

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



The Baptism of the Lord

12 January 2020

Readings

Next Week

Is 49:3. 5-6
Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.
1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

in a nutshell

Just before he confronts the tempter in the desert, Jesus is baptised in the Jordan. He is revealed as the beloved Son of God. His baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry, of a time when the role of John the Baptist will decrease and Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God, by word and deed, will increase.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend especially, , , Charlie Booth, John Pas, Des Hillas. For those who have died recently and whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Our special prayer intention is for the victims of the bushfires and for all the responders fighting the fires.

of special note

Fr Michel will be away
from 13 Jan—25 Jan inclusive.
More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Psalm Response

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

The Parish of Sacred Heart

Parish Priest
REV. MICHEL G CORRIVEAU

Parish Secretary
Janine Meades

Parish Office Hours
Thursday
9:00am-4:00pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Warburton: Saturday—7:00pm
Yarra Junction: Sunday—8:30am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday—9:00am

Reconciliation

Thursday 7:00pm-7:45pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

Exposition

6:00pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

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Ministers Roster

January 11/12

Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	D Fahey
Extraordinary ministers	M Fahey, Volunteer
Cuppa	

St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	E Anthony
Extraordinary ministers	C Morse, M Ryan
Gifts	A O'Shaughnessy
Welcome	Tom
Morning tea	Volunteers

January 18/19

Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	E Tuszynski
Extraordinary ministers	P Bullard, A Fairbanks
Cuppa	Margaret

St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	M Ryan
Extraordinary ministers	R Barnard, P O'Shaughnessy
Gifts	M Lowry, C McBride
Welcome	Trish
Morning tea	Rod & Family

Church Cleaning and Flowers

Warburton-flowers	Bernadette
Warburton-Cleaning	Volunteer
Yarra Junction	Pat & Anne

January Mowing: Lucien Rode

Bulletin notices by midday Thursday please
mountevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit,
<http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

Parish Notices

Fr Michel's Holidays

As Fr Michel will be taking a break from Monday 13 January until Friday 24 January all weekday/evening activities will stop but weekend Masses will continue with Fr Michel. Janine will be back in the Parish Office on 16 January.

Archdiocesan Website: melbournecatholic.org.au

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The Eucharist

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude." - St. Angela of Foligno

Adoration, Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration. Friday mornings 8:00am except second Friday of the month (Mount Evelyn).

Stewardship Corner

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

NOTE: On Code Red Days, the Church will remain locked

There will be no liturgy celebrated on Code Red days.

What does Code Red mean?

These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas.

What should I do?

Leaving high risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option - do not wait and see. Avoid forested areas, thick bush or long, dry grass. Know your trigger - make a decision about:

1. when you will leave
2. where you will go
3. how you will get there
4. when you will return
5. what will you do if you cannot leave

For more information, visit the CFA website:

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare>

****A Message from Archbishop Comensoli RE bushfires****

NOTE: There will be a special collection on Australia Day weekend for the victims of the bushfires through the St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal.

From a letter by Archbishop Peter Comensoli:

Our skies across Melbourne are filled with the smell and haze of the fires – a steady reminder that our neighbours, so close to us particularly in the Gippsland areas, but also in our bordering States of NSW and South Australia are in dire need. Into these communities too, have come hundreds of volunteers and service organisations who have given up their own family celebrations, and placed their lives on the line to bring help, support and relief where possible. There is something truly remarkable, and exceptionally humbling, about the spirit of our shared humanity that gives its all without question....

For those who lived through the great heartache of the Black Saturday fires, they will know too well that the effects of such trauma will be felt for many months, and even years to come. I strongly encourage you now to direct any donations to the St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-vic> to ensure that our brothers and sisters have a chance to rebuild their lives after such devastation. Your Parishes may look to direct specific collections this way.

Saints Of Italy Tour

Explore the famous shrines and sites of Italy during this 14 Day pilgrimage led by Fr. Chris Obiekwe that features Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Loretto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Sorrento, Montecassino and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$6490 + Tips. The fare includes International Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfast & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Depart on 7 th June 2020. 5 seats left. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

Prayer for Life

Saturday 25th January 2020, MASS IN REPARATION FOR ABORTION, 9.00 am at St. Patrick's Cathedral, followed by a rosary procession to the edge of the 150m zone from the abortion centre in Wellington Parade (opposite Jolimont Station ramp exit) East Melbourne to pray and witness. Sponsored by: Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Readings Reflection

Anointed Ones

Jesus presents himself for baptism in today's Gospel not because He is a sinner, but to fulfill the word of God proclaimed by His prophets. He must be baptized to reveal that He is the Christ ("anointed one")—the Spirit-endowed Servant promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading.

