



**Sunday 15th January 2023**

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**Mass Times**

**Monday:** Liturgy of the word 9.15am

**Tuesday to Friday:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.30pm

**Sunday:** Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 5.45pm-6.15pm before evening Mass

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**Mass Times**

**Wednesday & Friday:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday:** 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month

**Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

**Reconciliation Times**

**Friday:** 9.45am to 10.15am

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**Mass Times**

**Tuesday & Thursday:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.00pm

**Sunday:** Mass 10.30am

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 9.30am to 10.00am

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**We pray for those who have died and all those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of January that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom:**

*Fr Chris Barnett, Clare Watson, Grace Van Oosterom, Mary Ind, Laurie Rainsbury, Con Frisby, Ray Jose, Martin Pittle, Arthur Ongarello, Wendy Gallagher, Tony Mercuri*

*Alan Leahy, Pat Glennen, Ellen Mithen, Francis Mc Laughlin, Tadeusz Chadzyuski, Maria de Bartololo, Yvonne Grant, Valerie Hughes, Rodney Bottrell, Loreto Valeri, Kath Glennen, Mary Campbell Allison Cooper Renata Croce, Charles Watson, Trevor Corcoran*

*Julia Keely, Leonard Wigraft, Elena Zakevicios, Kath Cole, Kerry Meagher, Nazzereno Camilleri, Enny Absi, Francis Risson, Tom Campbell, Joseph Sciberra, Stan Egan, Sr Dominic Kerr, Kevin O'Regan, Arch Cavanagh, Ken McCarthy, John Liston, Adriano Cavedon, Beven Dumenden, Thelma Abrahams, Francis Atchison, Gerald Leech, Michele Leboeuf, Michael Ward, Bill Pickett, Glenda Gordon, Victor Hardy, Antonia Borg, Mary-Ellen Conroy, Paul Webster, Noel Butler, Luigi D'Intinosante, Judith Emery, Patriciak Ritchings. Tony Merlino, Kevin Pettigrove, Catherine Hamilton, Charles Fagan, Jim Exton, Maria Julia D'Souza, Peter Pacillo, Sr Veronica Mary LSP, Narciso Rico, Fr Paul Keenan SJ, Loretto Haines, Walter Pocock, Percy Barry, Louisa Barri, Hugh Davine, Margaret Profitt, Bernadette Jackson, Mervin Evans D.S.M., Robert Hall, Kath Crawford, Patrick Neeson, Fred Thornley*

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**15 January 2023**

**First Reading Is 49:3, 5-6**

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.**

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;  
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

**Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3**

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.**

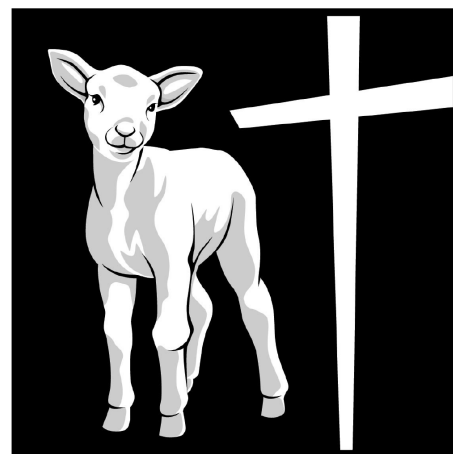
**He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Jn 1:29-34**

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

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



**Reflection by Greg Sunter**

Strangely, despite being in Ordinary Time again, the lectionary temporarily departs from the gospel of Matthew and today's reading is from the gospel of John. Given that last week's reading was the Matthean account of the baptism of Christ we must assume that there is a deliberate purpose in the choice of reading for today. Indeed, the three readings for today give a very specific slant to the baptism and mission of Jesus. The readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Corinthians emphasise that God's salvation is for all the world, not just the people of Israel. We find this also in the gospel when John the Baptist declares, 'there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world'. It is the sin 'of the world' that Jesus takes away; that is, all humankind. This was a tough concept for the Jews whose relationship with God was grounded in the concept of being the 'chosen people'; a people set apart. It continues to be a difficult concept for many Christian people today who struggle with the notion that God's love and mercy are so extravagant that they are poured out for absolutely anyone and everyone. Some Christians like to maintain an 'us and them' approach to their faith and think that if you're not one of 'us' then salvation will be denied by God.

The role of John the Baptist in this passage is to be a witness; to point to Jesus and say 'He is the one!' Lots of us need the affirmation and direction provided by another person before we are ready to commit to a new direction in our lives. John gives the crowd confidence and effectively hands over to Jesus the authority that the crowd had perceived in him.

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