



St Mary MacKillop Parish

Western Border

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A, Year A

19 January 2020

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.

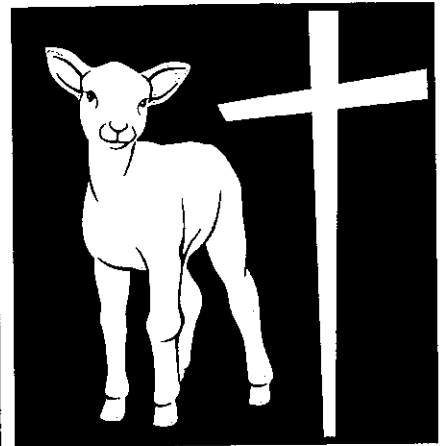
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

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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	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 26th January 2020

Lector	Brendan Kelly
Prayers	Paula Cook
Special Minister	Margie Eales
Gifts	Cook Family
Hospital	Anita Holmes

PRAYER

God of all nations,
in Christ, the paschal lamb
and light of the world,
you have formed a covenant people,
gathering together from every time
and place
all who call on the name of the Lord Jesus.
Confirm in us the grace of our baptism,
that the Spirit may descend afresh
upon each of us;
remain with us
to transform every aspect of our lives
into a living
and joyful proclamation of the gospel.
Amen.

St Patrick's, Dunkeld, welcome in
Baptism Eddison & Georgia
Gordon, children of Matthew
Gordon & Karrina Howard.



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