

Mass Intentions from Jan 11-17, 2025

Sat. Jan 11/4:30 p.m.	Nick Baird	- Teresa Baird
Sun. Jan 12/10:00 a.m.	Nick Baird Eileen Shanahan	-Teresa Baird - Shanahan & Scott family
Wed. Jan 15/10:00 p.m.	Raymond, Ivy & Fabian Edward	- Edward family
Thu. Jan 16/10:00 a.m.	Antonio Muzzo	- Anna Muzzo
Fri. Jan 17/10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Scott, Ryan, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner Family	- Teresa Baird

FEAST : THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year C)

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased”



Today we recall the beginning of the public mission of Jesus. We see John the Baptist stepping aside in order that GOD might work directly among his people. John owned the fact that he is merely a signpost pointing the way to the fullness of truth.

Today, we are reminded as we recall our own Baptism, that like Jesus, we are being sent out on a mission of proclaiming the Good News of GOD'S love for others. This is our calling and our mission.

First Reading (Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7)

Here is my chosen servant in whom my soul delights.

Second Reading (Acts 10.34-38)

The Lord anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel (Luke 3:15-16. 21-22)

When Jesus had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was open and the Holy Spirit descended upon him.

Reflection:

There are many false prophets and preachers in our world today.

Jesus is given to us as the sole answer to the world's longings. Every one of us looks for a meaning in life. We look for solutions to our problems, and we seek people who can guide us. Yet we often end up with less than satisfactory solutions.

GOD does not want us to be blocked off from the fullness of this love. He poured out his love on Jesus in the River Jordan. And now he wishes to do the same with us. He wishes to say to us today

“You are my beloved. You are very special to me”.

But he can only say this, if we allow him. We can only hear this, if we listen to him. We are invited to abandon our false gods and live our baptismal consecration in the power of Christ.

May you live out your mission of sharing in the ministry of Jesus and of proclaiming the Good News of God's love for others.

Blessed are You, LORD GOD, ever loving **Abba-Father**. Through Your Goodness, You have manifested Your love and Your presence with Your Son at His baptism in the River Jordan. Your Holy Spirit was seen in a visible sign as being with Jesus at the beginning of His public life. You spoke of Him as Your beloved Son, with Whom You were well pleased. We thank You for “epiphany-ing” (showing forth and shining upon) Your Son in such a powerful way. We also come as people whom You have gifted with the sacrament of Baptism. You are plunging us into new life – Your new life as Your daughters and sons, as brothers and sisters of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus. You free us from our old life of sin and place in us Your presence and Your favor. You ask us to do Good as Your Son did, to proclaim Your Good News to others by our actions. We thank You and praise You for gracing us with Your life and Your love. It is in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother that we lift this prayer to You. For He is Your Beloved in Whom You are well pleased, He is our Master-Teacher, Who is living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, our one and only GOD, for ever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLIC FAITH CALENDAR 2025

Beautiful religious calendars for 2025 are available for purchase for \$5.00 each.

Colourfully illustrated with a suitable Catholic Religious instructional theme and prayer for each month. Includes daily Gospel reading and Saint feast days, liturgical feast days, days of fasting and abstinence, public holidays, lunar cycles, a supplementary section on the ten commandments, preparation for confession, and other precepts and tenets of the church.

It comes with our complete parish address, email, phone & website.

Thank you for supporting your parish.

Please pick up your SUNDAY ENVELOPE BOXES for 2025.

If your box is not available, please continue using a blank envelope with your contribution and 2024 number and leave your name, phone number and box number on the sheet provided on the table. A box will be assigned to you as soon as possible

Should you take the wrong box by mistake, please don't forget to return it.

All parishioners are requested to please fill out one of your 2025 envelope with your complete address by January 26 for tax receipts.



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
In memory of Raymond, Ivy & Fabian Edward.**

By: Edward Family.

Sick and Shut-Ins

If you have a family member or know of a friend who is shut-in and wish to receive Holy Communion or a visit from our pastoral home care team please call the parish office.

We are here to serve you.



As St. Richards continues to build parish vitality and stewardship in the parish, Fr. George and all parish committees wish to increase the engagement of every parishioner (regardless of age) in the life of the parish as stewards, and is inviting us all to become more involved in the myriad of different ways to serve one another for the glory of God. If you wish to be a volunteer for activities and entertainments, or have ideas on how to build our parish community, please feel free to fill out the form at the back and drop it in the donation box or hand it over to Samia Cassar.

Every helping hand is a way to build up St. Richards to be a Vibrant Parish.

Thank you!

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday morning mass at 10 a.m.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Every Friday 9:30 am followed by EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT at 9:50 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation can be heard every Sunday 30 minutes before and after mass.

Inspirational Quotes to help you overcome...

“Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.” — Helen Keller

“It is only in our darkest hours that we may discover the true strength of the brilliant light within ourselves that can never, ever, be dimmed.”— Doe Zantamata

“We either make ourselves miserable or we make ourselves strong. The amount of work is the same.” — Carlos Costaneda