

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Communion Antiphon

John 1:32,34

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

Hooray!

A deacon from the city was filling the pulpit in a small community. After the service he was invited over to the house of one of the members for lunch. In the course of the conversation, he talked about his family back home, and how his son won first place in the 100-yard dash.

"I know just how you must feel," declared the man of the house. "I remember how pleased I was last year when our pig got the blue ribbon at the fair."



Prayer for the Year of Hope Jubilee 2025

(Year of Jubilee of Hope officially opens on 24 December at 7pm)

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.

Prayer for Renewal

Blessed are You, Father, who, in Your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities. May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney. Amen

Our Lady, Help of Christians, *pray for us.*
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation, *pray for us.*
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, *pray for us*

Prayer for Ukraine

O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection. O Mother of God, who gave them your miraculous icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their times of need. O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on them. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual. Amen

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe

The Baptism of the Lord – Year C

12 January 2025

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, 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 well pleased.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

R/ Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

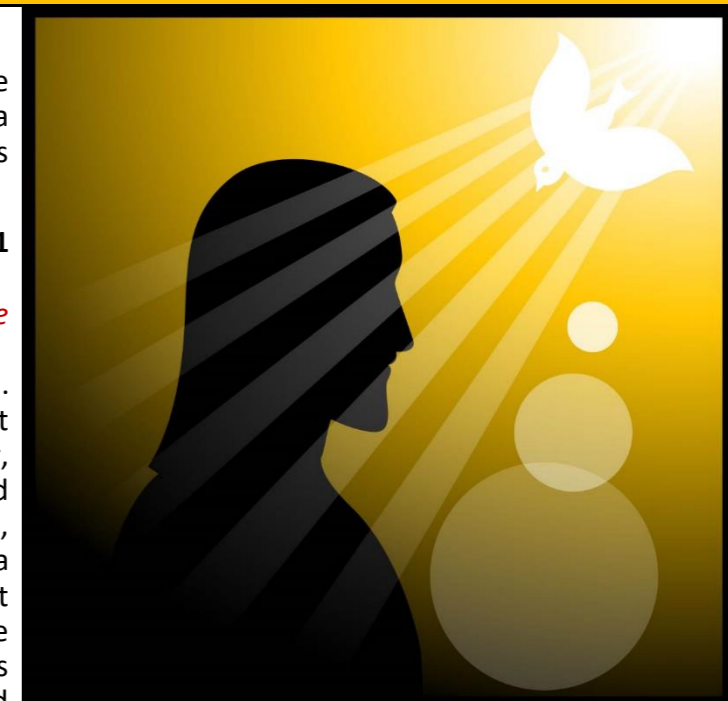
1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R/**

2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R/**

3. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R/**

4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **R/**

5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit,



they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R/**

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 3:16

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!



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins
(available Tuesday to Sunday)
 Parish Permanent Deacon – Reverend Mister Alfredo Bouroncle
 Parish Secretary—Bernadette Hickey
(Office hours—Tuesday 8-3pm & Thursday 8-5pm)



Our Parish respectfully acknowledges the Gadigal people of Eora nation as traditional caretakers of the land.

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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses	Thursday Mass will resume on 13 February 2025 Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
Church Open	Mondays & Fridays – 3:00-5:00pm
Confessions	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm <i>or</i> by appointment
Adoration & Benediction	Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to Fri 8:00 – 8:50am & Sun 9:00—9:25am
Baptisms (2nd & 4th Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends from 7/8 to 21/22 December + Christmas collections 2024

1st collection \$1852.35 (supports the priest’s expenses)	2nd collection \$1627.56 (for running of parish)	Envelopes \$210.00 (part of 2nd collection)	Candle offerings \$360.59 (part of 2nd collection)
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Masses for: Ivan Jilwan & Norma & Mauna Alam, all souls of Jilwan & Alam families. Thanksgiving for safe arrival of baby great grandson, families Ribeiro, Dias & Marques, and all Holy Souls.
Mass to be offered for: Ana Ahosivi (RIP).

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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. *(Archdiocesan permanent notice)*
Safeguarding Children information can be found in folder at the back of the church.

We thank Mons Greg Flynn for supplying Mass and confessions during the month of January and 1st weekend of February. Please welcome him warmly.

Christmas/Nativity clean up Thank you to all those who helped put these away and tidy the church.

Results of the Raffle

1- Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish Total Cash Collected= \$591.00:

4 1/2 raffle ticket books – Total 450 tickets (100 tickets each). Sold 343 tickets– Total \$591.00 revenue
 31 tickets Complimentary/Free to volunteers (value of \$110.00)

2- St Pius V School Total Cash Collected= \$102.00:

2 raffle ticket books provided – Total 200 tickets (100 tickets each) Sold 63 tickets– Total \$102.00 revenue
 119 tickets Complimentary/Free to School Staff & Students (value of \$198.00)

GRAND TOTAL OF CASH COLLECTED:\$693.00

Winners: 1- Delila A. (Parishioner), 2-Stella L.- (Staff from St Pius V Catholic Primary), 3-Ray Smith (Parishioner), 4- Wassima (Mother of a St Pius 's Kid), 5 -Amy D (Indon' Parish Community), 6-Emma ??? (Staff- St Pius V's), 7-Helena ??? (Indon' Par. Community), 8-Shane ??? (Parishioner), 9-Fox B. (Year 2 Student- St Pius V's), 10-Silvi/Margaret (Maybe from the Indonesian Community).

We thank the anonymous benefactor who supplied the raffle tickets & prizes. We thank Sophia for organising the raffle.

Fr Chris on Holidays: Tuesday 7 January to Thursday 6 February 2025. (Father will be back on Friday 7 February.) Mons. Greg Flynn will supply Mass on all weekends till Father Chris returns.

There will be no mid-week Masses from Fri 27 Dec to Wed 12 Feb. There will be Mass on Thurs 13 Feb.

ALPHA The Parish is going to offer ALPHA courses in 2025 to ask the big questions about life after a meal & watching a video with others. To register your interest, please pick up a leaflet near the bulletin and register your interest by following the QR code.

Liturgy Courses The Liturgy Office has released courses available for the first half of 2025. Visit liturgy.sydneycatholic.org or see the noticeboard.

Billings Ovulation Method Bulletin of WOOMB International, November issue available at back of church

Sydney to Host the International Eucharistic Congress in 2028 At the recent 53rd International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, we heard the announcement that the Church of Sydney had been hoping for: that we will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress in 2028, 100 years since Sydney last hosted this great event and twenty years since it hosted World Youth Day. To find out more about IEC 2028, visit <http://iec2028.org> and join our mailing list to receive future updates.

Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties. There are hundreds of people have been injured or trapped under rubble and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to continue to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis. This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts. Donate today: <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>

'Writings of St John Paul II on Gender, Marriage and Family' Immersion Course. OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS! DATES: Sunday, 19 January to Friday, 24 January 2025 VENUUE: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale, NSW To register and learn more about the course, please visit: tobi.sydneycatholic.org For further questions, contact Simon Yeak at simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org or 0427 536 356