

Announcements

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APOLOGETICS FOR YOUNG ADULTS
It is currently on break, date of resumption will be announced next year.

Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times. Do not give money to strangers!

BLESSED CHALKS for home-blessings are available at the foyer. If you have signed up for the house blessing, the priest will write the blessing on your door on the day of blessing.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING
Please fill out the sign-up sheet if you would like one of the priests to come for a house blessing. **Sign-up sheet** is located at the foyer, or simply contact one of the priests.

OBITUARY
It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our parishioner **Kathleen Fraser**
Her funeral arrangement is as follows: Traditional Requiem Mass will be offered on 17th January (Wednesday) at 11am, @ St Patrick's Church, 46 Murray St, Cooma.
All are welcome!

LATIN GRAMMAR CLASS
For Beginners—
It is currently on break, date of resumption will be announced.
For Proficients—(reading)
It is currently on break, date of resumption will be announced.


ONLINE + CASH DONATIONS
31 Dec — 6 Jan
First collection: \$ 1576.35
Second collection: \$ 1451.45
Building fund: \$ 265
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SATURDAY CLASS
Topic: Spiritual Theology
Class will resume on **13th Jan, (THIS SATURDAY) at 10:30am.**
Next Topic: Christian Perfection

CATECHISM CLASS FOR ADULTS
Class will resume on **11th Jan, 2024 THIS THURSDAY.)**

Next Chapters: 20-23
Topic: Nativity of Jesus
People who are discerning to become Catholic or hoping to review their Catechism are most welcome!

LEGION OF MARY
It will meet on Thursday this week at 6:30pm.
Visitors are welcome!

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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday:	8:00am	(Low Mass)
	10:00am	(Sung Mass)
Mon - Thurs:	7:00am	(Low Mass)
	Friday: 6:30pm	
followed by Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament, until 8:15pm		
	Saturday: 9:00am	(Low Mass)
Venue: Sts Peter and Paul Church, Garran		
2 Boake Pl, Garran, ACT 2605		
CONFESSION		
30 minutes before all Masses until circa 5 minutes before Mass. Also during Masses where two priests are available.		

7 January 2024 Feast of the Holy Family

CALENDAR

DATE	FEAST	LOCATION
Mon, 8 Jan	Feria	Garran. 7AM (Low)
Tue, 9 Jan	Feria	Garran. 7AM (Low)
Wed, 10 Jan	Feria	Garran. 7AM (Low)
Thu, 11 Jan	Comm. Of Pope St Hyginus	Garran. 7AM (Low)
Fri, 12 Jan	Feria	Garran. 6:30PM (Low) followed by Holy Hour until 8:15pm.
Sat, 13 Jan	Baptism of Our Lord	Garran. 8AM (Rosary) 9AM (Sung)
Sun, 14 Jan	2nd Sunday after Epiphany	Garran—8AM (Low) 10AM (Sung)

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

(Feast day: 13th Jan)

The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us.

At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate.

In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child.

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification,' Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. 'And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with men' (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. 'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners'

(Pope Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18).

Join Us for a **COMMUNITY LUNCH** IN THE NEW YEAR

Date: 7th January 2024
(TODAY)

Time: After 10am Mass

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation.
The old has passed away;
behold, the new has come. (2 Cor 5:17)*