

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

The Baptism of the Lord

10 January 2021

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Reflection

Through Baptism we are drawn into Communion

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.

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.

Whilst today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it is also a reminder and celebration of our own Baptism. Today's gospel is a reminder that we are baptised with the Holy Spirit, not merely with water. To be baptised with the Holy Spirit means that we are drawn into communion with God and we are also empowered by that communion to make a difference in the world – to reach out a helping hand to those in need and to proclaim the good news of Jesus through our actions and our words.

Resource used: Gospel Reflection, by Greg Sunter at LiturgyHelp

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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2021 Calendar

January

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| Friday 15 | Men's Group |
| Monday 18 | Pins & Needles |
| Tuesday 26 | Australia Day Holiday |
| Friday 29 | Anointing after Mass |

February

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| Monday 1 | School Returns |
| Friday 5 | Eucharistic Adoration |
| Sunday 7 | Baptism during 10:00am Mass |
| Monday 15 | Pins & Needles |
| 17 | Ash Wednesday |
| Friday 19 | Men's Group |
| Mon 22- Fri 26 | Frs. Kimi and Michael Away |

BOOKING FOR WEEKEND MASSES

To assist the parish office, manage COVID-19 regulations we need parishioners to do two things.

1. Use CBR App
2. Use Trybooking to register

1.  CBR App helps ACT Health with tracking the spread of Coronavirus.

2.  registration for attendance at mass assists the parish office in the management of numbers allowed to attend Mass within the available space in the church whilst maintaining physical distancing of 2 square metres.

We need you to use both.

Please register for Mass using the Trybooking link and sign in using the CBR App and the sign in sheet.

*We want everyone not only to be safe but to feel safe.
Thank you*

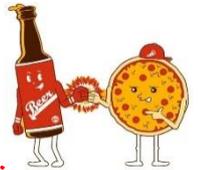
We Congratulate

HUNTER HAURELIUK

Who will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

We pray that Jesus will be his light and guide all the days of his life.

SJA Men's Group
Meeting Monthly
6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information
contact the parish office.

First gathering for 2021:

Friday 15 January

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

SJA BOOK CLUB

We are reading: "When all is said"
by Anne Griffin

Parish Library – 17th January - 3:00pm

We encourage anyone interested in joining us to come along for a meeting.

In February We are reading:
"The Beekeeper of Aleppo"
by Christy Lefteri

Parish Library – 21st February - 3:00pm
Copies will be available at the January meeting

Pins & Needles Craft Group
Monday 18 January
7:15pm Parish Library



**St John the Apostle
Women's Breakfast**

New Venue - Bean Origin

5/32 Nettlefold St, Belconnen

First Breakfast 2021 is:.....

Tuesday – 19 January - 7:30am

Breakfast is a week earlier because
the 4th Tuesday is Australia Day

Heart Spirituality



The Heart of the Mystical Body

Though composed of different members, humanity forms one body and blood, *Unum corpus multi sumus*.

The heart that gives life to all the members of this great body is the Heart of Jesus. He alone unites us together and he alone unites us also to God.

As soon as we separate ourselves from him, we separate ourselves from one another and we lose the true feeling of human fraternity by losing the life of God, which is its source.

This divine Heart is the centre around which all hearts gravitate.

It is the sacred bridge thrown across the bottomless chasm that separates divinity from humanity.

Jules Chevalier msc,
(Messenger du Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.529, 1865)

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

In our Gospel account of Jesus' baptism, Mark reveals the intimate relationship between Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

By our baptism, we have become God's beloved sons and daughters. We, too, have access to an intimate relationship with God. But like all good relationships, it flourishes with effort. How we spend our time and share our gifts says a great deal about our relationship with God. We must do our part as Christian stewards to spend time with the One to Whom we belong, and to serve the One we love.

Keeping Christ's commandments will not only deepen our relationship with Jesus but also help us become better stewards to others. Through our faithfulness, we will become stewards of Christ's love and mercy. It is out of love that God gave us these commandments, and if we truly belong to Christ, we will keep them.

www.catholicsteward.com

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Therese Markham, Barry Dwyer, Ken Lorroway, Pauline Burt, Cooper McDonald, Jamie Bourke, Mary Gorey, John Machin, John Burt, Mary Costelloe, Edna Lydon, Virginia Policarpio, Terence Martin, Caterina Fallace, Ann Grannall, Phyllis Morrison, Alexander Beggs, Frederick Felsing, Shaun MacKey, Josephine Fox, Bradley Keenan, Josephine McLaren, Eugenia Kurzynski, Horace Staunton.

KIT – Keeping in Touch

KIT will continue in 2021 as a monthly production.

We are seeking contributions from parishioners. KIT is the parishioner's forum – it is your stories and reflections that keep KIT going. Please send your contributions to kippax@cg.org.au by Monday 25 January. Thank you.



RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult] will re-commence on Tuesday 2 February.

Perhaps you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?



Come and See John 1:39

SJACare



Supporting parishioners in our community
During this time of COVID-19 many parishioners are still staying safe at home. If you, or if you know of anyone who is staying at home due to the pandemic, or generally housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or a pastoral visit please contact the parish office.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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| Baptisms | 1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass |
| Reconciliation | Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm |
| Sacramental Program | Contact Parish Office |
| School of Religion (Parish Centre) | Sunday 9.15am during school term |

PRAYER LIFE

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| Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326 | Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm |
| Meditation | Friday 6.15-7.15 pm |
| Rosary | Monday – Friday 9:05am |
| Eucharistic Adoration | 1 st Friday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm |
| Adult Choir | Wednesday 7:30pm |

SOCIAL LIFE

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| Coffee Club | Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass |
| Over 45's | Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea |
| Pins & Needles | 3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library |
| Book club | 3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library |
| Women's Breakfast | 4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax |
| Youth Group | AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre |
| Men's Group | 3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre |

SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.



TAP & GO –

The donation amount is set at \$10. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt



Donations to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!

Readings – 17 January 2021

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| First Reading | 1 Sm 3:3-10,19 |
| Psalm | Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10 |
| Second Reading | 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 |
| Gospel | John |

17 January Reading Roster

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| 6:00pm | Bob Raadts, Judy Netting |
| 8:30am | Darren Maharaj, Carmel Screen |
| 10:00am | Ivo Astolfi, Libby Kain |
| 6:00pm | Terry Fewtrell, Matthew Garton |

17 January Ministers of Communion

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| 6:00pm | Elaine Laycock, Marian England |
| 8:30am | Clyde Sloan, Peter Polkinghorne |
| 10:00am | Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds, Judy Lane |
| 6:00pm | Brian Mahony, Eoin Garton, Chitra Jayawardena, Anthony Dunicliff-Hagan |

17 January Hospitality Roster

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| 6:00pm | |
| 8:30am | Clyde and Norma Sloan |
| 10:00am | |
| 6:00pm | Brian Mahony |

Weekly Rosters

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| Altar Society: | 11 Jan | Pat Gilchrist |
| Grounds | 16 Jan | VACANT |

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| Church Cleaning: | 11 Jan | VACANT |
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On a Lighter note

Q. Do you have any clue what bread does on vacation?

A. It loafs around!

Q. Why do bananas use sunscreen?

A. Because they peel