



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

The Baptism of the Lord – 9th January 2022



Reflection Today's Gospel is the final event of the Epiphany: Jesus' baptism at the Jordan River by John. The Christmas season "officially" (liturgically) comes to an end today at the banks of the Jordan. Jesus is no longer the child in a Bethlehem manger but the adult Redeemer making his way to Jerusalem. The good news spoken by the angels continues to unfold; the most wondrous part of the Christ story is yet to be revealed. Today, the same Spirit that "anoints" the Messiah for his mission us to be about the work of Christmas in this new year: to seek out and find the lost, to heal the hurting, to feed the hungry, to free the imprisoned, to rebuild nations, to bring peace to all peoples everywhere.

Luke presents Jesus as the last person to be baptized by John, bringing John's ministry to completion. Luke describes the scene with many images from the First Testament:

- the sky opens ("Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down" – Isaiah 63: 19);
- the Spirit "descended upon him like a dove" (many rabbis likened the wind above the waters at the dawn of Genesis to a dove hovering above its newborn; in employing this image, Luke suggests that, in this Jesus, a new Genesis is about to take place);
- the "voice from heaven" identifies and confirms Jesus as God's "beloved son."

Jesus' baptism at the Jordan becomes the moment of God's "anointing" of his Messiah (the word Messiah means "anointed") for the work he is about to do.

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LET US PRAY FOR

9th January 2022

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary:

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Meg and Wayne Storey, Gavin Greenwood, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burrigge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunsdon; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell; Pat Smith; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam;

January 2022

Year C

Mon 10/1 - 1st week in Ordinary Time
1 Sam 1:1-8; Ps 115:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tue 11/1 - 1st week in Ordinary Time
1 Sam 1:9-20; 1 Sam 2:1,4-8; Mk 1:21-28
Wed 12/1 - 1st week in Ordinary Time
1 Sam 3:1-10,19-20; Ps 39:2,5,7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thurs 13/1 - 1st week in Ordinary Time
1 Sam 4:1-11; Ps 43:10-11,14-15,24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Fri 14/1 - 1st week in Ordinary Time
1 Sam 8:4-7,10-22; Ps 88:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Sat 15/1 - 1st week in Ordinary Time
1 Sam 9:1-4,17-19,10:1; Ps 20:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sun 16/1 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 62:1-5; Ps 95:1-3,7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

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Parish website:

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Visiting sick at home - If you, or if you know of anyone who are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing

Manly Freshwater Parish promotes SAFEGUARDING which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community

COVID REQUIREMENTS

Please remember you need to...

- QR code before entering the Church
• Wear a mask for Mass
• Cleanse your hands
• Observe social distancing

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When were you baptized?

Where were you baptized?

Who are your Godparents?

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

'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. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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

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

R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch our the heavens like a tent. R.

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.

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.

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.

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 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *cf Luke 3:16 (JB)*

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!

Gospel *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Weekend Masses:

Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm & Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses:

Manly: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Freshwater: Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

Baptisms: please contact the parish office

Manly 4th Sunday of the month

Freshwater 2nd Sunday of month

Reconciliation: Manly Sat 10am – 11am

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