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# SAINT FIACRE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*Parish*

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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR B - SUNDAY, 10 JANUARY 2021**

*Welcome to St Fiacre's Parish*

## Covid-19 Update

To make sure that we will have safe and joyful celebrations, please follow these regulations all the time:

1. **Bring and use your face mask.** It is now mandatory.
2. Stay home if you feel unwell: a fever, dry cough, loss of taste/smell, and shortness of breath. Contact your doctor immediately, or call the National Coronavirus Helpline: 1800 020 080.
3. If you are planning to come to any of our Masses, **there is no need to book online.** However, you must register your attendance by signing in at the door (manually or digitally – *Service NSW* app).
4. Up to 100 worshipers are allowed to be inside St Fiacre's church (*including the upstairs choir lofts*) at one time, for all activities. For Baptism, however, please contact the Parish Office first before inviting people. Sometimes, we will have two baptisms in one ceremony or other concerns, and therefore, we have to limit the number of guests.
5. For funeral directors or families who organise a Funeral/Memorial Mass/Wedding/Baptism, **please provide at least 2 (two) ushers/marshals.** Their tasks are: (1) Checking that everyone is registered before entering the church,

and (2) Spraying the pews with *Glen 20 Disinfectant Spray*, as soon as the ceremony is over (the spray will be provided by the church). Please consider the safety of other people who will use the church.

6. Before you enter the church/hall, please use a hand sanitiser that has been provided, register your contact details, and take a sanitising wipe to clean your seat.
7. Please sit only at the [√] sign on the pews (exception only for those who come from the same household). No one is allowed to stand or moving around the church; everyone must have a seat.
8. No congregational singing or clapping is permitted at Masses (exception only for a very small choir who stand well apart from each other and the congregation).
9. Please do not leave bulletin, tissue, or any rubbish. Take all your belongings and clean your seat.
10. Please do not mingle before, during, and after the service/liturgy.



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## Liturgy & Devotional Timetable

- ❖ **DAILY MASS:** Monday-Saturday, 7:00 AM, followed by the Holy Rosary after Mass.
- ❖ **SUNDAY MASS:**
  - Vigil Mass (Saturday afternoon), 5:30 PM
  - English Mass, 8:00 AM (*at St Francis' church, Lilyfield*)
  - English Mass, 9:30 AM
  - Italian Mass, 11:00 AM
- ❖ **CONFESSION:**
  - Every Saturday 4:45 PM – 5:15 PM
  - Other time, by appointment. Please contact the Parish Office.
- ❖ **BAPTISMS:** 1st & 3rd Saturday (at 11:00 AM), or 2nd & 4th Sunday (at 12:30 PM).
- ❖ **WEDDINGS:** Every Saturday, at 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM. Please contact the Parish at least six months before the wedding.
- ❖ **FUNERALS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** by appointment.

There will be no activities on Sunday afternoon for young adults/professionals this week. The activities will resume on **Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, at 4 pm.**

### PARISH GROUPS/ASSOCIATIONS CONTACT DETAILS:

**IN ENGLISH:** *Secular Franciscan Order:* Fr John Cooper OFMCap. ([johncap@ozemail.com.au](mailto:johncap@ozemail.com.au)); *Capuchin Young Adults:* James Petrie & Vy Nguyen ([capuchinyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:capuchinyoungadults@gmail.com)); *Neocatechumenal Way:* David Piccolo ([david.piccolo79@gmail.com](mailto:david.piccolo79@gmail.com)); *St Fiacre's Primary School:* Catherine Cameron ([info@stfleichardt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stfleichardt.catholic.edu.au)). **IN ITALIAN:** *Padre Pio Prayer Group:* Felice Montrone ([cimaustralia@tpg.com.au](mailto:cimaustralia@tpg.com.au)); *Renewal in the Holy Spirit:* Diana Impala ([dianadigirolamo11@gmail.com](mailto:dianadigirolamo11@gmail.com)); *Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii:* Natasha Liotta ([natasha.liotta@outlook.com](mailto:natasha.liotta@outlook.com)).

