



Shrine News

Jubilee Year of Mercy

New Divine Mercy Shrine



The construction of our new Divine Mercy outdoor shrine will begin soon. We were blessed to receive a sponsor to build this latest addition to the contemplative Garden of the Immaculate.

The Shrine will be a replica of an old wayside shrine in Italy, pictured in the above photo. It will be constructed with the same white bricks as the Holy Innocents Chapel and then be crowned with a timber roof.

The Divine Mercy Icon in the Shrine will be Fr. Robert's painting now displayed in the Shrine Chapel.

A new footpath will be added to connect this Divine Mercy Shrine with all the other devotional areas and chapels.

Jubilee Indulgence at the Shrine



Open wide the Doors of Mercy. The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents is one of the designated sites in the Diocese of Parramatta for obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence. The indulgence is granted by passing through the Chapel's Holy Door, praying the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Creed for the intention of the Holy Father, receiving holy communion on that day, and going to confession within 20 days (before or after) the pilgrimage visit. The faithful can choose to receive the indulgence for themselves or apply it to a deceased loved one. The Shrine is open everyday from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm. Shrine weekday Mass is celebrated at 6.45 am.



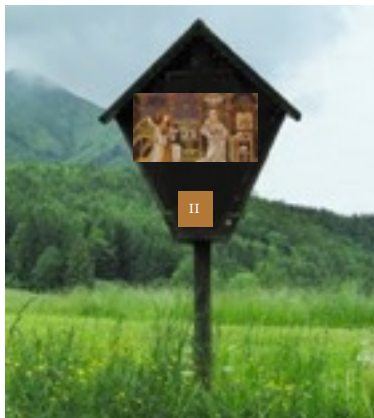
Epiphany Celebration

Over 150 people celebrated Epiphany at the Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents. The morning started with a procession of the Three Kings from the original timber Chapel to the Holy Innocents Chapel for Mass followed by morning tea in the Our Lady of Guadalupe undercroft.



Franciscan Crown Rosary Garden

The new Franciscan Crown Rosary Garden will be built near the new Divine Mercy Shrine. Legend tells us that this Franciscan version of the Rosary began when the



Virgin Mary inspired a young student friar to remain faithful to his vocation by weaving a “crown of prayer” through meditation on the seven joyful mysteries in her life.

The seven crown stations will be built in the style of the European wayside shrines. Each station will display a ceramic image of one of Our Lady’s joys.

The friars are seeking sponsors for each of the seven Franciscan Crown stations. The cost for each station is \$2,500. Included in the cost is the construction of the Station Shrine, the artwork itself, landscaping, a new footpath leading around the stations, and the construction of a covered bridge on the footpath to provide a weatherproof place for devotional booklets. To sponsor a station please contact either Fr. Robert or Br. Jerry.

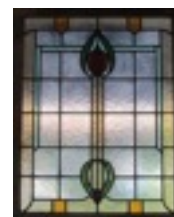
Timber Chapel Renovated

The renovation of the Timber Chapel continues. A donation was given to the Shrine for this project. The floor of the addition on the side of the chapel has been leveled and paving stones laid. The new wall in the chapel sanctuary will continue across the side addition and a confessional will be added in the corner. The altar and lectern will be rebuilt with the white bricks to match the Holy Innocents Chapel.



Federation style timbers now enhance the exterior of the Chapel. A federation stained glass window will be installed in the new wall.

In March we will have a rededication Mass and the chapel will be renamed the “St. Anthony Chapel” after St. Anthony of Padua, the Franciscan patron of children, and in honour of our own Fr Anthony Zahra.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Conference Room Available for Retreats and School Meetings

Several months ago we had meetings with diocesan and Catholic school administrators to determine what they would need to use the Shrine facilities for meetings or retreats for students and staff. Our goal has been to develop the shrine and conference room as a religious venue to bring in needed income to help make the Shrine self-supporting.



The administrators recommended that we make the undercroft as comfortable as the other retreat centers they use on a regular basis. They stated that air conditioning and wireless internet were necessary requirements. Other requirements included additional tables and chairs for groups up to sixty people, media equipment, and a wall to separate the conference room from the kitchen to prevent food preparation from interfering with a meeting.



The remodeling of the undercroft is complete and we are booking groups. In addition to meetings and retreats we are organizing pilgrimages from Catholic schools and parishes to the Shrine for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

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