

**PARISH TEAM**

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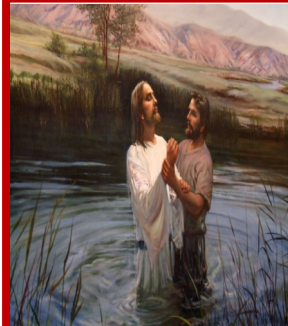
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Our Lady of the Way  
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Parish Pastoral Council  
Chairperson.

**Jim Prendergast**  
Parish Finance  
Chairperson

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Have you thought? – Baptism

Whilst today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it is also a reminder and celebration of our own Baptism. Today's gospel is a reminder that we are baptised with the Holy Spirit, not merely with water. To be baptised with the Holy Spirit means that we are drawn into communion with God and we are also empowered by that communion to make a difference in the world – to reach out a helping hand to those in need and to proclaim the good news of Jesus through our actions and our words.

*Giving thanks to God for all members of Our Lady of the Way Parish. Your generosity of service, Sharing of your Talents, your financial support and particularly your presence—continues to sustain us in the mission to which God has called each us - to establish*

*His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven!*

*MAY EVERYONE BE BLESSED IN THIS YEAR OF 2021*

**BISHOP VINCENTS CHRISTMAS PASTORAL LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF PARRAMATTA:**

Copies of the Bishops letter are available from the church Foyer.

**COVID UPDATE FROM OUR DIOCESE : as at 21 December 2020 until further notice.**

The 4 Sq M rule applies and our numbers are limited to 100 people. Wearing of Masks is mandatory unless exempt for health reasons.

**WEEKDAY MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES : NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED BUT WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS ADHERED TO.**

**TUESDAY EVENING—6PM**

**WEDNESDAY—9.00AM**

**THURSDAY—9.00AM** Adoration of the blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.00am.

**FRIDAY – 9.00 AM**

**RECONCILIATION SATURDAY AT 5PM**

**CONTACT US**

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**SACRAMENTS**

Please contact Parish Office 4735 1041.  
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**R.C.I.A.:** The process for adults interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church.

**QR CODE FOR REGISTERING ATTENDANCE AT MASS:** Because we are now using this QR Code system using mobile phones—please take care to turn off or to silent your phone as you enter the church. Registration sheets will still be available for those who do not have mobile phones: 100 Maximum capacity in church has to be strictly adhered to by government regulation. Thank you all for your efforts in maintaining these regulations.

**PLEASE NOTE: PARISH OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY 2021**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Ray Dukes, a foundation member of OLOW Parish, recently was awarded the Jim Anderson Memorial Award to recognise & reward significant contributions to sport in the Penrith Community. Ray was involved in establishing Leonay Golf Club. For many years his service to the game of golf & the community was outstanding, his duties included C.E.O. Course Superintendent.

Ray was acknowledged as the best golfer from Penrith district never to play as a professional, he was the recipient of more local titles & club records than any other golfer. The perpetual trophy is on display at the Penrith Council Chambers, congratulations Ray, well deserved.

**COMMENTATORS AND READERS:** New Rosters are available from the church foyer. Thank you to everyone who has offered to be part of this important ministry.

“This is **my** parish! I’m part of what it is.

And I’m part of whatever it will next be”

**PROPERTY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT**

*Care of our land and buildings and ongoing planning for the future.*

Grounds and landscaping, Maintenance and repairs compliance of OHS, Security, investigate commercial opportunities, Research & Planning for major future developments, Tradespeople & Volunteers, Church Cleaning, Altar Society, Maintain Church signage & symbols—care and presentation of banners and Liturgical decorations, Prepare and maintain “Mission Wall”

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**ROSARY:** Everyone is invited to pray The Rosary which will be said prior to the 9am weekday Masses commencing at 8.30am—contact Chrissy at the Parish Office 4735 1041 for more information.

**Please pray for those who are sick in our community.**

Grace Perry, Kevin Rose, Karen Gulliksen, Harry Beasley, Maddison Farrugia, Leone Kirton, Vicki Wells, Mark Simmonds, Max Scott, Anita Glynn, Libby Lawson, Paul Dalton, Shirley & Les Coburn, Michelle Gardam, Jacqui Walker, Mary Berkout, Patricia Knoke, Brian Payne, Mervin McCaster, Marie Mahoney, Jeffrey Ridley, Michael Mercieca, Carmen Smith, Beryl Page, Frances Payne, Val Smith, Barbara Grant, Gregory Clare, Judy Chesters, Angela Lonergan, Emma Woods, Brian O'Hara, Bruce Gillett, Ray Dukes, Barbara Grant, Mavis Thompson, Nathalie Dhyon, Pam & Mike Sayer, Terry Simpkin, Nicole Unsal, John Von Schomburg, Debra Gleeson, Paul Ziberras, Ken Ridley, Joseph Stipich, Joyce Dukes, Tyler Kennedy, Catalina Labra—Knox, Teresa & Larry Dunn & Graham and Christine Hall.