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If you are having your child Baptised in our parish it is a requirement that you attend a prior Preparation Session.
The next date for a Session is Sunday, 10 February so please contact the Parish Office for further information.

WEEKDAY MASS RESPONSES
Available at the back of the church

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Weekday Masses Tuesday - Friday **9:00am**
Reconciliation Saturday **5:00pm - 5:30pm**
Weekend Masses Saturday **6:00pm**
Sunday **8:30am**
Sunday **10:00am**
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GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate (CathNews)

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity.

His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity?

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

Mass Times next week

Tuesday: 9.00am Wednesday: 9.00am Thursday: 9.00am Friday: 9.00am
Saturday: Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am 10.00am 5.00pm
Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00pm - 5.45pm

Parish Finance Update

2nd Collection including Planned Giving envelopes (5/6 Jan)
\$1,293.55

Family Fast (Dec) \$ 215.35
Direct Debit (Dec) \$ 860.00

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If you would like to join one or both of these Ministries, please contact Amy— 0416 915 161, Tina—0438 280 125 or Fr Jeronimo.



As requested last week, we ask the current members of these ministries to please check your weekly rosters as reminders will no longer be sent.

Please come and join our parish community for morning tea in the hall after the 8.30am Mass this Sunday.



Thank you to all the Wise Men who participated in the celebrations in the church last weekend and made it a memorable occasion.

Meeting

Tues 15 Jan—St Vincent de Paul, parish house at 7.30pm

Next weekend's (19/20 January) readings are for the 2 Sun Ord Time Year C

1st Reading : Isaiah 62: 1-5

2nd Reading : 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel : John 2: 1-11

First collection - Takes place immediately after the prayer of the faithful and prior to offertory.

Second Collection - Takes place immediately after the offertory and this collection is for our Church/parish expenses.

Feast Day this week.....

Thurs 17 Jan—St Anthony—Born in 251 in upper Egypt. At an early age he gave away his possessions and sought an austere life and solitude in the desert. He remained involved in the theological controversies of his day, defending the divinity of Christ. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. Remembered as the father of monasticism, he died in 356.

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: 103: 1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

R: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R)**
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **(R)**
3. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **(R)**
4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **(R)**
5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 3: 16

Alleluia, Alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

