



St Oliver's Primary School

Newsletter

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At St Oliver's we are called to unite in service by living out our Mercy Values and striving to be quality learners who contribute positively to our community.

Term 4 Week 9

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10th December 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

December

Friday 11th

Christmas Raffle drawn

Wednesday 16th

End of Year
Thanksgiving and Yr 6
Graduation

Wednesday 16th

Last day of school

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January

Wednesday 27th &

Thursday 28th

Staff Development Days

Thursday 28th

MAI Test for Yr 1-6

Friday 29th

MAI test for Kindy 2021
Year 1-6 commence

February

Monday 1st

1st day for Kindergarten



A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark (Mk 1:1-8)

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

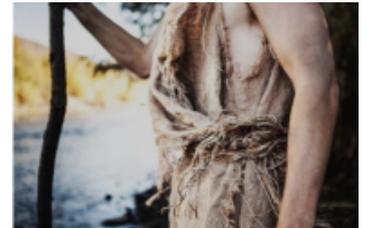
A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,

and so, it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

Awakening

This gospel account of the person and role of the prophet John the Baptist is centered on the significance of Baptism. John, not only issues a call to repentance but in the same context speaks passionately about the mission which flows from Baptism; this is to prepare the way for others to encounter Jesus. In this preparation of the way, we ourselves are called to get out of the way. John is the one who leads people to Jesus in a profound non-ego centered way. He issues an uncompromising invitation to all of us to die to our ego self where we are tempted to draw all things to ourselves, and to point the way to another who embodies unconditional love. The beautiful art work of Phillip Mantofa captures well this historic meeting. The selflessness of John leads to transcendence which in this scene is depicted as the Holy Spirit hovering gently making apparent the divine presence in this significant meeting between the two cousins; John and Jesus. (CEDP Mission Team)



1. As I live out my Baptismal call how do I encounter others in a selfless way?

Image

John Baptizing Jesus by Phillip Mantofa

Anthony Matthews
Religious Education Coordinator

Toiletries Drive

JRS - Christmas Donations to those IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

Every year, St Oliver's generously reaches out to help those seeking asylum as refugees. In response to the effect that the pandemic has had on asylum seekers and refugees, many who do not receive any ongoing assistance from the government and live in destitution and face homelessness. This Christmas, let's join together to assist these families gain access to their basic needs.

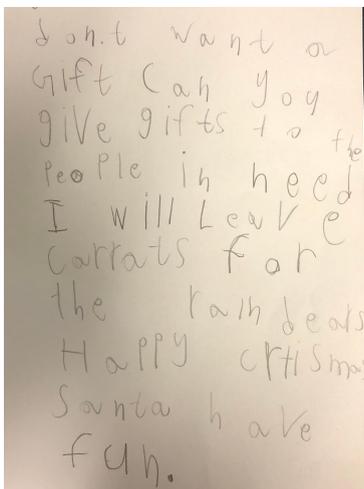
This year we are having a **TOILETRIES** drive:

- Nappies (large sizes)
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Sanitary pads and napkins
- Razors and shaving foam
- Deodorant (male & female)
- Soap



Please send these into the school with your child by Wednesday, 16th December.

A Kindergarten student's Christmas message



*"I don't want a gift
Can you give gifts to the people in need
I will leave carrots for the rain dears
Happy Crhsmas Santa have fun."*

Brand new beloved child

On 1st of December Carmen Iovannella and her husband Matt and daughter Liliana welcomed their second child into the world.

Jimi Tony Iovannella was born at 6:34am and has now returned home to begin their next chapter of their lives.

We pray that Mrs Iovannella's family have all the gifts graced by our Lord.



PBS4L NEWS

We are respectful by following instructions



OLI'S STAR CLASS

Congratulations to Kindergarten



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

To celebrate the end of the school year, we will be providing a sausage sizzle for the students next Tuesday, 15th December.

- Sausage sizzle
- Zooper dooper
- Lollipop
- Fun activities

