

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord which marks the end of the Christmas season and transitions us into Ordinary Time. At first glance it may seem a bit odd to place the Baptism of the Lord within the Christmas season. Yet it is a sobering reminder that Christmas is not only about the infant Jesus but more broadly encompasses two great theological themes: the incarnation and the revelation of God in Christ. The incarnation is the main focus of Christmas Day (the Nativity of the Lord). It celebrates God becoming man. God takes on our humanity in order that we may share in his divinity. The revelation of God is celebrated on the Feast of Epiphany. Traditionally, this feast celebrates three aspects of this revelation: Christ's revelation to the gentiles illustrated by the magi who visit the infant king; the Christ's baptism; and the miracle at Cana.



I am very pleased to announce that Fr Paul Browne msc has been appointed as assistant priest to Kippax. Paul was here in 2011 as parish priest, so it is with great joy that we welcome him back. Paul will take up this position in the beginning of February.



We warmly welcome Fr John Bosman msc who will be celebrating some of the Masses over this weekend and next weekend. I very much appreciate John's presence among us over the next two weekends.

***Peace and blessings,  
Gerard***