The PARISH: If the [it] proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be:

"the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters." [28]

The BAPTISM of The LORD

OVER THE HOLIDAY SEASON can parishioners please fill in if they notice that someone who is on the roster is absent.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE DECEASED: June Barry, Fr. Tom Shanahan, Isaiah Spearim, (recently deceased), Don, Joan and Debra Stibbon, Harold Stevens, Albert, Josephine, Kevin & Chris Ellis, Maureen O’Kane, Edna & Jack Delaney & Harold Cane.

THE SICK: Kevin Pearce, Ave Pearce, Mia Henderson-Johnson Michelle Owens, Christian Vimpany, Samantha Murphy, Monique Correy, John Bellette, Ellie and Hope Spicer.

DOING A FEW THINGS WELL

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.

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

SATURDAY: 5.00PM to 5.30PM

STEWARDSHIP

A Wakening the Faithful

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Monday 9:30AM Parish Mass
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Thursday No Parish Mass
Friday 9:30AM Parish Mass
Saturday 6:00PM Vigil Mass
SUNDAY 8:30AM Parish Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENCEANCE

SATURDAY: 5.00PM to 5.30PM

SEEKING OUT THOSE WHO BELONG

menALIVE Men’s Weekend

PROGRAM

Saturday
8:00am–8:45am Registration
9:00am–9:30am Introduction/Prayer
9:30am–10:45am Workshop
Moming tea break
11:15am–11:45am Lunch
1:45pm–2:30pm Talk 1: The Father’s Love Group Session 1
3:30pm–4:30pm Talk 2: The Father’s Dream Group Session 2
5:00pm–5:30pm Silence/Personal Prayer/Reconciliation
Dinner
6:45pm–9:00am Talk 3: The Father’s Son

Sunday
8:30am–10:00am Talk 4: What then must we do?
Moming tea break
10:30am–11:15am Talk 5: To be a Man of God
11:15am–12 noon Testimonies and thank you
12 noon–12:30pm Mass preparations
12:30pm–1:30pm Closing Mass

REGISTRATION FORM

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Mobile:
Email:
Date of Birth:
Payment:

I am paying by:

- Cheque
- Direct Deposit
- Cash

If paying by cheque please post to below:

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RSVP I FEBRUARY

MAKING CHURCH MATTER

Gospel Reading


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Background on the Gospel Reading

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The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus’ perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew’s Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his discipale to pray to his Father.

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ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

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