



ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9th January 2022

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 8 am (weekday Mass),
6 pm (Vigil for Sunday)

Sunday: 8.30 am (Italian & English),
10.30 am, 5.30 pm

Tue-Fri: 8 am (until 15th Jan.)

RECONCILIATION

on Saturday at 10 am & at 5.30 pm
or by private appointment

WEDDINGS THIS WEEK

Matthew Grech & Chanel Mikhaeil

Marko Sucic & Franciska Sljivic

*We pray for them as they begin their married life.
Many blessings and congratulations!*

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

✠ Tuesday 11th January at 11 am
Funeral Mass for Carmela Muratori

✠ Wednesday 12th January at 11am
Funeral Mass for Dominic Sciberra

✠ Thursday 13th January at 11am
Funeral Mass for Janine De Castro

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

PARISH NOTICE

- Parish office will **reopen on 17 January**.
- Wearing a mask is required for everyone aged 8 and above in all indoor settings (unless an exemption). **PLEASE BRING YOUR MASK AND WEAR IT IN CHURCH.**
- **A mixture of Fr. Tony's books — spiritual, fiction, and non-fiction — are available in the church foyer. Help yourself!**

** You might to leave a gold coin donation for the St. Vincent de Paul.*

CHURCH VACUUMING

TEAM 2
(Fri) 14th January 10 am

CHURCH LINEN (JANUARY)

Maria Giardina

ONLINE MASS

St Patrick's Cathedral Live Streaming will be available at

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Mon-Fri: 1 pm / Sat: 8 am / Sun: 11 am

SUNDAY LITURGY @ Home:

Please click on each link below to find guided reflection for the Baptism of the Lord.

[For Adults:](#) [For Families with Young Children:](#)

WE PRAY FOR the elderly and the sick

Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico; Stella Mammone; Gino Salvo; Rosa Di Pietro; Lucia Bordin; Justin Diviny; Stephanie Jouhari; Anna & Garry Henneken; Nicholas Gillman; Jillian Eolzella; Loretta Bastian; Sally O'Farrell; Caterina Timpano; Charlie Tiang; Lena Savoia; Anne Ryan; Margaret Whelan; Geraldine Macken; Giuseppina Mammone; John Morello Snr.

RECENTLY DECEASED

*We remember in prayer,
Marie Burke; Michele Papaleo; Dominic Sciberras;
Sebastiana Vasile; Emmanuel Sciberras
May they rest in peace.*

ANNIVERSARIES

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Shiu Sik-Law; Salvatore Caltabiano; Anthony Perry;
Pasquale & Angelia Cefala*

Readings for the Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

FIRST READING (Is 40:1-5, 9-11)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

'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!

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R.)**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. **(R.)**

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. **(R.)**

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

SECOND READING (Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

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!

GOSPEL (Lk 3:15-16, 21-22)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.*