

We Respond

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) After the Lord was baptised, 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 28)

ANTIPHON: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

RESPONSE: The Lord will bless his people with peace

LECTOR: O give the Lord your sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his Holy court. **R.**

LECTOR: The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

LECTOR: The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: "Glory!" The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king forever. **R.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

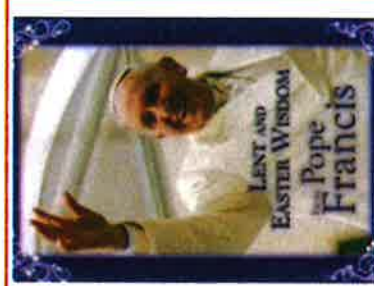
TODAY'S READINGS Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1: 7-11

NEXT WEEK (2nd Sunday, Year B) 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalm 39; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42

Lenten Book

With Lent just around the corner, you may like to consider a Lenten book from the Majellan Bookstore. Lent and Easter Wisdom from Pope Francis is available for \$23.95, postage included. Go to:

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*The lights are
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Christmas is an exciting time. Putting up the Christmas tree, buying presents for loved ones and friends, and enjoying a sumptuous feast is cause for great joy. But it's a different story when the season for gift giving and merry making comes to an end. It can feel like an onerous chore to pack the decorations away for another year.

The buzz and the anticipation are missing. Without all the sparkle and lights, our homes and even the local supermarket seem devoid of colour and excitement. But Christmas doesn't have to end ... and it is not meant to end. Though the church's Christmas liturgical season ends this Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Christmas itself does not end. This is because, at its very core, Christmas celebrates the incarnation of God as a human person, that God took on human form to live among us as one of us. God wanted to show us how much God wanted to be with us and to be one of us. Though the Christmas season officially ends, God continues that close relationship with us.

This calls us to transform the external celebration of the Christmas season with all its sparkle and lights into an internal celebration that occurs every day of our lives. This is the Christmas gift that keeps giving, because God wants to grow into an

ever deeper and closer relationship with us. This is the eternal light that continues to shine deep in the centre of our lives. It is a relationship that is the source of joy, hope and love. We are invited to bring that joy, hope and love onward to grow into better relationships with one another.

So, while the Christmas tree has come down and the decorations and the fairy lights are now neatly stored away in their boxes, Christmas itself is still waiting to be unboxed, to be unboxed in our spirits, in our hearts and in our lives. Faith, hope and love are not meant to be stored away, but to be shared and celebrated with others. Though the manger may be stored away, the living God is still very much with us. Christmas does not end, but continues to be around us and inside us.

Baptisms are about new beginnings and, just as Jesus entered a new beginning in his human life when he underwent baptism by his cousin John the Baptist, we too are invited to set out anew in new beginnings in our relationships with others. Christmas does not end, but continues in our lives and in the lives of others, forever bringing new life, starting new beginnings, with God ever present in our midst.

10 January 2021 Baptism of the Lord Year B

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Sacred Heart Parish

South Mount Druitt

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| Sunday Masses | Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil | BAPTISM of the LORD | 10/1/2021: B |
| Weekday Masses | 7-30 am & 9.00am | Week 1 of Ordinary Time | Week 1 of Ordinary Time |
| | 9.00 am | Week 1 of Ordinary Time | Week 1 of Ordinary Time |
| | 9.00 am | Rosary Week 1 of Ordinary Time | Week 1 of Ordinary Time |
| | 7-30 pm then 9.00 am | Week 1 of Ordinary Time | Week 1 of Ordinary Time |
| | 9.00 am | Week 1 of Ordinary Time | Week 1 of Ordinary Time |
| | 9.00 am | Week 1 of Ord Time. Exposition | |
| Confessions | 10.30 am, | 12.00-1.00pm, | 5.00-5.30pm |
| Parish Priest | Father C. Ashton | (Confessions after Mass: see Fr.) | |
| Presbytery/Church | 9 Ropes Creek Rd, Old Mt. Druitt | Ph: 9625-8847 | |
| Baptisms | By arrangement – Godparents must be Catholics. | | |
| Weddings | Six Months Notice – Marriage Preparation Course | | |

Exposition of the BI Sacrament for Vocations 1/2hr. after 9.00am Mass Sat'dy if enough

1st Reading: This is called the 1st Song of the Suffering Servant of God whom we identify as Christ. Isaiah says the Suffering Servant will triumph by the power of God!
2nd Reading: Peter's speech to the Roman centurion assuring him that God loves and saves not only the Jews, but all the pagans too, and Jesus is the one who has told us this

| | 6.00pm | 7.30am | 9.00am |
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| January 17 | H. VILLARICA | J. MENDES | A. WONG |
| 2 nd Sunday of the Year | W. FARQUHARSON | V. NAGARAJA | F. ANTOWN |
| January 24 | J. SALAZAR | E. MERJUDIO | M. WONG |
| 3 rd Sunday of the Year | S. FERNANDEZ | T. MERJUDIO | B. BUHAGIAR |

PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady will be at the home of the Abolencia family 7 Ropes Creek Rd. 88094333 this week. You are welcome for a Rosary for the Parish each night at: 6.00pm

A LADY in the Parish wants you to know that she has available Dozens of articles of clothing for women and girls, summer and winter, and in very good condition, and she is very meticulous. The sizes are from 8 to 10. She doesn't want to sell them, just get rid of them for free. So, if any lady is interested, see Father for her contact number!

