

Sunday 10th January 2021

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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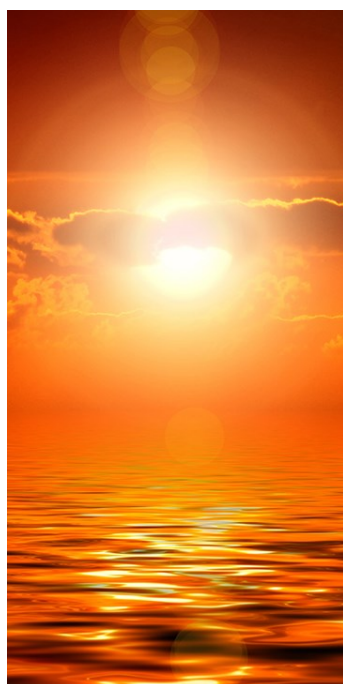
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The Baptism of the Lord



The baptism of Jesus in the gospel of Mark serves as a revelation of the identity of Jesus. Throughout this gospel there is secrecy about who Jesus really is. Whenever a person's faith reveals that Jesus is the Messiah or the Son of God, Jesus commands them to remain silent and not tell anyone else about him. However, through the baptism event, the reader is let in to the secret from the outset. Unlike the public announcements of Jesus as the beloved Son of God that occurs in other gospels, in the gospel of Mark, the voice is addressed to Jesus himself and there is no indication that anyone else hears it. The words used are, 'You are my Son' not, 'This is my Son.' But the reader is placed in the privileged position of knowing the truth about Jesus from the very beginning of the gospel. As they read further, they observe the disciples' growing yet imperfect understanding of this truth.

John the Baptist serves another particular function in the gospel story. Aside from fulfilling scriptural prophecy by proclaiming the one who is to come, he provides a point of contrast with Jesus. In many ways, John represents the Jewish religious belief of the time. For John, baptism is a ritual of purifying and forgiveness of sin that can be administered as often as required. The way to God is through strict observance of the Law and through ritual acts of

**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN PRAYER**

Sick

Mary D'Souza



Recent Deaths

Christina Miglino

Carmen Gomez

William Shields

Anniversaries

Phillip Tiernan



Remember Lord, those who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May they find peace in your presence light and happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**Have you
thought?
Baptism**

Whilst today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it is also a reminder and celebration of our own Baptism. Today's gospel is a reminder that we are baptised with the Holy Spirit not merely with water. To be baptised with the Holy Spirit means that we are drawn into communion with God and we are also empowered by that communion to make a difference in the world – to reach out a helping hand to those in need and to proclaim the good news of Jesus through our actions and our words.



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JANUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

10th St John the Good

11th St Liberata

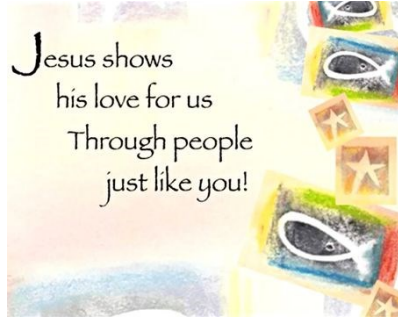
12th St Bernard of Corleone

13th St Hilary of Poitiers

14th Blessed Odo of Novara

15th St Maurus, St Paul the Hermit

16th St Titian



Thank you for all your support and help in 2020.

Carmel, Sacristans, Cleaners,, Church decorators, Floral arrangers, Special Ministers, Gardener, Counters, Cantors and Musicians.

God bless, Fr Ian Ranson

17th Jan	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lector	Anna Conti	Leo Cuerden	Michael Heffernan
Minister	Carmel Cristiano	Mary Callea	Teresa Myer
Counters	TBA	TBA	TBA
Audio Visual Operator	Carmel Cristiano	Leo Cuerden	Teresa Myer

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

COVID GUIDELINES

- **MASK MUST BE WORN INSIDE THE CHURCH NOW.**
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- PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE FRONT TABLE IN THE LOG BOOK.
- SANITISE HANDS ON ARRIVAL AND PRIOR TO RECEIVING EUCHARIST.
- DO NOT LEAVE USED MASS BULLETIN INSIDE THE CHURCH OR OTHER ITEMS.
- OBSERVE ENTRY AND EXIT LOCATIONS.
- PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ATTENDING MASS IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL AND PARTICULARLY IF YOU HAVE ANY COLD LIKE SYMPTOMS.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.