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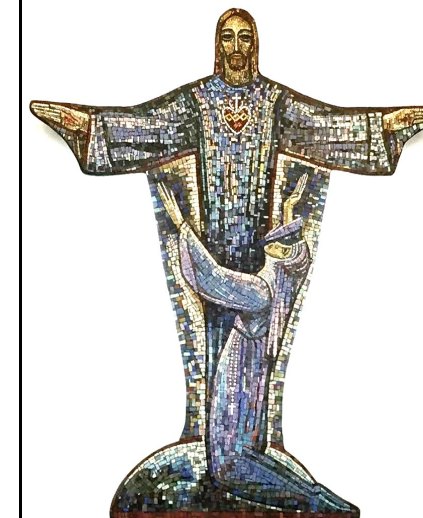
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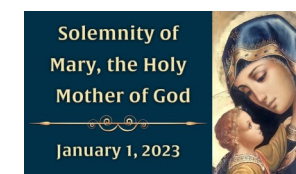
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St Vincent de Paul: 88619757



WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday: 9:15am

Tuesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Wednesday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am
Friday: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Saturday: 8:30am

PRAYER: HOLY FATHER-POPE FRANCIS'

MONTHLY INTENTION: JANUARY

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



FIRST FRIDAY:

11:00am: Maltese Mass

07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursdays-Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30 am - 2:30pm

4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm- Divine Mercy Devotions

1st Friday of the month: approx. 8:30pm- midnight

VESPERS- SUNDAY EVENINGS

5:15 pm - 5:45pm

RCIA SESSIONS- SUNDAY MORNINGS

9am Mass followed by Session 10 am - 11am

DEVOTIONS:

♦ Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Succour)
Wednesday: after morning Mass
Wednesday: 6:00pm before 7:00pm Mass (Marian Movement Cenacle)

♦ Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus:
Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm

♦ Divine Mercy Devotions
4th Sunday of the month: 1.00pm - 3.00pm, 3.00pm - Holy Mass

BAPTISMS: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

RECONCILIATION:

Tues - Fri 8.30 - 8.55am
Sat - 9am - 9.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm

MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron and his sons: “This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.” This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy

- God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
- Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father’, and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

MEDITATION:

In the birth and naming of this child we see the wondrous design and plan of God in giving us a Savior who would bring us grace (the gift of God's favor), mercy, and freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. The name Jesus signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved (Acts 2:12). In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. His name is exalted far above every other name (Philippians 2:9-11). The name Jesus is at the heart of all Christian prayer. It is through and in Jesus that we pray to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have died with one



word on their lips, the name of Jesus. Do you exalt the name of Jesus and pray with confidence in his name? **Lord Jesus Christ, I exalt your name above every other name. For in you I have pardon, mercy, grace and victory over sin and death. You humbled yourself for my sake and for the sake of all sinners by sharing in our humanity and by dying on the cross. Help me to always praise your holy name and to live for your greater glory.**



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

On Monday, 09 January 2023, the Church celebrates the Feast 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; when God his father revealed His love and favour for his Son – Jesus Christ our Lord. During the Mass there will be a special Blessing of Water.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE OF WATER TO BE BLESSED DURING THE MASS

THE EPIPHANY BLESSING 20 C + M + B 23

(Marking Homes with Blessed Chalk for the New Year)

On Sunday, 08 January 2023, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. We rejoice that the light of Christ has come into our world.

Today, we invite families to take home a piece of this chalk to mark the front door of your homes as a blessing for the New Year.

Kindly ensure one pack per family is taken.



NEW YEAR 2023 GREETINGS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our faithful parishioners and visitors who have supported our parish during the year 2022, both spiritually and financially.

To all our volunteers, Acolytes, the leaders of our devotional and Parish teams and those who are always ready to lend a hand to maintain our Church and its grounds, the unsung heroes of this community. Without their constant help and dedication, our Parish would not be as beautiful and vibrant as it is today. We thank all who give up their time to decorate our Church during our major feast days and whenever required.

We have achieved so much during 2022, we pray that with the help and guidance of our Triune God and of our Blessed Mother that 2023 will be equally successful.

Fr. Janusz

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| ◆ Reuben Dias | ◆ Therese Nicolas | ◆ Rita Figredo |
| ◆ Leonardo Pedavoli | ◆ Hermie Alves | ◆ Roxane Recto-Cavanagh |
| ◆ Shelly Barnes | ◆ Fr. Gabriel Taylor | ◆ Chau Tran Chon Chau Maria |
| ◆ Robbie Barnes | ◆ Doreen Callagja | |

OUR PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out Your Spirit upon the people of this parish so that inspired by Your word, nourished at Your table and graced by Your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building up of Your Kingdom. May our parish community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ Your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **Amen**



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ON 06 JANUARY 2023 (ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS) MASS AT 7:00PM

Please join us in responding to 'OUR BLESSED MOTHER'S APPEAL for PRAYER & REPARATION for WORLD PEACE & the SANCTITY of FAMILY LIFE'.

