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9th & 10th January 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year B)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Sing a psalm to the Lord

for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: cf John 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist 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'.

It was this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn

apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. 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.

General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:
Sick: Joan Keuken, Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Kim J, Cherie, Izaak, Anne-Maree Sullivan, Peter & Aurelia Di Ciero, Tony Cunningham, Claudette & Gilbert, Florens, Kate, Tim Lawson, John Hopper, Cassandra, Mary and John Hamilton, Carmel O'Healy, Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Nancy Leonard, Brian Walsh, Michael Paola, Barbara De Vincentiis, Emma, Wayne, Julian Monteiro, Dolly Maher, Salvacion Santos, Ricky, Giovanna Zammit, Michael Jordan, , Catherine Fields, Sam Lawson, Geoff, Grace Quinlivan, Bianca, , Mary Ovans, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose Grima, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi, Stephen Wakeham, Gwen Weaver, June, Jenny Goh, Peter Bedford, Rose Roberts

Reconciliation By appointment
Anointing of the sick By appointment
Marriages: Please give at least six months' notice.
Baptism: Please contact parish office for details.
Parish office - Please call 0448 658 418
Pastoral worker - Please call 0448 664 731
St Vincent de Paul - If assistance is required please contact 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm
Care group Contact Parish Office 0448 658 418



We are a child safe Parish

Mass Bookings
Bookings are essential to ensure our compliance
Bookings are through Trybooking
All sanitising, social distancing and contact tracing rules need to be followed.

If you don't have access to a computer, or need assistance with TryBooking, please call Sharon on 0448 658 418.

Below is the link for Masses Saturday 16 & Sunday 17th January
<https://www.trybooking.com/BNVWY>

Mass Times are as follows:

Lilydale	
Tuesday	9.15am
Wednesday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am
Saturday	9am Latin Mass 6pm Vigil
Sunday	10.30am
Healesville	
Thursday	9.15am
Sunday	8.30am

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

Weekly Pledged Amount to Parish (thanksgiving only)
\$1404.50

Thanksgiving received week ending 3 rd January 2021	
Thanksgiving Collection \$	2176.00
Presbytery \$	919.30
Restoration \$	206.20



There will be **NO** week day morning Masses from Tuesday 12th January through to Friday 22nd January as Fr Francis takes a break. However Fr John will be saying Mass on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th January. Please book using the link below
<https://www.trybooking.com/BNVWY>



The insurance company have erected scaffolding on the presbytery side of the church to fix the leaking roof. This is taking up most of the pathway. Please take care.

From Debbie's Desk



We face the New Year with a sense of fresh expectation, buoyed by the fun of the Christmas season that we have just enjoyed, and slowly acclimatising to the fact that daily routine is once again well and truly back. Our readings at Masses this week reflect what we experience on the ground, for the Church's liturgical year has an uncanny connection to what we, as a society, face each day, we just need to take the time to notice. Liturgically, the Christmas stories recede and the nitty gritty of life in Israel in the first century

jumps out before us, almost without warning. In our Gospel this week, Jesus is now 30 years old and, up until the moment of his Baptism, has been just another unremarkable face in the crowd from the perspective of those around him. Living in 21st century Melbourne, I find this gap in our knowledge of the life of Jesus to be quite comforting. It reinforces to me that we need not feel that we have to be standing in a spotlight to love God. 'Ordinary' is part of God's plan for all of us, even Jesus. John the Baptist makes his second appearance in the Gospels, a well-known, if not somewhat bizarre local figure. It was John who revealed the unborn Jesus to his mother, a prophet even before his own birth, as he leapt for joy in her womb at the sound of Mary's voice. Not many of us have confirmed careers before we are even born, but Jesus and John, the sons of cousins Mary and Elizabeth, stand out amongst men for many reasons, not the least being their destinies as the promised saviour of humanity and his herald. John the Baptist now baptises Jesus, immersing him in the Jordan River, and from the moment Jesus breaks the surface of the water to draw in a new breath, he is propelled from obscurity to distinction, driven by his vocation, reflecting the unpredictability of our own human journeys. Jesus rises, John recedes.

The Gospel talks about the heavens being 'torn open' to reveal the fullness of the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In this glorious, incomprehensible moment, the secrets of heaven burst upon humanity like a lightning flash – blindingly present, then hidden from our eyes yet again. Jesus pulls into sharp, clear focus the predictions of the prophets. Through him we can see, hear, touch and feel God. Jesus shows us his Father in the love of the Holy Spirit in a way that we can truly understand, for he meets us exactly where we are.

From the heights of the glorious moment of revelation of the Trinity following his baptism, Jesus is dumped into the reality of living amongst men who have no idea of who he truly is, or who God truly is. He 'is driven' into the desert in preparation for what is to come, fasting and praying for 40 days and nights. Over the next weeks, the Gospels bring us stories of Jesus who is getting to know a bunch of new friends, and adversaries. We come to know Jesus who is bold, simple, controversial, loving, gentle, just, who is homeless, jobless, and reliant on others for food and lodging. Jesus lives life as a struggle, in the same way that we do. No preferential treatment for

the Father's own Son here, we come to truly know God through Jesus, our brother from the trenches.

I wonder about Jesus' own thoughts as he experienced the affirmation of the voice of his Father and the visible appearance of the Holy Spirit as a dove. I wonder about his prayer life in the desert. or after he raised Lazarus from the dead, his prayer before and after his Transfiguration, as he gave his close friends Holy Communion, or as he suffered in the Garden of Gethsemane. What were those conversations between Father, Son and Holy Spirit like? I wonder what Jesus wondered about! As a human baby, toddler and teenager he learned as we learn. As God, he knows everything. He is not just half/half man and God, putting on our humanity like a pizza topping or a multicoloured coat. Jesus is human. Jesus is God. And the Gospels carry us along with him in his journey in the dust. Enjoy the ride!

Humour

WEDDING WHITE

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today."

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

MARRIAGE AND COFFEE

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: "It's right here—HEBREWS."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife."