BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Baptism of the Lord - Year B

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The baptism by John in the river Jordan would not have been easy for the first Christians to understand. On the face of it, this undergoing of a ritual of repentance did not seem to make sense. It can only have been included in the gospel tradition because it really happened. However, the account we have in Mark's gospel shows us that reflection upon this event led to an understanding of its great significance - as the defining inauguration of the mission of Jesus. It was the Father's authorization of the public role he was about to assume. and a prefiguring of the climax to which his career would lead - the Paschal Mystery which he was later to look forward to as 'a baptism' (Lk 12:50).

The destiny of each of us has its origin in the Father's decision, before time began, to create us and to call us to a unique place in the divine plan of creation. Our response to God's call is made as we take up the issues of our lives. Because he 'has been put to the test in exactly the same way as we ourselves are, apart from sin' (Heb 4:15), the Eternal Son's life among us followed the same pattern as ours. His baptism by John was a decisive moment in his human life. Come to carry forward the designs of God among the chosen people, Jesus came and mingled with the enthusiastic crowd listening to John's preaching. Submitting to John's baptism was a moment of compassionate solidarity that he would have prayerfully shared with the Father. Suddenly, Mark's account takes an unexpected turn - 'the heavens are torn open' and a Trinitarian drama unfolds as the presence of God's Spirit is made manifest, and the incarnate Son receives a commission from the Eternal Father, indicating what is in store for him in the public mission he will undertake: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.

commission echoes two Testament traditions. 'You are my Son' the gospels make it clear that Jesus was sustained throughout his public life by his relationship with his Father. Though the phrase 'son of God' meant originally no more than an adoptive sonship (as, for example, in honour of Israel's kings (e.g. Ps 2:7), when Mark's gospel was written, applied to Jesus these words referred to the unique, strictly divine sonship that was one of the basic themes of the New 'You are the Beloved; my Testament favour rests on you', echoes God's words to the 'Suffering Servant' in Isaiah: 'here is my servant; the chosen one in whom my soul delights' (Is 42:1). This remarkable 'Servant' tradition takes us to the very threshold of the Christian Gospel. It foretells - in the time of the nation's exile humiliation - a future triumph of God, through one will 'astonish the nations' as he embodies the nation's true destiny, 'a man of sorrows', 'led like a lamb to the slaughter house', bringing 'healing' to the people as he 'bears the sorrows' of all (cf. Is 52-53). The commission of the Father therefore, indicated, that compassionate solidarity that led Jesus to undergo John's baptism would be the pattern of the mission he was about to undertake. Today's first reading from Isaiah (closely associated with 'Servant' prophecies) celebrates the prophecies) celebrates glorious future the Saviour will inaugurate: God's banquet, a new exodus, an everlasting covenant, the triumph of God's

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SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass & 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass (Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

Sacrament of Baptism

Welcoming & Naming First Sunday at 9.00am Mass **Baptism** outside Mass Second Saturday at 10.30am No Baptism during Mass in Lent Third Sunday during 9.00am Mass Other Time Negotiable with Father Patrick

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment with Fr Patrick At least 6 Months before wedding Marriage Preparation Course Enrolment Website: www.cmfs.org.au Email: enquiries@cmfs.org.au



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ROSTER		Weekend of 9/10 Jan	Weekend of 16/17 Jan
Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Krystyna Henderson	Carlos Sivalingam
	Sun 7.30am	Michelle Cota	Br Basil Hickey
	Sun 9.00am	Maria Fernandes	Annalise Herrmann
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Counters		Colleen & Pat Lowry	Joanne Agar, Arthur Tan

PARISH CALENDAR				
Jan Sat 9	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Baptism of the Lord Year B) Church		
Sun 10	7.30am	Sunday Mass (Baptism of the Lord - Year B) Church		
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (Baptism of the Lord - Year B) Church		
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Baptism of the Lord -Year B) Church		
Mon 11	8.00am	Communion (Ordinary Time 1) Church		
Tue 12	8.00am	Mass (Ordinary Time 1) Church		
Wed 13	8.00am	Mass (Ordinary Time 1) Church		
Thu 14	8.00pm	Mass (Ordinary Time 1) Church		
Fri 15	8.00am	Mass (Ordinary Time 1) Church		
Sat 16	8.00am	Mass (Ordinary Time 1) Church		
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church		



Line Dancing Classes

Every Wednesday 10am - 12noon \$5 per session All proceeds go to the Parish This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis & Hellen Tay All are welcome; no age limits!

Morning Tea Rosters

Rosters have been emailed to Volunteers.
Copies of the Roster are available in the Church Foyer.

Divine Mercy Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction-every third Sunday of the month at 3.00pm

Please join us next Sunday 17 January.

Columbarium Garden

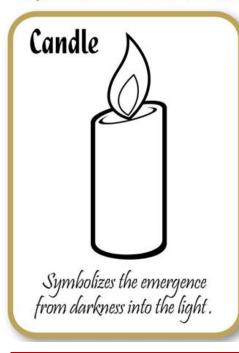
The main structures of the Columbarium are now completed. As some parishioners requested that we should have some trees in it we are purchasing 8 large pots to plant them in. We are also making some benches for people to sit.

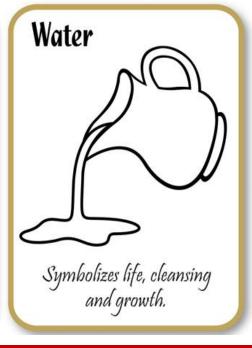
If any parishioner wishes to contribute to the cost, then please leave your donation in the basket at the back of the church or give it to Fr Patrick.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism







Isaiah 55:1-11

Gospel

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

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.

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.'

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.

Reflection for Young People

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.



Try to imagine what it would be like on a hot, dry day to go to the river and be baptised by John the Baptiser. Try to imagine being drenched with water as you make a new commitment to life without sin. Then imagine seeing Jesus, the one John has been preaching about. He gets baptised himself, and the skies open up and a dove alights on him, and you hear the voice of God announce pleasure with what Jesus has

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.

done.

Responsorial Psalm

What would you do next? How is your life different when you take that experience seriously? How is your life different now because of your baptism?

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

Being drenched with water would be most appealing when we are hot, dry or dirty. Recall a particular time that you looked forward to the cooling, cleansing experience of being drenched with water

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.)

Next Sunday Readings 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 17 January 2021

 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.)

> First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 Gospel: John 1:35-42

 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

Isaiah 12:2-6. R. v.6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child that 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

See Mk 9:8

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

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