



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY

UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE



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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

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MASS TIMES - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - EMERTON

Saturday Vigil Mass : 5.30 pm Sunday: 9.00 am and 10.30 am

JOHN TERRY CHAPEL (DAY CHAPEL)

Monday 8.30am Communion Service
Tuesday 6.00pm Mass
Wednesday 6.00pm Mass
Thursday 8.30am Mass
Friday 9.00am Mass
Saturday 9.00am Mass

Please note: The Parish office is currently closed, and will reopen on Monday 10th January 2022.

MASS AT WILLMOT CHURCH

Sunday 7.30am
Cnr Pelsart & Carteret Ave Willmot

RECONCILIATION AND HOLY HOUR—EMERTON

Saturday from 9.30 am to 10.00 am

COVID-SAFE PROCEDURES



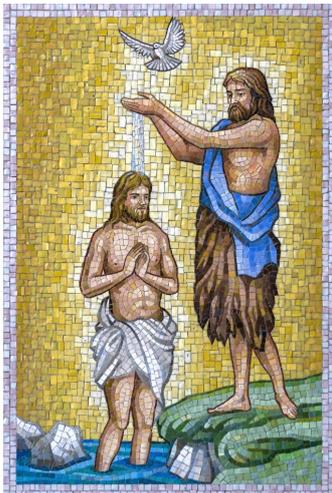
*Register your details upon entering the church.
*Face masks are encouraged to be worn.

*Please do not enter the church if you are unwell and/or experiencing flu-like symptoms.

REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

The Baptism of the Lord

Advent was the time of preparation for Christmas. Today brings that season to a close as Christ is revealed as God's anointed. The Christmas season ends with us being called to participate in the relationship of Father and Son through the Holy Spirit of our own Baptism. We are not primarily called to be on mission – although there certainly is a mission, as there was for Jesus – but we are called into a deeply personal relationship with our God. "You are my son/daughter, my Beloved."



First get used to this relationship, and the mission will soon flow. It is alright to spend some "hidden time" ourselves discovering and cementing this beloved relationship for ourselves. The Baptism starts Jesus' public ministry and ends his hidden life in Nazareth. It will be a public ministry like no other king – he will not deal out harsh justice nor wield a sword. He will instead bring God's mercy as a servant, he will be gentle on the needy and marginal of society and will attend to the least in the community rather than the leaders and mighty in the big cities. Luke continues to return to this theme of the upheaval of the cosmic order through the writings of Isaiah. In 'Jesus the servant' we encounter a God of compassion and love for all. We who are baptized share in this new creation and in the messianic responsibility of declaring the good news to the farthest reaches. Now it is through us that God re-creates society. But it starts with a deep personal relationship with the God of love – the Beloved.

Fr Gregory



SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR C

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



FIRST READING: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

□ Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honour and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent. R.

You set the beams of your dwelling place on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. R.

□ Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. R.

Living things all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. R.

When you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

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

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the 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 Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.



READINGS FOR SUNDAY 16th JANUARY 2022 —

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD in YEAR C

1st Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5 **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Family Connection

Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, 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' behavior, 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 behaviors 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 behaviors, 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.



Source: Loyola Press, the Sunday Connection.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH SERVICES CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR CLOSURE DATES

Parish Office: 24/12/2021 - 10/01/2022

Aboriginal Catholic Services: 24/12/2021 - 10/01/2022

Baabayn: 16/12/2021 - 01/02/2022

Holy Family Pre-School: 17/12/2021 - 24/01/2022

Holy Family Primary School Office: 17/12/2021 - 24/01/2022

Ignite Co-Op Shop: 17/12/2021 - 11/01/2022

Ignite Food Market: 21/12/2021 - 11/01/2022

Michael's Psychology: 23/12/2021 - 10/01/2022

The Shed: 24/12/2021 - 04/01/2022

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION—JANUARY 2022

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.