

## Sacramental Timetable

<b>Sunday Masses:</b>	Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30 am, 10.30 am
<b>Weekdays:</b>	Mon – Fri 9.15am
<b>Rosary:</b>	Monday – Friday after 9.15am Mass
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Saturdays: 10.45-11.30am

## Rosters for Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010

<b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>	Cath Gavan, Kath Chosich		
<b>Ministers of the Sick</b>	Michelle Lee, Constance Foo, Ivan Perera, Veronica Poskitt, Basil Chitty, Kath Richards, Margaret Stevens.		
<b>Counters</b>	Jack Krohn, Barry and Pat Cowan		
<b>Morning Tea after Mass</b>	Volunteers		
<b>Church Flowers</b>	Audrey Rawlins		
	<b>Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	<b>Sunday 8.30 am</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30 am</b>
<b>Sacristan</b>	Robert Foo	Paul McCulloch	Robert Vecchio
<b>Setting Up For Mass</b>	Adina D'Allano	Tony and Glad Hough	Angelo and Sherrin Fernando
<b>Welcomers</b>	John Foley	Alphonsus and Agnes DeRoza and family	Mike and Barbara Hardy
<b>Commentator</b>	John Hackett	Paul McCulloch	Phil Green
<b>Reader</b>	Judy Auld	Ray Lamerand	Brian Gleeson
<b>Lay Ministers</b>	Jon Chavarria Catherine Loo Graham Perrin Anne Neville Alphonsus Tan	John Staunton Dot Staunton Jonathan Au-Yeung Eileen Worsteling	Patricia Costanzo Judy Byrne Peter North Coombes Mary Frances Panikulam Henry Samuel
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Genevieve Cini Amashi Perera Danielle Martin	Gabriel and Jerome Sivarathnam Daniel Haymes	Ian and Jerome Tan Kyle Valadon Ryan and Chloe Samuel Rochelle Rodrigo
<b>Music</b>	Recorded Music/ Available choir	Recorded music	Available singers

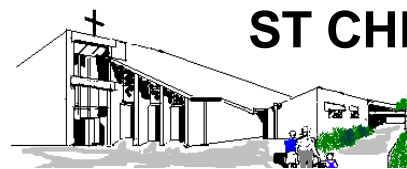
<b>The Pilgrim Statue 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010</b>	Dino welcomes Mary to his home. O thing of wonder! God created all things, Mary gave birth to God! <i>St Anselm</i>
<b>St Christopher's Syndal Community Helpers</b>	For confidential care & support in emergencies & times of need. ☎ Cath 9803 7302, Pauline 9802 9743 or Margaret 9807 3560.
<b>Telephone Prayer Chain</b>	Available 24 hours a day. All requests & enquiries confidential. Flo ☎9803 1717, Nicole/Peter ☎ 9802 9321, Marilyn ☎ 9887 9139
<b>Financial last week</b>	Thanksgiving offering: \$ 955.00 (upkeep of church) Loose cash: \$ 157.85 Total: \$ 1,112.85 First Collection: \$ 765.65 (upkeep of presbytery)

RECENT DEATH *we pray for* Carmel Mullins and Lucy Beh (mother of Patricia Cham),

both of whom who died on the 4<sup>th</sup> January

ANNIVERSARIES - *we remember*

Ronald Eales, Molly Tonkin, Giuseppe Sinni, Dennis Davies, Pat Clifford, Evelyn Hanrahan. Clare Macaulav. James Preston. Emilio Desario. Grace Hand



IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

# ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2010

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**School Principal:**  
Mr Shane Tobin

**School Secretary:**  
Jenny Bamber

**Parish Council Chair:**  
Justin Tan

**Parish Council Secretary:**  
David Ball

**READINGS**  
**THIS WEEK (Year C):**  
**1<sup>st</sup>:** Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7  
**Resp Psalm:** Ps  
103:1-2,2-3, 24-25,27-30  
**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-2/

We celebrate today, the Baptism of Jesus. It is a hinge feast, a final epiphany or manifestation of the Lord, and the beginning of ordinary time. Just as Jesus was empowered by the Spirit at the beginning of his public ministry, so we are empowered by the same Spirit at our baptism. Few of us can remember that moment; most of us were carried to the font, infants in the arms of our parents or godparents. Our name was given to us, our commitment was spoken for us, our future was promised to God. We spend our lives catching up with our beginning, struggling to make good the large promises made on our behalf. What started at our christening needs to be validated by our personal decisions. We have not left our baptism behind us; it faces us each day as God's expectation of us.

**ENTRANCE**

**ANTIPHON:** When the Lord had been baptised, the heavens opened, and the Spirit came down like a dove to rest on him. Then the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with him I am well pleased.

