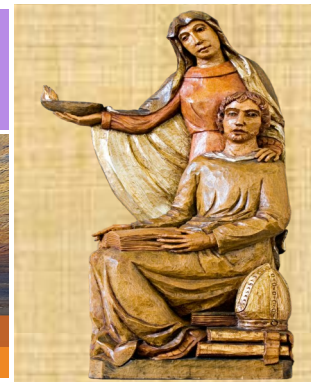




# The Baptism of the Lord, Year A 10th/11th January 2026.



## Parishes of St Monica & St Vincent de Paul Moonee Ponds & Strathmore

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<u>Sunday Worship Timetable</u>				<u>Weekday Worship Timetable</u>			
SVdP: Reconciliation	@	5:30 pm	& followed by	SVdP: Tuesday–Thursday	@	9:15 am	
Saturday Vigil	@	6:00 pm		Friday	@	10:00 am	
Sunday	@	9:30 am		SM: Tue, Thu & Fri	@	9:15 am	
SM: Saturday Vigil	@	6:00 pm		Wed (Communion Service)	@	9:15 am	
Sunday	@	8:30 am	( <i>Italian &amp; English</i> )	Saturday	@	8:00 am	
Sunday	@	10:30 am		followed by Reconciliation:	@	8:30 am	
Sunday	@	5:30 pm					

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### Please remember in your Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** Iris Pereira, Mick Tomney, Helen Jackson, Pat Jackson

**Anniversaries:** Veronica Evans, Giuseppa Di Pasquale, Deahne Elliott

**The Sick & Seriously Ill:** Please remember in your prayers all those in our Parish who are sick and suffering serious illness, together with their families and loved ones who care for them.

**Names for the Parish Weekly Update:** If you would like your loved one who has died recently or whose anniversary is occurring to be remembered at Mass and in the Parish Weekly Update, please make sure you have their names into the Parish Office by Wednesday at 3.00pm.

**New Appointment:** Archbishop Peter Comensoli has recently announced the appointment of Fr Joseph Raj as Assistant Priest of St Joseph's Parish, Malvern; Holy Eucharist & St Mary's Parish, Malvern East; and St Roch's Parish, Glen Iris. This new appointment will take effect on 27 January 2026.

We, the parishioners of St Monica's Parish, Moonee Ponds, and St Vincent de Paul's Parish, Strathmore, sincerely thank Fr Raj for his dedicated and generous service to our parish communities over the past five months. We are deeply grateful for his pastoral care, commitment, and presence among us, and we wish him every blessing in his new appointment.

We now await the appointment of a new Assistant Priest to replace Fr Raj and pray that this appointment will be made soon.

**Liturgical Readings for The Baptism of  
the Lord, Year A**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

**42:1-4, 6-7**

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
I have endowed him with my spirit  
that he may bring true justice to the nations.  
He does not cry out or shout aloud,  
or make his voice heard in the streets.  
He does not break the crushed reed,  
nor quench the wavering flame.  
Faithfully he brings true justice;  
he will neither waver, nor be crushed  
until true justice is established on earth,  
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of  
right;

I have taken you by the hand and formed you;  
I have appointed you as covenant of the  
people and light of the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to free captives from prison,  
and those who live in darkness from the dun-  
geon.

**The word of the Lord, R/Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 28:1-4, 9-10**

**R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

O give the Lord you sons of God,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,  
the Lord on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the Lord, full of power,  
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

The God of glory thunders.  
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'  
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**10:34-38**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:  
'The truth I have now come to realise' he said  
'is that God does not have favourites, but that  
anybody of any nationality who fears God and  
does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of  
Israel, and it was to them that the good news of  
peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus  
Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard  
about the recent happenings in Judaea; about  
Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee,  
after John had been preaching baptism. God had  
anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with  
power, and because God was with him, Jesus  
went about doing good and curing all who had  
fallen into the power of the devil.'

**The word of the Lord, R/Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The heavens were opened and the Father's  
voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear  
him.

Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to**

**Matthew**

**3:13-17**

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be bap-  
tised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I  
who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet  
you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it  
like this for the time being; it is fitting that we  
should, in this way, do all that righteousness  
demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from  
the water, and suddenly the heavens opened  
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a  
dove and coming down on him. And a voice  
spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Be-  
loved; my favour rests on him.'

**The Gospel of the Lord, R/Praise to you, Lord  
Jesus Christ.**

