



THE SACRED HEART OF CROYDON

12 January 2020

The BAPTISM of the LORD



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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9.00am - 3.30 pm. Closed on Wednesdays.

Parish Priest

Fr. Len Size

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Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism will be celebrated by appointment following a Baptism Preparation Program.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment with at least 6 months notice.

Sacred Heart Retreat Centre

For Bookings

Contact Robby on 0422 189 329

St. Vincent de Paul

If assistance is required, contact St. Vincent de Paul: 1800 305 330 (Free Call)

Care Group

Maree Minogue: 0402 310 617

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Lorna Nardella 9723 2198

Seniors Group

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Choir

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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm, Neocatechumenal Mass 7.30pm, Sunday 8.15am and 10.15am
Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Saturday: 9.30 am (Note: on 2nd Thursday monthly Seniors Mass is at 10:30am, this Mass replaces the 9.30 am Mass)
Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: Friday after 9.30 am Mass and Saturday 5.30 pm until 6.00 pm

WEEKLY CALENDAR 2019

Monday 13 January

Weekday, Ordinary Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Communion

Tuesday 14 January

Weekday, Ordinary Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Wednesday 15 January

Weekday, Ordinary Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Thursday 16 January

Weekday, Ordinary Time

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Friday 17 January

St. Anthony - Memorial

9.00 am Rosary
9.30 am Mass

Saturday 18 January

Weekday, Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Vigil Mass preceded by Reconciliation from 5.30 pm
7.30 pm Neocatechumenal Mass

Sunday 19 January

2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

8.15 am Mass
10.15 am Mass, followed by tea and coffee

Next week's Readings:

2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Next week Readers:

There is no roster until February, until then it is on a volunteer basis, please put your name down on the list if you are available.



Please pray for:

We pray for all who are sick, especially **Lucy Horgan, Beryl Clark,** .
We pray for those parishioners that are unable to be among us this weekend, for those who have died recently, and for whose anniversary occurs at this time.



Baptisms

There will not be any Baptisms during December and January. Any queries, please contact the parish office.

The parish office is now closed and will re-open Monday 3rd February. The office answer machine will be on and all messages checked daily for urgent requests.

PIETY STALL

We have children’s Bibles, First Bibles, Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation, Wedding and Anniversary items all for sale at great prices! We also have ‘Family’ and ‘Mr & Mrs’ lanterns, Noah’s Ark jumbo floor puzzles and ‘Thinking of you’ plaques.

Special ministers

The roster runs out after Sunday, 22 Dec. There will not be another until the beginning of February 2020.

Until then, it’s on a volunteer basis. Please put your name down on the list on the wall next to the sacristy if you are available. When you come in to Mass, do check these sheets and consider stepping up to fill in as needed.

Work on the next roster will take place mid-January. Please contact Orietta on 8288 2811 if you have changes, special requests or questions about the roster for special ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist.

The BAPTISM of the LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord’s second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove

all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ’s baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ’s baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ’s baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

– Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

PRAYER OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH, CROYDON

Sacred Heart of Jesus be with us and send us wisdom through the Holy Spirit to guide our decisions and actions, so that we may do our part in the building of the Kingdom of God. May we reflect to all the loving care of God our Father. May we grow in the likeness of you the Son who came to serve and give your life for all. May Mary, our Mother, and our special Patrons, St. Edmund and St. Francis de Sales plead on our behalf to the Father, through You the Son in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

VISION STATEMENT :

“Sacred Heart Parish is a joyful Catholic community in which, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, the love of Christ is offered through worship, sacraments, education, pastoral and charitable outreach and the lived witness of Gospel values in order to nurture, sustain and support the growth of the Catholic faith in Croydon and beyond.”

Privacy in 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information collected from individuals. This parish is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

The Sacred Heart Parish of Croydon, along with the ARCHDIOCESE of Melbourne, is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.