GIVE LORD ETERNAL REST to the souls of all the faithful departed especially Consuelo PACHECO, Marietta SUMALA, Manny MORAGA, Marianna & Jan CHELMINIAK, Kathleen MERJUDIO, Alejo & Basilia CHUA, Anthony TEUMA, Mary & Anatolio PLAN, Keith GORDYN, Igmidio GEMZON, Stephen & Manfried WILDING, Sr. Mary Patrocla Sr. Dominic LEE, Michael WONG, Anna HEW, Gwendoline McLEOD, Severino & Eduardo LLAVE, Cyril EAKIN, George DICKSON, Mary ROWBOTTOM, Yousif DANKHA, Badria MATI, Anton PODBOJ, Canuto & Macario PAYONGAYONG, Michael COLLINS, Jason DEFAZIO, Krishna MOORTHY, Paul HUGHES, Timothy SOULAS, Kevin CROTTY, Marian & Gabriell DAWOOD, Gonzalo & Lucia PILARCA, Catalino BALDIVIA, Socorro TABIEN, Sonny & Evelyn MERJUDIO, Jack & Jaijo ALAMADE, Crescentina & Gerry MONTEIRO, Neville PENTONY, Nilo GARCIA, Sharmilee RAO, Sara & Najeeba KORIAL, Ljubica SIMEON, Manda & Jana MIKOSIC. Let us be united in the Kingdom of Your Glory.

“ORDINARY TIME”

The Epiphany last Sunday and last week closed the period of Christmas which honours Christ's entry into our world, and leads us into His three-year period as a teacher of the new Faith for the whole world, not just the Jews. This is the “Ordinary” or yearly time of Christ's life. He is called “the Christ” because this is the ancient Greek word for “the anointed one” or especially “appointed one” who must do a special work for God. The word the Jews used in their language was “Messiah” which meant the same thing. This year, 2021, looks at the record of this time according to the evangelist, St. Mark. The celebration of the **Baptism of the Lord** today marks the beginning of Christ's public life and what the Church refers to as “Ordinary Time”. It is a strange word to use in referring to the Liturgical rituals the Church will celebrate through the year to honour the events of Christ's life, but in Latin it doesn't have the same humble, mediocre, routine, impression as it does in English. It is meant to convey a succession in the Masses according to an order or plan. The Church's experts arrange the whole order of Masses for the year according to a design in the readings which they assemble from one of the evangelists (Matthew, Mark, or Luke). They have in mind the Sundays over a 3-year cycle. The Church wants to reveal what it calls the ‘Mystery of Christ’ and He is a mystery to us because He is God. Without Faith, so many find that impossible to believe. This year we do the second year of the cycle (called Year B) through the vision of St. Mark. There are two parts in the cycle: the one we begin today till Lent, and the one from Pentecost to the beginning of Advent at the end of this year. It has its own liturgical colour- Green-which reminds us of the daily world around us, the world in which we must live in this life, the life on our way to God.

“Ordinary Time” is the way the Church guides its children to celebrate the “Gospel” of Christ's Birth, Life, Death, and Resurrection as it marches down the centuries to His final Glorious Coming at the end of time. It is in the Mass that we offer God our conscious Adoration, as well as our Praise, Thanksgiving, and Requests!

LAST WEEK we told you of some of the rich and famous who did not make it into 2021. Maybe many of you did not know why many were famous. Here are some of the less known ones and why they are famous: **DEREK FOWLES** (TVactor: ‘Yes Minister’), **KOBE BRYANT** (NBA Basketball), **KIRK DOUGLAS**(film star: ‘Spartacus’ father of Michael Douglas), **JUNE DALLYWATCHINS**(fashion model), **HOSNI MUBARAK**(President Egypt), **Dr. Catherine HAMLIN**(built hospitals in Ethiopia, helped 60,000 women give safe birth), **BRUCE DAWE**(poet), **HONOR BLACKMAN**(Bond film: Goldfinger), **STIRLING MOSS**(speedcar driver), **JACK MUNDEY**(Union organiser: Green Bans), **Arthur SUMMONS**(footballer), **Dame Vera LYNN**(favourite singer I I World War), **Charlie DANIELS**(wrote: ‘Devil went down to Georgia’) **Ennio MORRICONE**(film composer: ‘Good, Bad, & Ugly’ ‘Hateful Eight’), **Kelly PRESTON**(wife John Travolta), **Olivia DEHAVILLAND**(last actor alive from ‘Gone with the Wind’), **Dianna RIGG**(Bond film: ‘On H.M. Secret Service’), **Charley PRIDE**(guitarist), **Don TALBOT**(swimming coach USA, Aust, Canada), **John LeCARRE**(author: ‘Tinker, Taylor, Soldier, Spy’), **Michael JEFFREY**(Gov. General), **Doug ANTHONY**(leader National Party), **Pierre CARDIN**(fashion designer), **Chadwick BOSEMAN**(film star: ‘Black Panther’), **Domingo COBARRUBIAS**(Filipino film star: got Covid 19), **Irrfan KHAN**(Indian film star, helicopter crash)

Some have been left out who are very well known, but these are the rest and why are famous!