

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-11

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds; make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his

commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth – so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. . Alleluia

Gospel Mark 1:7-11

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.'

The gospel of the Lord Praise to Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Year B – 14th JANUARY 2024



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PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES

Sat 13th	6:00pm	Vigil Holy Mass - Soul of Jan Slodki, Roland Aung-Sein, Philomena Aung-Sein, Angela & Margaret Aung-Sein. Birthday Thanksgiving for Angela Aung-Sein.
Sun 14th	8:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Mass - For the Parishioners Holy Mass - Souls of Sarah Burns, Tracy Mc Coll, Nonna Gina. Holy Mass - For the Parishioners
Mon 15th	6:00 pm 6:30pm	Rosary Communion Service /Holy Mass
Tue 16th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary Holy Mass
Wed 17th	11:00am 6:00pm 6:30 pm	Holy Mass - Karingal Aged Care, High Wycombe Exposition, Adoration & Novena Holy Mass
Thu 18th	9:00am 9:30am 10:45am	Rosary Holy Mass - Funeral mass for Mrs Gratzyna Danuta Daxter. Communion Service - Donovan Nursing Home NO EVENING MASS
Fri 19th	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Adoration
Sat 20th	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Confession

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARISHIONERS - AGM



The St Francis of Assisi Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 25th February 2024 at 10:45am in the Parish Hall.

AGENDA : Reports by the Parish Priest, Chairperson, Finance and Planning and Development Building Project.

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) : Call for nominations of Councillors – **4 Vacancies exist.**

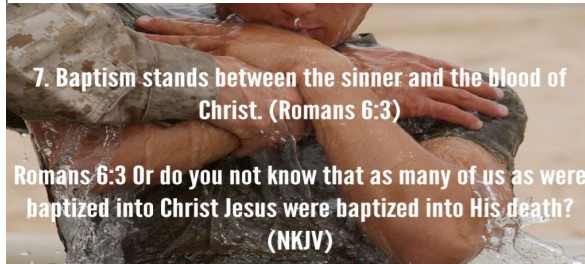
Nominations forms are in the Church foyer. Please place completed forms in the box provided by February 18th, 2024. Parishioners, please consider nominating yourself or another Parishioner. Please also join other Parish volunteer activities.

A vacancy also exists for the **PPC Secretary** and this position does not need to be a councillor. Please advise Father Joseph, Deacon Trevor or the Parish Secretary Ms. Joela Sequeira on 94546385 or maida.vale@perthcatholic.org.au.

The Annual General Meeting Minutes of 26th February 2023, and reports are in a file in the foyer – please do not remove from the foyer.

**FEASTS OF THE MONTH OF
JANUARY
SAINTS**

- JAN 17:** St Anthony of Egypt
- JAN 24:** St Francis de Sales
- JAN 25:** The CONVERSION OF St Paul
- JAN 26:** AUSTRALIA DAY - Holiday
- JAN 31:** St JOHN BOSCO



NEW PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT | TARGET \$300,000.00

DECEMBER '23 - \$28,998.75 | AMOUNT RAISED - \$170,711.98
A big thank you to the families who have already donated. Would other families kindly consider our request and help us reach our target. There are brochures and a clearly marked Parish Fundraising Box in the Church foyer. EFTPOS terminal available for debit and credit card transactions with a printed customer receipt in the Sacristy after the weekend masses

EFT Bank Details:
National Australia Bank Limited
BSB No. 086-006
Account No. 90517-9623
Cheques Made Payable to:
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Fundraising

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!
Fr. Joseph (Parish Priest) and Joe Kaciuba (PPC)

Parish Centre Diary		
Sun 14th	9:30 am	No Children Liturgy
Tue 16th	5:45 pm	Legion of Mary
Wed 17th	4:00pm	Ukulele group
Thu 18th	9:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00pm	Craft Group Legion of Mary RCIA Bible Study
Fri 19th	10:00am	Morning Tea

Parish Centre Construction Update
 Parish Centre work will recommence on the 8th of January with plumbing installation, the electrical installation the following week. Smart wiring installation will commence on 18th of January.
Parishioners need to be careful when entering and exiting the carpark and to abide by any signs. Parents should ensure children are supervised around the works and when visiting the toilets. Be aware that there are some stormwater pipes that may become a trip hazard near the old Parish Hall. **Thank you., PPC**



Be the Heart of Hope: Take Action as a Caritas Ambassador

Join us for a special session unveiling the heartwarming stories behind Project Compassion 2024. We're on the lookout for passionate individuals, of all ages, to become Caritas Ambassadors. Discover the impact of your voice on the most vulnerable lives and communities. As a speaker, you have the potential to inspire change and spread God's love in action. Join us in becoming the heart of these stories, connecting with our mission, and shaping a future filled with compassion and hope.

