



St Peter's Parish, Surry Hills

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Feast days of the week:

Wed 13 Jan Saint Hilary

MASS TIMES effective until 31 Jan 2021:

Tuesdays – Sat: 10:00am daily

Every Tuesday: Cenacle (after 10:00am Mass)

Every Thursday: Cenacle (after 10:00am Mass)

Sundays: 9:00am and 10:30am

Confessions: Before Mass Tuesday to Saturday

The Parish office will be closed from 28 Dec to 18 Jan 2021 (inclusive)

COVID update - In keeping with NSW Health directives, anyone attending a church now must wear a **FACE MASK**. Children under the age of 12 are exempt from this rule, but are encouraged to wear face masks where practicable.

NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each individual failing to abide by this rule.

St Peter's Parish welcomes Fr. Danny Meagher - After his schooling at Saint Ignatius College Riverview, Fr. Danny Meagher studied Economics/Law at Sydney University. He then practised as a solicitor for a city firm for three years before going to St Patrick's College Manly to study for the priesthood. Fr. Danny was ordained in 1995 and has ministered in several parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese and also in

Broken Hill. Further to his studies at Manly, Fr. Danny completed a Licentiate in Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He has just completed his most recent appointment as Rector of Good Shepherd Seminary Homebush.

Fr. Danny will be living in our parish, but his primary ministry will be with the homeless and marginalised.



Blessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities.

May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy.

Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation. *Pray for us!*

GO MAKE DISCIPLES
gomakedisciples.org.au

Go Make Disciples - Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP launched **Go Make Disciples**, a new Archdiocesan Mission Plan on **12 December**, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation. The new plan is aimed at renewing our parishes as places of encounter with the living Christ and centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. Visit the Go Make Disciples website (www.gomakedisciples.org.au) where you'll find a downloadable copy of the full plan

and a summary version.

If you have missed Archbishop Fisher's homily, on the occasion of the launch of **Go Make Disciples** then click here - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a0BtWQGGuWrme-mAFtU917yOnQnQ0tv7m/view?ts=5fd6a743>

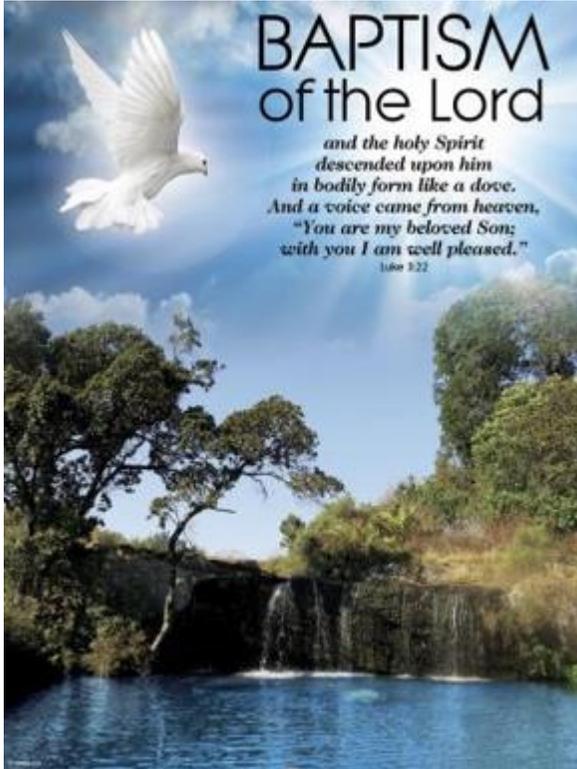
For more information contact Parish Renewal Team at the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, Archdiocese of Sydney on 9390 5307 or elizabeth.arblaster@sydney-catholic.org

Our prayers for the Sick – Ettore Pelewzick (*Dominic's father*), Mira Krcma and Josephine Finneran

We remember our deceased - Frederick, Edward & Margaret M Hailwood, Margaret D Hailwood (21/9), Joyce Hailwood & Marge Heaney, Joan McEvoy, June Veronica Hailwood, Robin Bridgewater, Marie La Brooy (24/9), Charles Grech (25/9), Ethel & Des Fitzgerald, Brian McFadden, Giles Auty, Bernard Saddler, Jeanne MacPherson (née La Brooy, 20/10, 1st anniversary), Jane Ann Ryan (24/10), Sylvia Abela (née Lewis, 28/10, 1st anniversary), Josphine Bugeja (16/11), William Lewis (1/12), Lydia Garrone (1st Anniversary 4/12), Elaine Buchhorn, Bro. Kevin Francis Guthrie (28/12) and Fr. Solomon Tumba (30/12).

Baptism of the Lord, B Year

Sunday, January 10, 2021



Today' Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, which finishes officially the celebration of the Christmas season. Now Jesus, in his adulthood, being ready to engage himself in his public ministry related with the work of salvation, has the task He was destined to fulfil by His Father. The baptism is a crucial moment in which He receives the approval from His Father, anointing Him with the Holy Spirit making him ready to accomplish salvation. Within John's baptism, there is a penitential character, meaning it was

an expression of a general calling of the people to make penance and conversion of their lives (that summarizes all existed human traditions); in Christ's baptism here it becomes a sign of a new way of God's grace working. It is about the grace which will enable everyone to participate in the fruits of the martyrdom, death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Since then, the baptism will be a starting point and a sign of new life in Christ. Meantime, in the case of Jesus' baptism, is the fulfilment of the words of John the Baptist who says that "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the tongs of his sandals". This way John emphasizes his divine dignity. Jesus will baptize, not like John with the water, but with the Holy Spirit. In the moment of

His baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus “saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, ‘You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased.’” The salvation in Jesus is approaching its fulfilment. Living in perspective of two thousand years of Christianity and enriched in the traditions of the Church which proclaims the truth about salvation in Jesus Christ to which baptism starts to be the gate, we should use the unique occasion of the unusual closeness of God to us. There is no need of money or connection to meet God in Jesus. There is only our free will to accept Him in our lives.