His baptism marks the start of a new world, a new creation. As Isaiah prophesied, the Spirit descends upon Jesus like a dove—as the Spirit hovered over the face of the deep in the beginning (see Genesis 1:2).

As it was in the beginning, at the Jordan also the majestic voice of the Lord thunders above the waters. The Father opens the heavens and declares Jesus to be His "beloved son."

God had long prepared the Israelites for His coming, as Peter preaches in today's Second Reading. Jesus was anticipated in the "beloved son" given to Abraham (see Genesis 22:2, 12, 26), and in the calling of Israel as His "first-born son" (see Exodus 4:22–23). Jesus is the divine son begotten by God, the everlasting heir promised to King David (see Psalm 2:7; 2 Samuel 7:14).

He is "a covenant of the people [Israel]" and "a light to the nations," Isaiah says. By the new covenant made in His blood (see 1 Corinthians 11:25), God has gathered the lost sheep of Israel together with whoever fears Him in every nation.

Christ has become the source from which God pours out His Spirit on Israelites and Gentiles alike (see Acts 10:45). In Baptism, all are anointed with that same Spirit, made beloved sons and daughters of God. Indeed, we are Christians—literally "anointed ones."

We are the "sons of God" in today's Psalm—called to give glory to His name in His temple. Let us pray that we remain faithful to our calling as His children, that our Father might call us what he calls His Son—"my beloved . . . in whom I am well pleased."

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The Mystery of the Lord's Baptism

The Gospel tells us that the Lord went to the Jordan River to be baptized and that he wished to consecrate himself in the river by signs from heaven.

Reason demands that this feast of the Lord's baptism, which I think could be called the feast of his birthday, should follow soon after the Lord's birthday, during the same season, even though many years intervened between the two events.

At Christmas he was born a man; today he is reborn sacramentally. Then he was born from the Virgin; today he is born in mystery. When he was born a man, his mother Mary held him close to her heart; when he is born in mystery, God the Father embraces him with his voice when he says: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased: listen to him. The mother caresses the tender baby on her lap; the Father serves his Son by his loving testimony. The mother holds the child for the Magi to adore; the Father reveals that his Son is to be worshipped by all the nations.

That is why the Lord Jesus went to the river for baptism; that is why he wanted his holy body to be washed with Jordan's water.

Someone might ask, "Why would a holy man desire baptism?" Listen to the answer: Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by his cleansing to purify the waters which he touched. For the consecration of Christ involves a more significant consecration of the water.

For when the Saviour is washed, all water for our baptism is made clean, purified at its source for the dispensing of baptismal grace to the people of future ages. Christ is the first to be baptized, then, so that Christians will follow after him with confidence.

I understand the mystery as this. The column of fire went before the sons of Israel through the Red Sea so they could follow on their brave journey; the column went first through the waters to prepare a path for those who followed. As the apostle Paul said, what was accomplished then was the mystery of baptism. Clearly it was baptism in a certain sense when the cloud was covering the people and bringing them through the water.

But Christ the Lord does all these things: in the column of fire he went through the sea before the sons of Israel; so now, in the column of his body, he goes through baptism before the Christian people. At the time of the Exodus the column provided light for the people who followed; now it gives light to the hearts of believers. Then it made a firm pathway through the waters; now it strengthens the footsteps of faith in the bath of baptism.

A sermon by St Maximus of Turin

The mystery of our baptism

Christ instituted the Sacrament of Baptism as an essential act for our salvation. Its waters cleanse us of all guilt associated with sin—both Original Sin and actual sin—fill us with grace and make us children of God. We also become members of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, giving us a share in the Kingdom of God.

A bishop, priest, or deacon normally confers Baptism, but anyone can baptise in an emergency by pouring water over the recipient's head, while praying, "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." For this reason, the Church teaches that "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word".

"Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift.... We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; Baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; enlightenment because it radiates light; clothing since it veils our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship" (St. Gregory of Nazianzus).

From the Didache Bible