



12 January 2025 - The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

Holy Masses



Saturday Vigil

5pm Hanmer Springs
(Every Saturday)

7pm Culverden
(Every Saturdays)

Sunday Mass

8.30am Amberley
(Every Sunday)

11am Cheviot
(1st & 3rd Sundays Only)

10.30am Hawarden
(2nd & 4th Sunday Only)

12pm The Beatitudes,
Leithfield
(Every Sunday)

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday
8:30am Amberley

Tuesday - Saturday
12pm The Beatitudes,
Leithfield



Adoration & Reconciliation

1st Friday of the month
from 7:30am

Confession by Appointment
or before Mass



Rosary

Wednesday 1:30pm
Amberley Church Hall

Kalavale

Parish's cup of tea & raffles
1st Sunday of the Month.

St Joseph Men's Group
2nd & 4th Monday 7pm-9pm
Amberley Hall

Membership dues and duties

Today is the Solemnity of the Lord's Baptism. In today's Gospel (Lk. 3, 15-16, 21-22), after Jesus was baptised by John, a voice came from heaven that said: "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." By virtue of our own baptism, we too have become sons and daughters in the Son. By the very same baptism, we too are called to live lives pleasing to the Father.

We who are baptised have become members of the church and members of Christ's Mystical Body. As members, we have privileges. But, as members we too have dues and duties. Please check your membership card today. There is no expiry date to our membership. It is permanent and indelible. But please check if you are still an active bona fide member, in good standing. By the way, our membership dues and duties are non-transferable, and cannot be delegated to others. Each one of us must do our mission. Baptism is our initiation for a mission.

To "remember" literally means to become a member again. Let us remember our own baptism, by renewing our baptismal promises "to reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children; to reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin; to reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness." To remember also means to profess and live our faith once again.

Today marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. That is not to say though that the Christmas spirit of love, peace, giving and sharing should also end. May we all continue doing ordinary everyday things with much love and extraordinary fervour in response to our baptismal call and mission.

Let us take time today to say a prayer for our parents who had us baptised, the priest who baptised us, the baptismal godparents who promised to stand by us and our own baptismal godchildren who we likewise promised to help and guide.

If God were looking at you right now, would He be smiling and pleased with the life you are living? Or, would He be so concerned and sad about you and the kind of life that you are in? May we all live lives pleasing to the Father!

By the way, membership in the church is not exclusive, nor is it elitist. Let us ask the Lord, today, to shake us when we become sleepy, disturb us when we become too comfortable, move us when we become complacent and surprise us when we become too guarded and predictable.

Lord, help me to renew my baptismal membership today, and do my dues and duties. Amen.

From the workshop - words on St Joseph - Fr Calloway's book Page 133

At the Baptism of Jesus this Sunday this marks the start of Jesus' public ministry. From all time the Lord had prepared St Joseph's mission during the early years of Jesus. "In St Joseph, God Prepared a spouse, a guardian, and a knight for Mary. According to God's design, it had to be this way. God did not come into the world in any other manner than through the marriage of a man and a woman, a virginal man and woman".

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it

Psalms 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

He saved us by means of the cleansing water of rebirth

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

'Someone is coming who will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire'

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

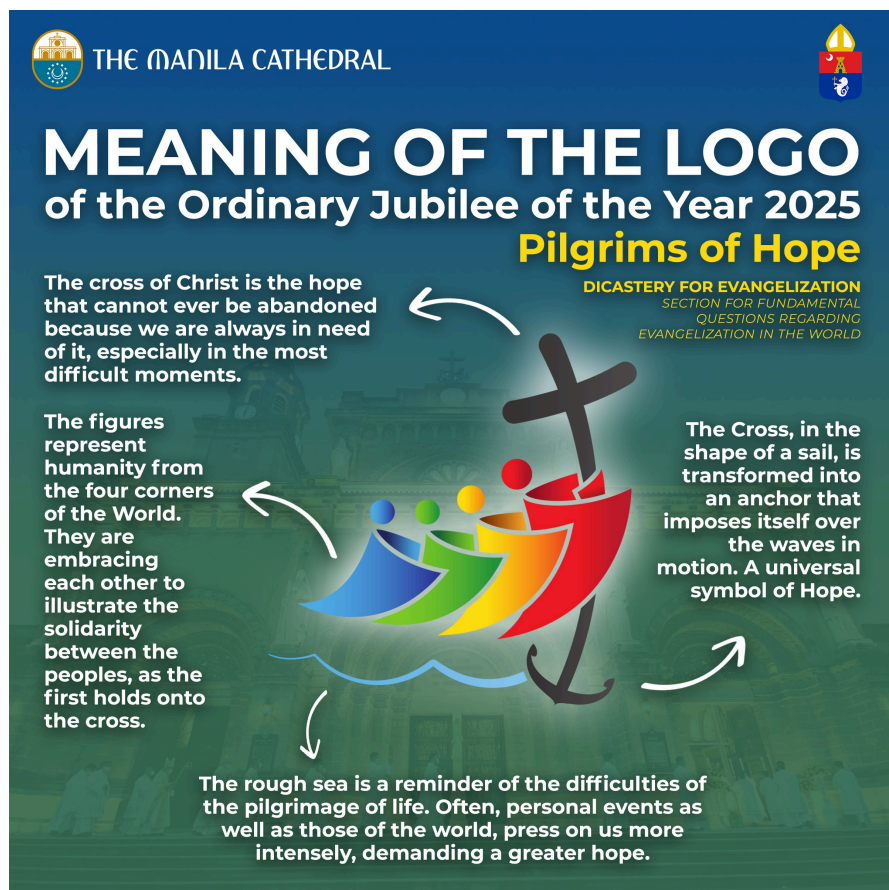
695 Glory and Praise

865 Here I am Lord

633 Eat this Bread

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JUBILEE YEAR 2025



JUBILEE YEAR 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope', giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment.

Jubilees are designed to be a time of conversion and increased emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness of sins. They are marked by the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. The Holy Doors, present in each of the four papal basilicas in Rome, are destination points for pilgrims who travel to Rome during a Jubilee and who pass through seeking special graces and outpourings of God's mercy. The last Ordinary Jubilee was the Great Jubilee of 2000, celebrated by Pope John Paul II.

How do we celebrate a Jubilee Year?

Pope Francis encourages us to deepen our faith through pilgrimage, prayer, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and works of mercy during the Jubilee year. Each of these practices embodies the year's themes of mercy, healing, and renewal. Pilgrimage symbolises the journey of conversion and commitment to following Christ. Prayer draws us closer to God, opening hearts to His mercy and guidance. The sacrament of Reconciliation is an essential part of the Jubilee, inviting us to rediscover the value of confession and experience God's forgiveness in a personal, profound way. Works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual, play a central role as we are encouraged to perform charitable acts that support those in need, bringing Christ's compassion and justice to life. Together, these practices make the Jubilee a deeply transformative period, inviting all to renew their commitment to faith, love, and service.

PARISH NOTICES

ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP

(2nd & 4th Monday) Monday 13th January from 7pm - 9pm at the Parish Hall, Amberley. All men are welcome and encouraged to become better equipped to be more like St Joseph.

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