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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Launch of Go Make Disciples,
The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney**



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Bishop Geoff Robinson, Elias Bassila, Ethel Donohue, Caterina Randazzo

Anniversary: Aurora Rabago, Sister Damien, John De Bono, Lucia Spano, John Donovan, Louise & Xavier Micallef, Som Lukes, Francise, Jean Filewood, Dolores Blackmore, Keith Goggin, Jim Smith, Rosemary Smith

Special Thank You from Sister Mary Leahy

Sister Mary dropped into the parish just before Christmas to pass on her heartfelt thanks to the many parishioners in our area who so generously gave to the Seafarers Appeal in 2020. Sister Mary was overwhelmed by the number of donations and said "that the care packages might be a small thing but it's something that lets them know they are cared for and thought of."

Change of Parish Priest

As part of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning and the Archbishop's 12-year rotation policy for parish priests, Fr Laurie will be leaving St Andrew's and St Agnes Parishes at the end of January. He will be going as Parish Priest to Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish at Georges Hall. Fr John Knight will be the new Parish Priest for St Andrew's and St Agnes.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

What about giving some of your time to some of the parish ministries?
There are some lonely people in our parish who would love a visit or a phone call.
If you would like to visit or at least make contact with the lonely please phone Fr Laurie.
What about coming to a weekday Mass if you are retired?

St. Agnes' Feast Day will be on Thursday, 21st January

There will be **Mass at 9.00 am** at Matraville on that day.

All welcome to come and celebrate.

Thank You from the Sisters of Saint Joseph

was received from the Sisters for your generous support in supplying used stamps.

Parish Outing: Wednesday, 17th February 2021 – Outing by coach to the Sydney Tramway Museum Loftus (National Park). \$50 p/p includes Coach Fare, Museum Entry & Ride, Morning Tea at the Tramway Museum and Lunch at the Gynea/Miranda Bowling Club.
Full payment by Sunday, 17th January 2021.
Please contact Kathy Sullivan (9311-1749) or Marie Jennings (9311-7186) if you are interested.

St Agnes's and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe

Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend.

Please observe signs on the pews.

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation, please form **one line** & keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles.

Helpers Needed

We need some more helpers before and after our weekend masses. With all the extra demands on our regular helpers for compliance with COVID-19 Regulations, a few extra volunteers would be a great help. It might involve putting out the bulletins or portable tables etc.

Please try to download the Service NSW app so that your phone can scan the **QR Code** for the parish church you attend.

According to Government regulations and out of respect for others, wearing a mask is mandatory in places of worship.

Only the man who believes
that Jesus is the Son of God:
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth –
so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.

We accept the testimony of human witnesses,
but God's testimony is much greater,
and this is God's testimony,
given as evidence for his Son.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:
This is the Lamb of God who takes away
the sins of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1:7-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark.

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
In the course of his preaching John the Baptist
said, 'Someone is following me, someone who
is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to
kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals.
I have baptised you with water, but he will
baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from
Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the
Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out
of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart
and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him.
And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my
Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel

SHARING GOD'S GIFT

One of the great recurring themes of the
scriptures is that of God's irrepressible and
untiring desire to bring us into the fullness
of life. The reading from Isaiah is filled with
images of the life God wants to share with
us: water, grain, wine and milk without cost,
a life-giving and nourishing word that never
returns without achieving its purpose. This
life is offered freely – all we need do is seek
the Lord to share in this banquet.

For Christians, baptism is a sign of the new life
that we have been graciously given through
the death and resurrection of Jesus. One of
the problems facing John's community was
that of how to deal with false teachings which
were dividing and weakening the community
and the baptismal promises they had made.
John seeks to remind them of the life they
share through their baptism and the call to
bear witness to it by their love for God and for
their sisters and brothers.

In the birth of Jesus God's life-giving and
nourishing word becomes one with us. His
baptism marks a moment of grace for him
and us. The heavens are opened and God's
empowering Spirit comes upon him as he
begins his ministry. God bears testimony to
the life that he is pleased to offer us in the
Beloved Son. At Jesus' baptism the voice from
heaven proclaims how a time of new life and
growth is beginning. For those with eyes to
see the rich harvest is already beginning, and
the banquet prepared.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD / B

10 JANUARY 2021

FIRST READING

Isa 55:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Come to the waters; listen to my words and you
shall have life.*

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good
things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.
See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,
a leader and a master of the nations.
See, you will summon a nation you never knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will
take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who
speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from
the heavens and do not return without watering
the earth, making it yield and giving growth to
provide seed for the sower and bread for the
eating, so the word that goes from my mouth
does not return to me empty, without carrying
out my will and succeeding in what it was sent
to do.

■ The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isa 12:2-6, R. v. 6

R. You will draw water joyfully from the
springs of salvation.

1. Truly, God is my salvation. / I trust, I shall
not fear. / For the Lord is my strength, my song, /
he became my saviour. / With joy you will draw
water / from the wells of salvation. **R.**

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his
name! / Make his mighty deeds known to the
peoples! / Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord / for he has done
glorious deeds, / make them known to all the
earth! / People of Zion, sing and shout for
joy / for great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Jn 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of St John

The Spirit, the water and the blood give witness.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do

what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world – our faith.
Who can overcome the world?