

ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA

Baptism of the Lord - Year C

9th & 10th January 2010

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Darug Clan, the Cabrogal, a sub group of the Gandangara tribe who lived in this area for over 30,000 years. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

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Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil.....6.00pm
Sunday.....8.00am, 9.30am &
.....6.00pm
Monday.....NO MASS
Tuesday.....9.00am
Wednesday.....
Rosary.....6.40pm
Mass 7.00pm
Thursday.....9.00am
Friday.....9.00am

(See bulletin for changes)

Italian Mass:

1st Wednesday Month...9.00am

Reconciliation:

Saturday.....4.30pm – 5.30pm

Baptisms & Marriages: By Appointment

Prayer Group:

Thursdays..... 7.30pm—9.00pm

Pray the Rosary:

1st Saturday of each month at 3.00pm

The Catholic Weekly:.....in the foyer

From Fr Peter's Desk.....



Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of our Lord. This event is recorded by the first three evangelists and implied also by John., but each has significant differences of detail. According to Mark, now usually considered the primary source for the events in the gospels, Christ came to hear John the Baptism and, like others received baptism at his hands. The implied motive seems to be the deep, sympathetic interest which Jesus felt in the work of John and the fitting character of such baptism as a public profession of moral integrity. The vision of the open heavens and the divine voice were the token of the Lord's mission as Messiah.

This feast also challenges us to reflect on our own baptism. And the responsibility we take on in baptising our children. In past days baptism was seen primarily as taking away original sin; now we see baptism in terms of the primary sacrament of initiation. In other words, this is the time that we become members of the church community. It is easy to see this in terms of responsibility but perhaps, like Jesus, we should see our own baptism as a gift from God and a challenge for us too, to mission in the world.

Fr Peter

This Week

No week day Masses as
Fr Peter is away.

**We remember our
deceased relatives
& friends**



Giuseppe & Maria Regina

Anniversaries

Ly Van Nguyen
Tich Van Nguyen

RESPONSE:

O bless the Lord my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia

John said: "He who is to come is mightier than I. He will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

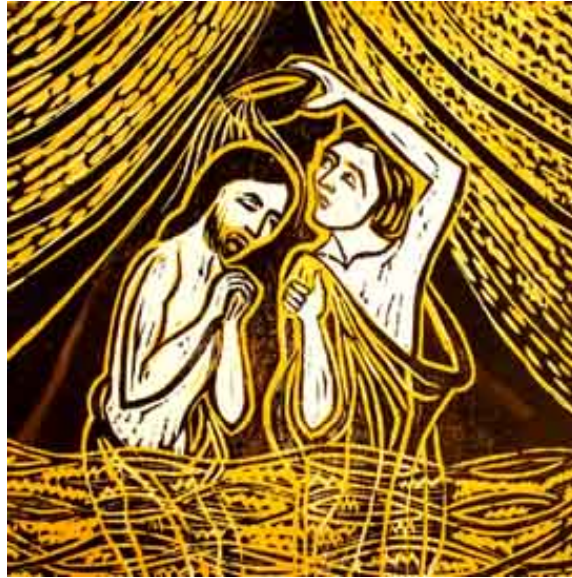
Alleluia, Alleluia

**We Pray for those who are sick,
especially:**

Siobham O'Connor, Mary Murphy
Lauren Channon, Enrile Pasco
Adrian Bryant, Phillip Power,
Remedios Y. Salvador, Antoinette Miloni,
Peter Paul Casha, Carmen Critchly,
Mary Rose Bezzina, Fiona Jekki,
Karen McKelvie, Jackie Cameron,
Celine Fernandez, Irene Kumar
Marcia Shanahan, Doreen Coleman

Please note: Names will be removed from the sick list after 2 months, unless parish office is notified otherwise.

Congratulations to
Brian & June Baker
on their 50th
wedding anniversary
last weekend.



Catholic Care is the new name for Centacre, the Catholic Church's counselling and support agency. The agency offers a variety of services including relationship and family counselling, support for people in need, financial management and much more. To make an appointment or to find the most appropriate venue call 93905155

Have you visited the Archdiocese of Sydney website yet? The address is www.sydney.catholic.org.au

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C— 16th & 17th January 2010

	SATURDAY 6pm	8am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Jodie Aquilina Catherine Coleman	George Wright Greg Baker	Mary Grace Francisco Manulele Minute	Greg Richardson Tracie Richardson
Eucharistic Ministers	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Nelson Alarcon Bev Strauss Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro	Antonia Siciliano Cecil Sweeney Anne Sweeney Maryann Wright Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Marjorie Wood Rosetta Zaccagnini Mary Grace Francisco Graeme Melham Neta Griffith Rosa Zappia	Krystyna Whittaker Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Gerard Gacayan Lorraine K Gacayan		Mark Taetuli Esau Taetuli Avia Minute	
Acolytes/Senior Servers	Angelo Gattone	Phil Coleman	Joe Mancini	Annette Flanagan
Music:	Rose Baron-Scott Emily Esposito	Col Smith Faustina Nickel Regi Pineda	Lisa Smith	Mason Ryan
Altar Society	Julie Bakarich John Keeley			
Counters	Ashley Pereira, Betty Pereira			