Followed by Adoration, Scriptural Rosaries & Nine Office of the SACRED HEART of JESUS, until Midnight.

"IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 08 JANUARY 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (YEAR A)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Our Christmas Raffle & Sausage Sizzle event on 11 December 2022 raised an outstanding amount of \$15,180.05 for the Parish!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this Christmas event an outstanding success! The proceeds will go towards the Parish current expenses and future projects.



RCIA PROGRAM

RCIA is an ongoing Apostolate in this Parish. The RCIA Apostolate consists of a dedicated team of volunteers who have received instructions to guide anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church through weekly preparations classes and regular Mass attendance.

If you know of anyone who wishes to enter the Catholic Faith, who has been baptised in another Faith or unbaptised and wishes to complete the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church; Please see our Priests after Mass during the weekends or contact the **RCIA Co-ordinator Peter Carroll on 0414 070 082** or the Parish Office.



01 –31 JANUARY 2023

- ◆ **09:15 am - Monday**
- ◆ **09:00 am - Tuesday to Friday**
- ◆ **08:30 am - Saturday**
- ◆ **NO Evening Weekday Masses**
- ◆ **Weekend Masses as usual**
- ◆ **06:00 pm - Saturday (Vigil)**
- ◆ **07:30 am, 09:00am, 10:30am - Sunday**
- ◆ **06:00 pm - Sunday**

ALL DEVOTIONS, ADORATIONS & EVENING MASSES WILL RESUME ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2023



CHRISTMAS & DEVOTIONAL RELIGIOUS CANDLES

A variety of devotional candles and Christmas candles are being sold at the Parish Piety Corner Shop. We request our Parishioners to support our Parish with their generous purchase. These candles are perfect for your own personal devotion or as a treasured gift to share with others.

Small candle \$5 each (burns upto 70 hours)
Large candle \$10 each (burns upto 7days)



SOLEMNITY OF ST. PAUL THE FIRST HERMIT SUNDAY - 15 JANUARY 2023

To prepare for this Solemnity, the Novena to St. Paul will be recited after morning Mass beginning on **Friday, 06 January and concluding on Sunday, 15 January**, which will be our Patronal Feast Day. We ask all our Parishioners to pray for all the Priests, brothers & seminarians in the order of St Paul the First Hermit and for an increase in vocations to the order.

Invocations to St. Paul the First Hermit

Saint Paul, Patriarch of our Order,
Saint Paul, faithful follower of Christ
Saint Paul, man of strong and lively faith,
Saint Paul, lover of solitude,
Saint Paul, persevering in prayer and penance,
Saint Paul, patient in bearing the difficulties of the eremitical life,
Saint Paul, embracing with your devoted love the Church of Christ and the whole mankind,
Saint Paul, model of perseverance in your chosen way of life,
Saint Paul, prepared to meet God at the time of death, That we may be faithful to our monastic vocation,

Pray for us.

Intercede to God for us

That through the observance of our religious vows, we may become more Christ-like, That we may fulfil Christ's command to love all men, That we may pray well and unceasingly, That we may participate in the saving love of Christ through a penitential life, That we may not succumb to the temptation of mediocrity, That we may prudently profit from the fruits of the land and from technical and cultural achievements; That we may fearlessly strive to attain that love exemplified in the Gospel, That we may feel responsible for our Order and its apostolic works, That we may persevere in our Order until death, Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Hermits and Patroness of our Order,

We beg you Lord, hear us!

Through the merits of all the Saints of our Order, That you may graciously grant our monastic community an increase in number and an enrichment of virtues, That you may generously provide graces for our families, confraters and benefactors, That you may show your mercy to our brothers, who have left our community, That you may remedy the failures and defects of our love, That you may grant the grace of conversion to the enemies of the Church, That you may grant eternal happiness to our deceased brothers, parents, relatives, confraters and benefactors.

L. Pray for us St. Paul the First Hermit,

All That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

L: Let us pray:

O God, who willed that St. Paul, our Father, reach a high degree of sanctity through a life of solitude in the desert, grant that, through this intercession, we who are striving to develop in ourselves a spirit of prayer and service, may come ever closer to you in love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen