond P. Gambino	Intro & P/F: Jacob S Ist: Max C Psalm: Kayleigh-Anne 2nd: Aidan
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

R. Glover R. Pozzer J. Cooper V. Moschella M. Zol A. Pollifrone L. Speranza	J. Heffernan J. Livolsi I. Bova R. Compantangelo A. Merlino S. Storan M. Piccolo	D. Scelzi L. Scelzi M. Hadjidakis C. Petrucco N. Ancona S. Carbone L. Moliterno	Chris M C. Modini S. Roberts M. Di Bella A. Di Bella A. Zol A. Bonaccorso
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ALTAR SERVERS

Group 3	Group 1	Group 1	Group 1
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HOME VISITS: J. Livolsi, J. Livolsi, J. Heffernan, D & L Scelzi

NURSING HOMES:

Visit 16 January - **Parkview**: no visit

Visit 17 January - **Russell Lea**: no visit

COUNTERS: Group 8 **TRANSPORT:** Theresa, Mary, Sue

PIETY STALL: Eleanor, Pina

ALTAR SOCIETY: Bernadette, Robyn, Margaret, Tina

CHILDRENS LITURGY: School Holidays



NEXT WEEK

Sunday 19th January 2014 - 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

READINGS: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

SATURDAY 5.30pm	SUNDAY 8.30am	SUNDAY 10am	SUNDAY 6.00pm Youth Mass
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P. Cremin M. Ponsonby M. Natoli M. Piccolo	J. Mylott M. Coleman R. Mostacci N. D'Amico	B. Hayes D. Jarosh A. Kerley	Intro & P/F: Liam Ist: Owen M Psalm: Melinda S 2nd: Michelle S
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

S. Magano Z. Di Bella C. Tramonte B. Smyth A. Panuccio A. Falcone T. Coghlan	MJ Megna M. Megna I. Peruzzi J. Pappalardo R. Liberatore G. Favotto L. La Cava	P. Pavan M. Calderari A. Calderari A. Roberts A. Incampo V. Jacobs F. Mercuri	K. Ommundson A. Kirby A. Biazzo N. Lazzaro L. Parisi M. Zol A./ Den
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ALTAR SERVERS

Group 4	Group 2	Group 2	Group 2
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HOME VISITS: L. La Cava, J. Pappalardo, L. Peruzzi, P. Pavan

NURSING HOMES:

Visit 23 January - **Parkview**: no visit

Visit 24 January - **Russell Lea**: no visit

COUNTERS: Group 9 **TRANSPORT:** Michael, Margaret, Sue

PIETY STALL: Veronica/Caitlyn, Sue, Mary R, Elena

ALTAR SOCIETY: Mary Mc, Barbara, Mary V, Bronwyn

CHILDRENS LITURGY: School Holidays

