

WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

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Readings - Year B
Year of the Consecrated
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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11th JANUARY 2015



"Cuppa after Mass"
today in the Mercy Centre

Evangelii Gaudium

"...solidarity must be lived as the decision to restore to the poor what belongs to them...convictions and habits of solidarity, when they are put into practice, open the way to other structural transformations and make them possible. Changing structures without generating new convictions and attitudes will only ensure that those same structures will become, sooner or later, corrupt, oppressive and ineffectual." *Par 189 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013*

KEY YOUTH MINISTRY DATES FOR 2015:

Rallies:

March 6- Wangaratta

May 22- Bendigo

July 24- Shepparton

Stronger LIVE (New initiative for young adults 18+)

April 15- Bendigo

October 14- Shepparton

Stronger Retreat:

September 25-27

Australian Catholic Youth Festival:

December 3-5, Adelaide

More details about these events will be announced at a later date. Our youth ministry websites are www.sym.org.au and www.stronger.org.au

SVDP Meeting on Wednesday 14th January at 7.00pm at the Centre

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	MONEY COUNTERS
Sat Jan 17th 6.00pm	Denise Woodman	Gwen Ranson	Mandy McGrath	M & J Ford Family	J Webster, J Scrimizzi, S Finlayson	Bill Woods
Sun Jan 18th 8.00am	Debbie Worm	Betty Curtis	Bryan Miller	B & J Lowe	C Reilly, L Cowan, S Cowan	

Those who have died recently	Gladys Bourke
Those whose Anniversary occurs At this time	Marianne Woods; Joseph Bowman; Olga Baumann; Frank Pemberton; John Ryan;
Our sick and their carers	Noelene McGrath; Heather Carter; Victoria Stock; Peter Kerrins; Kathleen Sell; Carolyn Cooper, Jim O'Donovan; Lawrie Dwyer; Margaret Woodland; Andrea Cocks*** Knowles Beattie

MASS TIME 12 - 18th JANUARY 2015

Tues 13 9.15am LWWC

Wed 14 9.15am Anointing Mass

Fri 16 9.15am Mass

Sat 17 6.00pm

Sun 18 8.00am

Reconciliation: 17th - 11.30am

Rosary: 15 minutes before weekday Mass

Words of Wisdom – Pope St Gregory

"The Holy Bible is like a mirror before our mind's eye. In it we see our inner face. From the Scriptures we can learn our spiritual deformities and beauties. And there too we discover the progress we are making and how far we are from perfection."

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Sunday 11 January 2015



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 or 55:1-11
Act 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11



Readings for
next week

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20
John 1:35-42



Liturgical Jottings

The Day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord starts the Season of Ordinary Time, week one. There is no Sunday week one. Through the Yearly Cycle, the Church unfolds the entire mystery of Christ and keeps the anniversaries of the saints. Ordinary Time is devoted to celebrating the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.



Prayer for the week

From Tropaires Cistercienne

We become children of God
now, the heavens are opened.
*Jesus, the beloved Son,
the love of the father dwells in you.*
For you, I consecrate myself,
you will be consecrated in truth.
*Jesus, the beloved Son,
the love of the father dwells in you.*
The father has given me a glorious
name and I call you my friends.
*Jesus, the beloved Son,
the love of the father dwells in you.*
I will be with you to the end of time
be my witnesses over all the earth.
*Jesus, the beloved Son,
the love of the father dwells in you.*

Focus on the Gospel

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. 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. 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 prayer and purification. For Jesus though, the way to God is through love and through Jesus himself. The baptism that Jesus will give is a baptism of the Spirit – pouring out the Spirit on those who realise and accept the love of God in their lives.

Text of the Week

Thus says the Lord: "Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do." *Isaiah 55:10-11 Alt first reading.*

Fact of Faith

In the first 500 years of the church, baptismal fonts were often pools in the baptistery floor where the catechumens descended three steps down, "plunged" into water and then ascended three steps on the other side out of the water, symbolising entering the tomb and of death and rising to new life with Christ.

On the Lighter Side

After Mass a woman greeted the priest, "Father, that was a very good homily." He replied: "Oh, I have to give the credit to the Holy Spirit." She said: "It wasn't that good!"