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Mt 3:16-17*

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.

The **Gloria in excelsis** (*Glory to God in the highest*) is recited.

### First reading

*Is 42:1-4. 6-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

***Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.***

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11*

(R.) **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

### Second reading

*Acts 10:34-38*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

***God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.***

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy

Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

### Gospel Acclamation

*See Mk 9:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### Communion Antiphon

*Jn 1:32,34*

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

#### This week we remember:

Sat 5:30pm – **Silvio Di Pasquantonio ~ Amanda, Giovanni & Mario Stefanucci**

Sunday 9.30am - **Bartolo Liberatore**  
Sunday 11:00am - **Giuseppe Di Bella**

*Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**Amen.**

### WEEKLY PSALM RESPONSES

**Monday 11 January:** Let all his angels worship him.

**Tuesday 12 January:** You gave your Son authority over all your creation.

**Wednesday 13 January:** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

**Thursday 14 January:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Friday 15 January:** Do not forget the works of the Lord!

**Saturday 16 January:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 1 Sm 3:3-10.19

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

**Gospel:** John 1:35-42

### QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS



*"Like the Magi, we too are called to allow ourselves to be attracted, illuminated and converted by Christ: He is the journey of faith, through prayer and the contemplation of God's works, which continually fill us with every new joy and wonder."*

### SAINT MICHAEL PRAYER:

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

# GOSPEL REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

This is the first of four passages (49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12) traditionally known as the servant songs. They are unique poems wherein God identifies this mysterious figure as 'my servant'. The servant has been endowed with God's own spirit and empowered to act within the community in some unique fashion according to the particular needs of the community. Here the servant has been called to bring forth justice to the nations, a justice that is a source of consolation. This mission is clearly determined by God, not by the servant himself. The passage describes the deliverance of the whole world, not merely the rescue of Israel from its particular bondage. The universalism here cannot be denied.

The hymn of praise describes the Lord as sovereign over the heavens and the earth. Unlike most psalms of this kind, the call is addressed to heavenly not human beings. The scene is the celestial court when the divine

council (the Hebrew reads 'sons of God') assembles. They are there in attendance, and they are called on to render honour to God. God's sovereignty is further manifested in the power that God exercises over the forces of nature. God did not need a heavenly army to quell the chaotic waters. God's commanding voice was powerful enough. All who are present in the heavenly court praise God with the joyous acclamation: 'Glory!' God reigns supreme forever as king of heaven and earth.

The scene in the reading from Acts is the house of Cornelius, a newly converted Roman centurion. Peter, an observant Jew, now realizes that 'God shows no partiality' and neither should he. It was a newly gained insight about God that changed his view of those who did not have Jewish ancestry. Jesus did not relegate anyone to the margins of society as the self-righteous purists might have done. He touched them; he healed them. Like Jesus, Peter was now moving in circumstances (contact with Gentiles) that

were considered by some as being unclean. Like Jesus, he disregarded such a judgement and he refused to conform to such a manner of estrangement. Peter was convinced that with God there is no partiality.

The gospel consists of two parts: an identification of the central message of John's preaching; and a description of the baptism of Jesus by John. It is the gist of John's preaching that prompted commentators to label him a precursor. He not only comes before Jesus, but he prepares the people for him. He does this by contrasting himself and the baptism that he performs with Jesus and the baptism that he will bring. He does not hesitate emphasising his own inferiority in comparison with Jesus. John's baptism did not accomplish in Jesus what it might have accomplished in others, namely repentance for sin. It did provide him with what was far more meaningful, a divine affirmation of his messianic identity. – Source: *Liturgyhelp.com*

## IMPORTANT NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

### NO ACTIVITIES FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON



Adoration, confession and Holy Mass for young adults/professionals **will be back on Sunday, 17th January, at 4 pm.**

### HELP THE HOMELESS - SAVE THE EARTH



Please collect **plastic bottles and cans that have 10 cents recycling written on it.** Bring and drop them in a recycling bin at the sacristy on Sunday. Up to this time, we have successfully sold more than 2000 bottles/cans. Many thanks to Bernie and Natalie for helping with the sorting and selling process. All donations are dedicated to supporting Friars' Van, a ministry for the homeless in Sydney.

