



St Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border

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Garoke, Hamilton, Harrow, Macarthur, Minimay, Penshurst and Tarrayoukyan.

The Baptism of the Lord A, Year A

12 January 2020

First Reading Is 42:1-4. 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the
nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the
cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed
you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the
people and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the
dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

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

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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.)

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The heavens were opened and the
Father's voice was heard:**

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

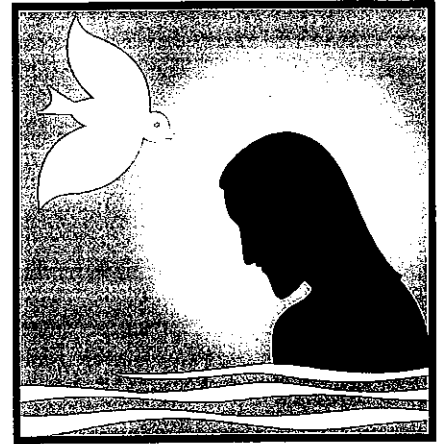
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 3:13-17

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

When Jesus approaches John for baptism, John recognises him as the Messiah that John has been preaching about, the one for whom he was preparing the way. Recognising the significance of the moment, John tries to reverse roles and force Jesus into a superior role to himself. But Jesus says let's just do it like this for now and 'do all that righteousness demands'. In the gospel of Matthew, whenever Jesus speaks about fulfilling the demands of righteousness or doing what is righteous, he is speaking about carrying out the will of God; acting in accordance with the covenant relationship between God and the people.

It would have been easy for Jesus to accept John's offer to exchange places. In many ways perhaps he would have liked to do so as a way of acknowledging the great work John had done. But part of the demands of righteousness that Jesus needed to fulfil was to be the sort of Messiah that did not sit within normal expectations. Part of his fulfilment of God's will was to be a servant Messiah rather than a powerful, avenging Messiah for which many of the people hoped and prayed. To have exchanged places with John would have been to say, here I am, I am greater than John and I am here to show you all the way. Rather, by submitting to John's baptism he does indeed show the way - the way of humility and gentleness. We are assured of the rightness of Jesus' actions immediately because, upon his rising from the water, the voice of God affirms favour and approval upon Jesus. In the first test of his will, Jesus has acted in accordance with the will of God.

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ANNIVERSARIES DURING JANUARY

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	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun
Penshurst 8:30am	No Service To Ham	Mass	No Service To Ham	Mass	Mass
Dunkeld 8:30am	Mass	No Service to Glen	Mass	SAWC	SAWC
Glenthompson 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service to Dunkeld	Mass	SAWC
Macarthur 8:30am	Mass	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER 12th January 2020

Lector	Brendon Kelly
Prayers	Terry Pezzutti
Special Minister	Anita & Enid
Gifts	Helen Brown
Hospital	Anita Holmes

PRAYER

Father of great and everlasting glory,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you have consecrated your Word
made flesh
and have established this Christ, our Saviour,
as your covenant of peace
for all the peoples.
As we celebrate today
the mystery of Jesus'
baptism in the river Jordan,
renew in us our own baptism:
Pattern our lives on this Christ,
your chosen one,
the Child on whom your favour rests,
the Beloved with whom
you are well pleased.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Recent Deaths:

Annette Brebner; Lawrence Mack (brother of
Bridget Campbell); Margaret Guthrie
(mother of Anne-Marie Wheaton)

Date	Welcome	Computer	1 Reading	2 Reading	Commentator	Cuppa	Count Team
11/01	G Healy	B Kaaye	M McGrath	T Oliver	M Meagher	B & J Roache	Frank & Di Soulsby
12/01	T Hurley	C Stanhope	M Roberts	U Murphy	B Roberts	K & R Fitzgerald	
18/01	K Shanahan	P Murphy	K Stevens	J Duyvestyn	A Mason	K Shanahan	
19/01	S McCaskill	T Gaio	C Schlaghecke	C Stanhope	R Fitzgerald	T Soawyer S Hockey	
25/01	G Healy	J Ryan	M Meagher	C Jansen	K Brewis	C Jansen	Ray Corbett B Shanahan
26/01	T Hurley	R Gaio	T Oliver	N McLeish	S Hockey	A & D Slattery	Ted Oliver