

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

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Christ our Anchor

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



The sea, once thought to be threatening, is now the habitat of various forms of life. God is the one who cares for all living things. Creation is not a static act, completed once for all in the distant past. It is experienced as an ongoing event. In a very real sense, creation is more than a primordial event, it is a personal experience.

In the second reading, grace takes the form of salvation. God's saving grace imparts the kind of training that is necessary to combat the forces of a godless world and to live truly Christian lives. Virtuous living is evidence that the age of fulfilment has indeed arrived. Christians live an 'already but not yet' existence. Their moral lives are both signs of, and expectation of, the final fulfilment. The grace of salvation has been achieved through the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. The bath of rebirth or renewal may be a reference to baptism. However, the washing may be merely a symbol of the removal of sin rather than the means of accomplishing its removal.

The expectation that filled the people who came to John was eschatological; they were looking for the Christ, the 'anointed one'. John insists that he is not this 'anointed one'. There is no account of the baptism itself. Instead we have an account of what happened while Jesus was praying after the baptism had occurred. All of the verbs indicate that the events happened to Jesus; they were not accomplished by him or through him. The Spirit descends upon Jesus. The Trinitarian scene is completed with the voice from heaven, which identifies Jesus as 'Son'. The words spoken combine an allusion to the 'servant of the Lord' (cf. Isa 42:10) and the enthronement of the king (cf. Ps 2:70), both passages rich with messianic significance.

The message of Deutero-Isaiah opens with the exclamation 'Comfort my people'. The passage itself is a kind of prophetic commissioning; God summons a group of people to speak God's own words of comfort. They are told to act out their deliverance even before they see evidence of it. The people who had suffered so long are told to prepare a road over which their God will travel. Jerusalem, broken and depleted, is told to announce to the other vanquished cities of Judah the approach of this triumphant procession. The people themselves will be heralds of good news. They are to announce that the mighty, victorious God is coming.

The nature hymn depicts God as the creator and sustainer of all life. The psalmist is overwhelmed by the splendour of the universe where God is robed in majesty and glory, wrapped around with radiant light, the way the commanding gods of the ancient Near East were depicted.

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 1.00 pm

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.45pm

Or anytime by appointment

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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Our Motto

At St Pius X Catholic Primary School, the values lived by Jesus Christ are the foundation for everything we do

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. (R.)
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. (R.)
3. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. (R.)
4. All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. (R.)
5. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Try to imagine what it would be like on a hot, dry day to go to the river and be baptised by John the Baptist. 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 done.

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?

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.

Next Sunday Readings

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 January 2025 - Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Draw a line to connect each symbol with its correct meaning.



Candle



Water

Symbolizes the Holy Spirit

Symbolizes life, cleansing
and growth

Symbolizes purity and
freedom from sin

Symbolizes the emergence
from darkness into the light



Dove



White
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ROSTER		Weekend of 11/12 January	Weekend 18/19 January
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Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Krystyna Henderson	Carlos Sivalingam
	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Mitchelle Cota
	Sun 9.00am	Vincent Whyte	Maria Fernandes
Counters		H & F Tay	Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi

St Pius X Church Masses		
Jan Mon 13	8.00am	Communion Service
Tue 14	8.00am	Mass (Week 1 in Ordinary time)
Wed 15	8.00am	Mass (Week 1 in Ordinary time)
Thu 16	8.00am	Mass (Week 1 in Ordinary time)
Fri 17	8.00am	Mass (Week 1 in Ordinary time)
Sat 18	8.00am	Mass (Week 1 in Ordinary time)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Week 2 in Ordinary time)
Sun 19	7.30am	Mass (Week 2 in Ordinary time)
	9.00am	Mass (Week 2 in Ordinary time)
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (Week 2 in Ordinary time)

Jubilee Year 2025

Place of Grace and Pilgrimage Schoenstatt Shrine


All Catholics are encouraged during the Jubilee Year 2025 to undertake a Pilgrimage

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Symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism



Symbolizes the emergence from darkness into the light.



Symbolizes life, cleansing and growth.



Symbolizes purity and freedom from sin.

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