

St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



8 & 9 January 2022
Year C

COVID-19 SAFETY RULES UPDATE From BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO:

- Welcome to all Masses.
- Masks are required.
- Please sign in using QR CODE provided.

PARISH Masses

Weekend:

Saturday 7:00pm Vigil
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 10:30am

Weekday:

Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am
Fridays 6.30pm Adoration
7:00pm Mass & Confession
(Reconciliation)
Saturdays 10am to 11am
Adoration & Confession
(Reconciliation)

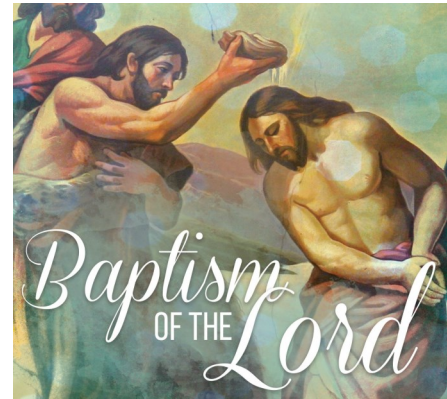
MONASTERY CHAPEL Masses

Sundays 7:00am
Daily 7:00am

Please contact Father Hilarion for the following:

**BAPTISMS
RECONCILIATION
FOR THE SICK
MARRIAGES
FUNERALS**

Fr Hilarion: 0478 909 541



SUNDAY HOLY MASS PRAYER

Let us pray:

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FR HILARION WRITES

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we close the season of Christmastide, the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, points the way forward as baptised people of God. Christ's baptism reveals to us what our baptism now accomplishes: the forgiveness of our sins and a share in his divine sonship. The words heard from the heavens could be said about every person who has since been baptised.

Our baptism empowers us, not only to live but to share our Christ-like life with others. For this reason, our parish community has to become the "hub" from where we receive and nourish spiritual vigour. It will never be enough just to attend Holy Mass and other sacraments, but to come forward to share all that the Good Lord has given to you. Yes dear friends, our parish community must become the heart of our Christian life.

Let us begin the new year 2022, with determination to move forward." If God is for us, who can be against us?"
With choicest blessings of Jesus, the Lord!

Dom Hilarion osb.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.

First Reading**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (JB)**

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.

*The word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm:****R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!****Second Reading****Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 (JB)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

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.

*The word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation****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!**GOSEL****Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (JB)**

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.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 3:16)

Now that's a promise worth remembering: Jesus wants to baptize us with his own Holy Spirit! But what does this mean?

Let's look first at Jesus' experience of the Spirit. Luke tells us that at Jesus' baptism, "the Holy Spirit descended upon" him (Luke 3:22). On that day, Jesus received the Spirit in a new way—a gift from God that would empower him and set him on the path of ministry, service, and ultimately death and resurrection. Though Jesus was already God, the Spirit of God still came upon him.

Luke includes a small but important detail in his account. As the Spirit descended on him, the Father called out, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22, emphasis added). He spoke directly to Jesus. He told him how delighted he was in his Son's obedience, humility, and trust in him. Baptized, or immersed, in water, Jesus was also immersed in the Holy Spirit that day.

When you were baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon you, and God claimed you as his beloved child as well. He entered into a new, unbreakable relationship with you, and you became a new creation in Christ (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1279).

But God doesn't want to fill you with his Spirit only at your baptism. He wants to baptize you, immerse you, in his Spirit again and again so that you can be filled with his love and equipped for the work God has for you. Again and again, he wants to tell you, "You are my beloved child. I love you. I am pleased to have you in my family."

Even if it has been decades since you were baptized, God still wants to fill you with his Spirit. So don't be afraid to ask for more: more of his love, and more of his power in your life.

"Jesus, fill me with your Spirit. Let me know your love in a new way today!"

(Source: *Word Among Us India Daily Gospel Reflection* pg.33).

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Thursday January 13, 2022: St Hilary, bishop, doctor.

Source: Ordo 2021

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS

On the Epiphany of the Lord, after the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to this formula:

Know, dear brethren, (brothers and sisters,) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the **2nd day of March will fall Ash Wednesday**, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the **17th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day**, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **26th day of May will be the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ**.

On the **5th day of June, the feast of Pentecost**.

On the **19th day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**.

On the **27th day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ**, to who is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

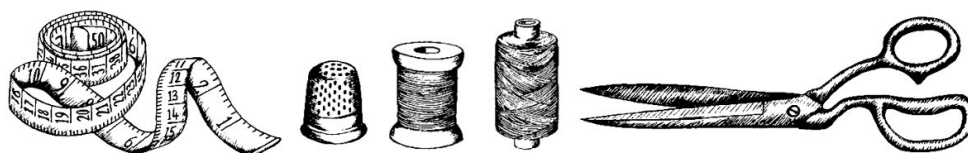
SOURCE: from the Roman Missal, Third Edition, Appendix I)

We Thank You

"We thank you, our Parish Community, for your prayers and kind acts of love at the passing of Emanuele. It is much appreciated.

You are all invited to the Memorial Mass
for Emanuele at 10:30am on Sunday 16th January,
and to Morning Tea after the Mass.

May baby Jesus bless you all.
Sincerely, Teresa Monardo & Family."



COVID 19 SAFETY RULES

PLEASE WEAR MASKS.

Please use QR CODE or write your name and phone number on the sheets provided at both entries.
Please adhere to social distancing guidelines of 2sqms and sanitise your hands at the door.
Also wipe seats down afterwards with wipes provided at both entries.
**IF YOU ARE NOT WELL OR EXPERIENCING FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS,
PLEASE STAY HOME, ISOLATE AND GET TESTED.**

SAFEGUARDING MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St Benedict's Parish are committed to fostering a community of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.

If you have a concern for the safety and wellbeing of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, tell someone who can help.
These people in our parish can help: Fr Hilarion 0478 909 541, Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882, Office for Safeguarding 83791605.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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