### CLEANING DONATIONS



Our parish needs donations in the form of cleaning supplies, such as antibacterial wipes (*Pine O Clean*), hand sanitizer and tissues. Please drop them at the sacristy before or after Holy Mass.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE



The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course, will be held on the following dates:

- ➔ Saturday 27 February commencing at 10am and then Thursday evenings 4, 11, 18 March 2021
- ➔ Saturday 14 August commencing at 10am and then Thursday evenings 19, 26 August & 02 September 2021.

For further information, please contact *The Life, Marriage and Family*: (02) 9307 8480 or via email: [steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org)

### HOME CARE SERVICES FOR SENIORS



CatholicCare's *Home Care Services* for seniors can support you or a loved one to live at home independently with comfort and confidence and to remain connected to your parish community. To learn more, call our Home Care Team: **13 18 19** or via email: [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org).

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2021



Our Parish opens the registration for the Sacramental Program in 2021. If you wish that your child could receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** next year, the application form is available at the foyer of the church. Please fill the form, scan and email it back to: [fiacre@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:fiacre@capuchinfriars.org.au).

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK



All parishioners who undertake ministry where children or vulnerable people are involved, are required to have a valid WWC check. Please send your details to the Parish Office, i.e. your family name, date of birth, and WWC number.

### JAMBEROO ABBEY ONLINE RETREAT



Sr Magdalen OSB will lead an online retreat via Zoom titled *Hospitality: A Versatile Charism*. It is a four week retreat that includes talks, group sharing sessions, and guided meditations. If you are interested, please register here: [www.jamberooabbey.org.au](http://www.jamberooabbey.org.au)

### GO MAKE DISCIPLES



The Archdiocese of Sydney has launched the new Archdiocesan Mission Plan, *Go Make Disciples*. It focuses on how parishes become true centres of the new evangelisation. For further information, please visit their official website: [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).

**10 GENNAIO – DOMENICA DOPO L'EPIFANIA - BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE** - Dai «Discorsi» di san Gregorio Nazianzeno, vescovo-

Cristo nel Battesimo si fa luce, entriamo anche noi nel suo splendore; Cristo riceve il battesimo, inabissiamoci con lui per poter con lui salire alla gloria. Giovanni dà il battesimo, Gesù si accosta a lui, forse per santificare colui dal quale viene battezzato nell'acqua, ma anche di certo per seppellire totalmente nelle acque il vecchio uomo. Santifica il Giordano prima di santificare noi e lo santifica per noi. E poiché era spirito e carne santifica nello Spirito e nell'acqua. Il Battista non accetta la richiesta, ma Gesù insiste. «Sono io che devo ricevere da te il battesimo», così dice la lucerna al sole, la voce alla Parola, l'amico allo Sposo, colui che è il più grande tra i nati di donna a colui che è il primogenito di ogni creatura, colui che nel ventre della madre sussultò di gioia a colui che, ancora nascosto nel grembo materno, ricevette la sua adorazione, colui che precorreva e che avrebbe ancora precorso, a colui che era già apparso e sarebbe nuovamente apparso a suo tempo. «Io devo ricevere il battesimo da te» e, aggiungi pure, «in nome tuo». Sapeva infatti che avrebbe ricevuto il battesimo del martirio o che, come Pietro, sarebbe stato lavato non solo ai piedi. Gesù sale dalle acque e porta con sé in alto tutto intero il cosmo. Vede scindersi e aprirsi i cieli, quei cieli che Adamo aveva chiuso per sé e per tutta la sua discendenza, quei cieli preclusi e sbarrati come il paradiso lo era per la spada fiammeggiante. E lo Spirito testimonia la divinità del Cristo: si presenta simbolicamente sopra Colui che gli è del tutto uguale. Una voce proviene dalle profondità dei cieli, da quelle stesse profondità dalle quali proveniva Chi in quel momento riceveva la testimonianza. Lo Spirito appare visibilmente come colomba e, in questo modo, onora anche il corpo divinizzato e quindi Dio. Non va dimenticato che molto tempo prima era stata pure una colomba quella che aveva annunciato la fine del diluvio. Onoriamo dunque in questo giorno il battesimo di Cristo, e celebriamo come è giusto questa festa. Purificatevi totalmente e progredite in questa purezza. Dio di nessuna cosa tanto si rallegra, come della conversione e della salvezza dell'uomo. Per l'uomo, infatti, sono state pronunziate tutte le parole divine e per lui sono stati compiuti i misteri della rivelazione. Tutto è stato fatto perché voi diveniate come altrettanti soli cioè forza vitale per gli altri uomini. Siate luci perfette dinanzi a quella luce immensa. Sarete inondati del suo splendore soprannaturale. Giungerà a voi, limpida e diretta, la luce della Trinità, della quale finora non avete ricevuto che un solo raggio, proveniente dal Dio unico, attraverso Cristo Gesù nostro Signore, al quale vadano gloria e potenza nei secoli dei secoli. Amen. – Source: [www.maranatha.it](http://www.maranatha.it)