Tuesday January 30th 2024, from 6:00 to 7:30PM. Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact us on **9422 7925** or through email at Shelby.d@caritas.org.au for more information.

Baptism of the Lord: The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes for us the Christmas Season and transitions us into the beginning of Ordinary Time. From a Scriptural point of view, this event in Jesus' life is also a transitional moment from His hidden life in Nazareth to the beginning of His public ministry. As we commemorate this glorious event, it's important to ponder a simple question: Why was Jesus baptized? Recall that John's baptism was one of repentance, an act by which he invited his followers to turn from sin and to turn to God. But Jesus was sinless, so what was the reason for His Baptism?

First of all, we see in the quoted passage above that Jesus' true identity was made manifest through His humble act of baptism. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," spoke the voice of the Father in Heaven. Furthermore, we are told that the Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. Thus, Jesus' baptism is in part a public declaration of Who He is. He is the Son of God, a divine Person Who is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. This public testimony is an "epiphany," a manifestation of His true identity for all to see as He prepares to begin His public ministry.

Second, by His baptism, Jesus' incredible humility is made manifest. He is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, but He allows Himself to become identified with sinners. By sharing in an act that was focused upon repentance, Jesus speaks volumes through His action of baptism. He came to unite Himself with us sinners, to enter our sin and to enter into our death. By entering the water, He symbolically enters into death itself, which is the result of our sin, and rises triumphantly, allowing us to also rise with Him to new life. For this reason, Jesus' baptism was a way of Him "baptizing" the waters, so to speak, so that water itself, from that moment onward, would be endowed with His divine presence and could be communicated to all who are baptized after Him. Therefore, sinful humanity is now able to meet divinity through baptism.

Lastly, when we share in this new baptism, through water that has now been sanctified by our divine Lord, we see in Jesus' baptism a revelation of who we become in Him. Just as the Father spoke and declared Him as His Son, and just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, so also in our baptism we become the adopted children of the Father and are filled with the Holy Spirit. Thus, Jesus' baptism gives clarity as to whom we become in Christian baptism.

Lord, I thank You for Your humble act of baptism by which You opened the Heavens to all who are sinners. May I open my heart to the unfathomable grace of my own baptism each and every day and more fully live with You as a child of the Father, filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus, I trust in You.

<https://divinemeracy.life>

For the Sick: Lynette Arnold, Chris Muller, Phillippe and Noelle Payet, Clare Arnold, Bernadette Lach, Joan Andree, Doreen Webber, Theresa Hendroff, Rachel Kaciuba, Rudi Sirr, Justin Clohessy, Mary Aung-Sein, Florlito Tenido.

Contact Joela Sequeira, Parish Secretary for names to be added or continued to the Sick List, otherwise the names will be deleted after every two weeks. Thank you. Fr. Joseph

In Memoriam: Charles Lawrence, Charles Richards, Eileen Faulkner, Leoardus Setiawan Tjandra, Edna McNulty, Kathleen Casey, Dolores Rafferty (SPK), Peter Young, Cora Fitzgerald, Monsignor John Thomas McMahon, Kathleen McKeon, Susan Connolly, Jan Slodki, Roland Aung-Sein, Philomena Aung-Sein, Angela Margaret Aung-Sein, Sarah Burns, Tracy Mc Coll, Nonna Gina.

CHURCH WORKERS TRAINING - MANDATORY

A reminder for those who have not attended Church workers training that it is **MANDATORY** and is necessary if you wish to continue any of your paid, volunteer or committee work in the Parish.

See link below for booking details.
<http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-church-workers/>

13th/14th Jan	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
Commentator	Graham B	Amanda A	Matt W	Philip M
1st Reader	Imelda B	Dianne C	Helga S	Lauren M
2nd Reader	Jessie C	Frances A	Evelyn R	Paolo J
Acolyte	Lester R	Josef D	Brian M	Adrian

20th/21st Jan	6:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	6:00 PM
Commentator	Ashley A	Jennifer D	Adrian D	Benjo C
1st Reader	Armelle P	Gale M	Marguerite W	Margaret O
2nd Reader	Joash J	Kevin F	Tibor A	Sarah M
Acolyte	Michael	Clem	Adrian	David T

	13th/14th Jan	20th/21st Jan
Counters	Maureen Ranford, Helga Sassenburg	Philomena Theseria, Brian Menezes
Church Cleaner	Clarrissa Dass, Marcia Nobrega	Sony Family, Philip Family
Reading for	Isaiah 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11	1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42