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 9.00am - 5.00pm (Tuesday - Friday) | 9.00am - 1.00pm (Saturday & Sunday)



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Parish Priest speaks...

It is of great significance that Jesus inaugurates His public ministry with His Baptism by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. Beginning with His Baptism, He reveals in a new and more perfect way the whole divine plan for the salvation of humanity. It is the plan that God the Father Himself intended to bring about through Jesus Christ, the plan into which we ourselves are immersed by the Sacrament of Baptism. We hear God speak through the prophet Isaiah in today's first reading: "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased." This prophecy finds its clear fulfilment in Jesus Christ, in the Gospel text, narrated at the Baptism of Jesus, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased'.

What is the mission of the beloved Son, the Servant of God with whom He is pleased? Jesus reveals His mission in the answer He gives to John as His reason for requesting Baptism. He says to him, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." This response "to fulfil all righteousness" is not a superficial matter but an obedient acceptance of all of God's commandments. It means a total and unrestricted "Yes" to God's will. The will of God is our salvation, our eternal life, and the way we welcome His gift of salvation is by faithfulness to His covenant of love and by living according to His commandments.

On our own, we cannot fulfil all righteousness. The fallen human nature which we have inherited with original sin leaves us weak and wounded, and our own repeated sins have not made things any better. We find it hard to remain faithful to God and do His will. Truly, we need a Savior to redeem our human nature, to undo the work of Satan, to free us from sin, to make it easy for us to do God's will that is, to do all that righteousness demands and to enter into the joy and glory of Heaven. Throughout the Christmas Season, which ends with today's Feast, we have celebrated the arrival of this Saviour. It is for this very reason, our salvation, that God came in the Person of Jesus, who is God and man.

It is the light of the Scriptures and the Sacred Tradition; we understand that Jesus began His ministry by submitting Himself to Baptism as an anticipation of His Passion and Death on the Cross. It is by the Cross that He will fulfil all that righteousness demands. The righteousness of God, the will of God for Jesus, is to take away our sins, to make Heaven and the heavenly blessings accessible to us through His saving Death. His Baptism in the River Jordan foreshadows and anticipates His "plunge" into the Death through which He fulfils the scripture.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism is our entry into Jesus' Death and Resurrection; it is the beginning of our new life in Christ. Because of Baptism, we can cross the difficult waters of this life and reach our heavenly promised land. Salvation has already been won for us, but this does not mean all the work is finished on our part. We still need to accept Jesus' invitation and live our baptismal commitments by keeping the commandments doing all that righteousness demands, carrying the sweet yoke of God's will. Accepting and living by the grace of Baptism means that we no longer do our own will all the time. We belong to God as His beloved children, and we strive to live by His will, for His glory. Jesus reveals that the defining standard for every one of His followers is self-sacrifice in love for the glory of God. God desires that all people should come and share in the Baptism of Christ and so be led by Him to the heavenly promised land. Salvation is not for the people of Jewish origin alone. This is the point St. Peter makes in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles. His saying that "God shows no partiality" does not mean that all religions are the same and share equally the fullness of the truth. No, this is not the case. "God shows no partiality" means that all people, Gentiles like Cornelius and his household, as well as Jews like Peter and Paul can share in the life of Christ. Salvation is open to all who accept the faith handed on to us, the one, holy, Catholic and apostolic faith as we say in the Creed and who "confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins." Let us all welcome with joy and gratitude the gift of new life in Baptism.

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." -Matthew 3:17

- How do I live out the great gift of Baptism that God has bestowed upon me?
- What are the struggles and difficulties that I encounter as I say "Yes" to God's will for me?
- In what ways am I now striving to live by His will for His glory and honour?

Mass & Prayer Times		Date	Description
The Baptism of the Lord			
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun	Is 42: 1-4, 6-7
BM Mass	9.00am	11 Jan	Acts 10: 34-38 Mt 3: 13-17
No Mass		Mon 12 Jan	
Lauds	6.20am	Tue 13 Jan	St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Wed 14 Jan	
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Thu 15 Jan	St. Paul the Hermit
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Fri 16 Jan	
Mass	6.45am		
DM Chaplet	3.00pm		
Lauds	6.20am	Sat 17 Jan	St. Anthony, Abbot
Mass	6.45am		
Novena to OMPH	5.15pm		
Mass	5.30pm		
DM Chaplet	8.30am	Sun 18 Jan	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 49: 3, 5-6 1 Cor 1: 1-3 Jn 1: 29-34
Mass	9.00am		



PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS COLLECTIONS

Wed, 31 Dec 2025 (11.00pm): RM1685.30
 Thur, 1 January 2026 (9.30am): RM2074.00
 Sat, 3 Jan (5.30pm): RM1410.60 (P¹ collection) & RM1546.50 (for the poor)
 Sun, 4 Jan (9.00am): RM2490.20 (P¹ collection) & RM2704.50 (for the poor)

A FAITH-FILLED FOUNDATION THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Catechism will resume on **Sun, 11 January 2026** from **10.45am to 12.00pm** for pre-school (age 6) until Form 5 (age 17). Please take note that there will be a parents' meeting with Fr. Michael Raymond, OFM. Cap on **Sun, 18 Jan 2026 (11.00am)** at St. Faustina Hall. For pre-school registrations, contact Joanna (016-435 9217) or Nicole (016-201 0372)
Commissioning of Faith Sharers will be held on Sun, 18 Jan during the 9.00am Mass

PONGGAL CELEBRATIONS 2026

Join in the thanksgiving for God's abundant grace in giving us a bountiful harvest of blessings in the past year and for the new year.

Date: **Sat, 17 January 2026**

The Tamil Apostolate will be having a registration counter for the competitions this weekend (10th & 11th Jan) after Mass.

Competitions (**9.30am - 12.00pm**):

1. Ponggal Pot Colouring
2. Tying of Flowers
3. Thoranam Weaving

Activities:

- 3.00pm:** Lord's Ponggal at church's main porch
- 5.30pm:** Mass
- 6.30pm:** Best Indian traditional dress (male & female)
Ponggal pot breaking
Prize-giving dinner fellowship & lucky draw



MT MIRIAM CANCER HOSPITAL VACANCY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Seeking a creative and driven individual to join Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital - Community and Development Team. This role plays a key part in supporting the Hospital's fundraising and community engagement initiatives, working closely with internal teams and external stakeholders to strengthen community partnerships and donor support. Please send your resume with current self-photo & stating expected salary to subloh@mountmiriam.com. Please indicate position that you applying as the subject. For more details on the job, please visit <http://www.mountmiriam.com>. Closing deadline for applications: **16 Jan 2026**



Charismatic Renewal Group:
Wed, 14 & 28 January 2026 (7.15pm) at St. Faustina Hall
 Christian Meditation:
Wed, 21 January 2026 (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room