### HOW TO SUPPORT THE PARISH VIA ONLINE DONATIONS?

#### TAP & GO MACHINE



Tap & Go Machine is available at the entrance of the church, and is set for \$10. To donate, just tap your credit card. If you wish to donate more, simply tap your credit card as many times you like.

#### BPOINT PAYMENT SERVICE



BPOINT is a secure payment service for your credit card, and is set for \$5 or more. To donate, just scan the QR code above with your smartphone, or visit our Parish website and click on the button "MAKE A DONATION" then choose your preference.

#### ONLINE PLANNED GIVING



We encourage you to support the Parish in a regular basis. More and more parishioners are abandoning the old way (envelopes with cash) and choosing to give their planned giving digitally (via EFT or credit card). It is secure and super easy. To register and receive your unique planned giving number, please contact the Parish Office: (02) 9518 0650, or by email: [fiacre@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:fiacre@capuchinfriars.org.au).

### JRS APPEAL FOR FOODBANK DONATIONS

The Jesuit Refugee Service mobile food bank is a huge and growing operation. JRS are feeding over 900 people each week who have been excluded from Federal Government financial support and cannot return home. Their stocks of rice, pasta, oil, tuna, and long life milk are RUNNING LOW. If you can donate these items they have drop off spots around Sydney here. In the absence of Federal Government support for people in need, we continue to need your help. Please visit: <https://aus.jrs.net/en/foodbank/> and learn how you can support people who have no other means to buy these basics for their families. This short video also shows what happens to food donations that are made: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=293160638622911>

### MASS MARKING THE CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF EILEEN O'CONNOR

Auxiliary Bishop Terry Brady will celebrate a special Mass on Sunday 10 January, marking the centenary of the death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor.

The Mass will be held at 11am at St Brigid's church in Coogee.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance at the Mass is by invitation only. However, it will be livestreamed on the new Eileen O'Connor website: [www.eileenconnor.com.au](http://www.eileenconnor.com.au). Please share the attached social tile on your parish social media platforms.

Follow the new Facebook page [www.facebook.com/SoGEileenOConnor](http://www.facebook.com/SoGEileenOConnor) and Instagram page at this address: [www.instagram.com/theeileenconnor/](http://www.instagram.com/theeileenconnor/)

### PARISH MISSIONARY INTERNSHIP FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS: SEATTLE, USA

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, on the outskirts of the US city of Seattle is seeking young adult Catholics (10-30) who wish to spend a one-year internship spreading the gospel to youth and young adults, while gaining valuable experience serving in a vibrant parish environment.

Missionary interns will live and work in a team setting with other parish interns participating in daily prayer, Mass and evangelisation efforts in the parish and greater community. If you're interested in the program, please contact Sr Maria Caeli OP- Director of Missionary Internship Program at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Email: [smcparmeter@starofthesea.net](mailto:smcparmeter@starofthesea.net)

### 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](mailto: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.