- Fr Richard Groh

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The Litany of Humility *(by Merry Cardinal de Val, Secretary of State to Pope Saint Pius X from the prayer book of Jesuits, 1963)*

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, hear me.

Deliver me Jesus

From the desire of being esteemed,
From the desire of being loved,
From the desire of being extolled,
From the desire of being honoured,
From the desire of being praised,
From the desire of being preferred to others,
From the desire of being consulted,
From the desire of being approved,
From the fear of being humiliated,
From the fear of being despised,
From the fear of suffering rebukes,
From the fear of being calumniated,
From the fear of being forgotten,
From the fear of being ridiculed,

From the fear of being wronged,
From the fear of being suspected,

Jesus grant me the grace to desire it

That others may be loved more than I,
That others may be esteemed more than I,
That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease,
That others may be chosen and I set aside,
That others may be praised and I unnoticed,
That others may be preferred to me in everything,
That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as
I should,

‘He must grow greater, I must grow smaller.’ - John 3:30

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Prayer of the Pope Benedict XVI to the Infant Jesus of Prague

*During his visit at the Church of Our Lady Victorious in Prague on the 26th
September 2009.*

O my Lord Jesus, we gaze on You as a child
and believe that You are the Son of God,
who became Man through the working of the Holy Spirit
in the womb of the Virgin Mary.
Just as in Bethlehem, we too, adore You, with Mary, Joseph,
the angels and the shepherds,
and acknowledge You as our only Saviour.
You became poor to enrich us with Your poverty.
Grant that we may never forget the poor and all those who suffer.

Protect our families, bless all the children of the world
and grant that the love You have brought us
may always reign amongst us and lead us to a happier life.
Grant, O Jesus, that all may recognize the truth of Your birth,
so that all may know that You have come to bring
to the whole human family light, joy and peace.
You are God, who live and reign with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

HISTORY OF THE ORIGINAL STATUE OF THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE.

By Shirley Aaron | January 14, 2019

The original statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague was created as a royal wedding gift from a Spanish Princess to her Austrian royal cousin. The statue of the Infant is a slender and beautifully-modelled figure and is carved of wood thinly coated with wax, standing nineteen inches tall, with the left foot barely visible under a long white tunic. The left hand encircles a miniature globe, surmounted by a cross, signifying the world-wide kingship of the Christ Child. The right hand is extended in blessing with the first two fingers being upraised to symbolize the two natures of Christ, while the folded thumb and last two fingers touch each other representing the unity of the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit in the mystery of the Blessed Trinity.

The face has a strange power of evoking sentiments of deep gratitude of the mystery of God-made-Man. For all His majestic posture and regal attire, the little King of Prague is more striking for His outward expression of human littleness than by the impression of hidden greatness.

The wardrobe of the Infant is similar to the priest's alb: one is of white linen, the other is of lace. Covering these is a dalmatic made of silk or velvet over which is worn a cape. It represents the Infant Jesus dressed in royal robes, wearing a crown. He is King of the Universe.

Later, the statue had been discarded in war and His hands destroyed. Found by a Carmelite, he fixed the hands and placed the statue in a place of honour in the Carmelite Church in Prague, Czech Republic.

In 1637, as Fr. Cyril prayed before the Infant, he was filled with wonder, contemplating the loving God Who became a child for His people. Suddenly, the statue spoke to the stunned Carmelite:

“Have mercy on Me and I will have mercy on you. Give Me hands and I will give you peace. The more you honour Me, the more I will bless you.”

Many miracles have occurred through intercession to the Divine Infant. During one invasion, all the children of the city were taken to the Church for protection—praying to the Infant, they were all saved. For almost four centuries, this promise of protection and blessing has inspired devotion and love of the Infant Jesus of Prague.

The home of the Infant Jesus of Prague is in the city of Prague, which is the capital of the Czech Republic. The original statue has been restored and preserved in the Carmelite church of Our Lady of Victory. The Church was returned to the Carmelites after the fall of Communism. The statue provides spiritual uplift for millions of people who have adopted the Holy Infant’s call to humility, simplicity, and sincerity and to become little in order to become great and pleasing before Christ the King.

Devotion to the Miraculous Infant Jesus celebrates the “Child of God”—the great mystery of the Incarnation. The child in all of us believes in the humanity and divinity



Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague

Feast Day
January 14

**“The more
you HONOR
me, the more
I will BLESS
you.”**

of Christ and rejoices in God's caring and protective love for us. The Infant reminds us that God is holding us in the palm of His hand.

The effective spiritual meditation is the reason the Infant Jesus of Prague is so continuously appealing to human hearts all over the world, which he has so firmly in His hands. You can find His statue in almost any church, convent, monastery and house, representing a Divine Protection toward His devotees.