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:** Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

**GOSPEL**

**ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION**

**ANTIPHON:** This is he of whom John said: I have seen and have given witness that this is the Son of God.



**READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Isaiah 62:1-5  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** 1 Corinth 12:4-11  
**Resp Psalm:** Ps 95:1-3,7-10  
**Gospel:** John 2:1-11

## A WORD FROM ST VINCENT PALLOTTI

The Epiphany Octave was organised in Rome by Vincent Pallotti from 1836 onward. It was a celebration involving the various nationalities and rites in the Catholic Church. Not only did it express the rich diversity of the whole Church, but also sought to overcome competition. It was intended to create collaboration in Christ's mission to all nations and to express tangibly "the great idea of Catholic fraternity".

The greatest witness to mission is the unity and diversity of Christians in faith and love as we work together in a multicultural society.

## A VOCATION VIEW

Come on, continue your Baptism by baptising others in the Holy Spirit and fire. "You are my beloved child," says the Lord.

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY, 2010

This will be held on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Should anyone be interested in participating, please contact Lisa Rankin at City of Monash ☎ 9518 3225 [lisar@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:lisar@monash.vic.gov.au)

## OUR THANKS TO

Fr Jacob and Fr Lawrence Nemer (Sun 8.30am Mass) for saying Masses for us, whilst Fr Pat is away on a short break.

## IDEAS FOR YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

6 most important words: "I admit I made a mistake".  
5 most important words: "You did a good job".  
4 most important words: "What is your opinion?"  
3 most important words: "If you please!"  
2 most important words: "Thank you".  
The least important words: "I"



The word "January" comes from the name of a Roman god "Janus" who had 2 faces, one face looking back over the old year and one face looking out into the future. For Judao-Christians we pray: "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." For all that has been we say "thanks", (in spite of the difficult times), and to all that will be, we say "Yes".

## TIME

Dear Lord,

Let me find back the lost treasure of time;

Time for the gentle listening to a friend, For sharing the play of

a child, For consoling a suffering fellow man, For thinking without strain, For labour without pressure.

Time to delight in birds and flowers, Blooming trees and lustrous green.  
Time to enjoy music, friends and meals,  
Time to be silent and alone,  
Time to be quietly at home,  
Time to be present to Your mystery.  
Free from the tyranny of time urgency.

Let time not possess me nor the pressure of daily concerns. Let me not cram every moment with useful or exciting things to do or say.

**Let my life be a gentle preparation for the pure and precious moments of listening to You, so that I may not drown in the rushing waters of practical pursuits.**



## MARANATHA

"Come, Lord Jesus"  
*I was free for the morning to walk the summer lanes of a mysterious world of the Welsh borders. Just a few miles from the*

*world as we know it -supermarkets, traffic jams, regulations, advertising, stressed people and the speed that destroys spaciousness. Space is more than one place. One can go to one place and, if the circumstances are right and the mind is not flitting around, one can experience the gloriousness of the world.*

*The mystical tradition has always taught that "natural contemplation", the experience of God in the world, leads into the pure contemplation of God in Himself.*

*There is a simple way capable of many expressions: teaching contemplation to the young. From elementary school to university the response reported from teachers is the same. The young hungry for this spaciousness. And, if they cannot feed on it, their minds will continue to contract and narrow.*

*But when the opportunity is offered (and supported) the urban young can taste the inner spaciousness which reveals to them, as to their rustic ancestors, the intoxicating and healing beauty of the world.*

- Laurence Freeman, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation ([www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org))

## St Christopher's Meditation Group

(led by Dr John Gill) meets at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month. Welcome to all.

"Sit still and upright. Close your eyes lightly. Be relaxed.....Fr John Main, its founder, recommends the prayer phrase or mantra "Ma-ra-na-tha". This Aramaic word is mentioned in the New Testament and it means "Come, Lord Jesus".

**OUR CONDOLENCES** to the families of **Carmel Mullins** and **Lucy Beh** (mother of Patricia Cham). The Funeral Mass of Carmel Mullins will be held on **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 10.00am**, at Holy Saviour Catholic Church 5 Sherwood Rise, Vermont South.

## HEALING MASS AND RETREAT

By Fr Vijay Michael Antony, V.C. (Asst Director, Divine Retreat Centre, Kerala India) and Fr Sunil Aenekatt, V.C. **16<sup>th</sup> January, 11.00am** at St Peter's Church, Clayton

## Sunday School Leaders and Leaders-In-Training Meet Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan

@ **9.25am sharp** in Presbytery

Prep for the Meet:

1. Email your responses and choices to me by **Thur 21<sup>st</sup> Jan**  
Paper i: SS Leadership Roster  
Paper ii: Preferred SS Roles and Project for Term1. 2010  
Paper iii: My SS Team of Mentors 2010

2. Leaders' Prayer for Jan 2010  
*Make your paths known to me, Lord! Teach me your ways. Lead me by your faithfulness and teach me!  
For you are God my Saviour!  
In you I put my hope all day long. Remember, Lord, your tender care and love unfailing, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of the past. But remember me in your unfailing love. The Lord is good and upright.  
My eyes are ever on the Lord, who alone can free my feet from the net. Turn to me and show me your favour, Look on the desires of my heart. Teach me Lord your ways! Amen.*

*from Psalm 25*

**Please join in this prayer for our young leaders 2010**