



Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border

Comprising the communities of Apsley, Balmoral, Casterton, Coleraine, Dunkeld, Edenhope, Glenthompson, Goroke, Hamilton, Harrow, Macarthur, Penshurst and Tarrayoukyan.

The Baptism of the Lord, Year B

10 January 2021

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

Allelula, allelula!

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

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Allelula!

Gospel Mk 1:7-11

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

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 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.

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St Mary's Parish JANUARY ROSTER—Please arrange swaps if you are unavailable.

Date	Church Opening	Computer	1 Reading	2 Reading	Commentator	Eucharist minister
09/01	Chris Jansen	Chris Jansen	Karen Brewis	Chris Jansen	Fiona Marie	1 x Volunteers
10/01	Carolyn Stanhope	Tiago	Ursula Murphy	Rohan Fitzgerald	Carmel Schlaghecke	3 x Volunteers
16/01	Chris Jansen	Jacinta Ryan	Pauline Kelly	Michael McGrath	Ted Oliver	1 x Volunteers
17/01	Carolyn Stanhope	Rafael	Carmel Schlaghecke	Helen Tripovich	Margaret Roberts	3 x Volunteers
23/01	Chris Jansen	Pauline Kelly	Fiona Marie	John Duyvestyn	Chris Jansen	1 x Volunteers
24/01	Carolyn Stanhope	Rafael	Margaret Roberts	Carolyn Stanhope	Ursula Murphy	3 x Volunteers

	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	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	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)	Final Mass 10am.	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)

ANNIVERSARIES DURING JANUARY

Gladys Flowers, Louise Toleman, Tony Hurley, Wihelmina Donkers, Bill Wilson, Betty Finnegan, Bonnie Olle, Peter Gee, Kathleen Forsyth, RoseMairie Attlieir, John Goggin, Tom Ackland, Elizabeth Hatheral, Silvino Sartor, Brian Egan, Connie McArthur, Marie Benbow, Lance Norris, Esmond Munro.

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:

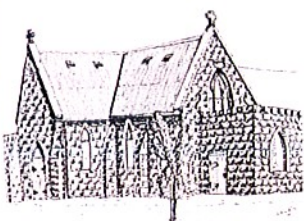
Pattern our lives on this Christ

your chosen one,

the Child on whom your favour rests,
the Beloved with whom you are well pleased.

Amen.

**St Malachy's Catholic Church
Macarthur**



**Final
Mass**
Sun, 17th Jan.
10:00am

Bookings Essential on 5571 1161