



# St Mary's Parish

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## The Baptism of the Lord, Year A

12 January 2014

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

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

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.

*The word of the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm

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

*(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.)

### Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

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.'

*The word of the Lord.*

### 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

*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew*

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.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



### 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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**ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER**

**19th January 2014**

Lector	Don Adamson
Prayers	Coleen Page
Special Minister	Catherine Loria
Gifts	C. Page Family

All of our Priests are on retreat in the Grampians for this week

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING  
IN YOUR PRAYERS.**



**DEATHS:** Jackie Foster (Funeral Liturgy Mon 13th 2pm)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Louise Toleman, Bill Wilson, Betty Finnegan

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** *Kerryn McCluggage, Gay Lee, Evelyn Presser, Dorothy Harrison, Norma Oliver, Jean Clark, Brian Joyce, Frank Vogels, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell.*

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

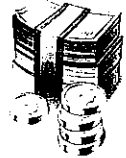
Stewardship Starting Date 13/10/2013 : \$27162.40

Stewardship Pledged Full Year : \$122,720.7

Priest's Support: \$914.20

*This week's Count Team: 6 A Milne & M Meagher*

*Next week's Count Team: 4 Ray Corbett*



**Christmas Dues**

This year total of \$4,341.25 has greatly surpassed last years total of 2,283.80, Thankyou all for you generosity

**Prayer**

Father of great and everlasting glory;  
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.  
**Amen.**

**Country Centre's Mass Times**

	Sun. 12th	Sun. 19th	Sun. 26th	Sun. 2 <sup>ND</sup> Feb	Sund. 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Penshurst	No Service	Mass 9am	SAWC 9am	Mass 9am	Mass 9am
Glenthompson	Mass 9am	SAWC 9am	Mass 9am	SAWC 9am	SAWC 9am
Dunkeld	SAWC 9am	Mass 9am	SAWC 9am	Mass 9am	Mass 9am
Macarthur	SAWC 9am	Mass 9am	SAWC 9am	Mass 9am	Mass 9am

**Weekday Mass or SAWC**

Hamilton	
Tue.	SAWC 10am
Wed.	SAWC 10am
Thur.	SAWC 10am
Fri.	SAWC 10am
Penshurst	
Wed.	No Service

**Holiday Roster**

Date	Welcome	Computer	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Commentator	Counters
11/01	J Schurmann	C Jansen	K Brewis	T. Oliver	J. Duyvestyn	
12/01	Helen Watt	Sr. Marg	C Schlaghecke	Pat Healy	D. Schultz	A Milne & M Meagher
18/01	J Schurmann	J Wilson	M Dunn	J. Duyvestyn	T. Oliver	
19/01	Rita Taylor	Sr Marg	V Lovell	D. Schultz	I. Underwood	Ray Corbett & Team
25/01	J Schurmann	C Jansen	K Brewis	I Ferguson	R Corbett	
26/01	Helen Watt	Hockeys	Carolyn Stanhope	D. Dunn	Maree Bell	V & F O'Brien & Team

**Volunteers please for the Procession of the Gifts & Eucharist Sat. (11) & Sun. (12)**