



Wodonga Catholic Parish

INCORPORATING

SACRED HEART CHURCH, Beechworth Rd Wodonga, ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, High St Wodonga,
ST FRANCIS, Bethanga, OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, Tangambalanga, ST. JOSEPH'S Dederang, ST. JOSEPH'S Mt. Beauty
& Parishes of Tallangatta & Corryong.



January 9th - 2022 The The Baptism of The Lord

From Our Pope:

Jesus Christ touched so many hearts and amazed thousands of people because of His humility and willingness to spend time with those most looked down upon by society. Jesus "never passed himself off as a prince. He was always the servant of everyone and this is what gave him authority". Thus, Jesus' humility and service - evident to all who met Him - were at the heart of His influence. *Pope Francis*

Looking at the Readings:

Of the three accounts of Jesus' Baptism in the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) Luke provides the least details about the actual event. No dialogue between John and Jesus as in Matthew; no mention of the waters of the Jordan and the heavens torn apart as in Mark; Luke's version contains the point that Jesus was surrounded by people. Each account records the descent of the Holy and the affirmation of the Father: "You are my Son, the beloved, my favour rests upon you.

From the three varying accounts we may look upon the Baptism of Jesus from different angles and gain a mosaic of events and meanings. Also we see the differences and similarities between John's baptism for repentance and Christian Baptism: By baptism we are called children of God, the Holy Spirit descends upon us and we become ready for the mission of Christ as witnesses to the Good News.

The accompanying readings from Isaiah and St Paul add other angles to the mystery of Baptism. Consolation, forgiveness of sins and new life in the coming of the Lord from the first section of the Book of Consolation in Isaiah 40. The two extracts from Paul's letter to Titus emphasise the splendour of salvation which sets us free and the grace of God that makes us inheritors to eternal life. Baptism, or the grace of Baptism, is a gift from God through his kindness and compassion.

Baptism of the Lord:

This is the first mystery in the five Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary or Mysteries of Light that covers the years from Jesus' childhood to his passion. Proposed in 1957 by St George Preca, Pope St John Paul II promulgated the Mysteries of Light for the whole Church in 2002 so that the ministry of Christ may be a source of further meditation. The fruit of the mystery is openness to the Holy Spirit.

Prayer from the Saint:

You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. *From a Homily of St Gregory Nazianzen* .

Liturgical Jottings: Readings for the Feast:

The English Lectionary of 1970 has one set of readings preceding the Gospel that now forms the set for Cycle A. The current Lectionary (1981) includes alternate readings for cycles B & C. Gospels have always been Matthew (A) with the emphasis on the fulfilment of Scriptures, Mark (B) the first scene in his Gospel with the appearance and affirmation of Jesus as the Son of God and Luke (C). Each account is short with an introduction about John the Baptist added. The fourth Gospel, does not give an account of the Baptism event but the Baptist's testimony of its meaning (Jn 1:33). Jesus will baptize not with water but with the Holy Spirit.

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Weekend Masses
Wodonga
Sacred Heart Church
Saturday @ 5:00 pm.
Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10.30 am

Tangambalanga
Our Lady Help of Christians
3rd Sunday @ 10:30 am

Dederang
St Joseph's
1st Sunday @ 10.30am Mass

Mt Beauty
St Joseph's
1st & 3rd Sunday @ 8.30am
5th Sunday @ 8:30am Liturgy of The Word
and Communion

Tallangatta
St Michael's Church
2nd & 4th Sunday - @ 11:00am

Corryong:
Sacred Heart Church
2nd & 4th Sunday @ 8:30am

Walwa: Christ The King
2nd & 4th Saturday @ 4:00pm

Sandy Creek St Michaels
5th Sunday @ 8:30am

Mitta St Joseph's Church
5th Sunday @ 11:00 am
Weekday Mass:
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
Tuesday to Friday @ 9:15 am
Saturday
St Augustine's Church
Saturday 9.30am

Reconciliation:
Sacred Heart Church, Wodonga
Saturday 9:00am to 9:30am
Country Churches:
Before Mass.

~ Parish News ~

Recent Deaths: Fr Ted Harte.

Anniversaries: Fr Frank Hart, Sr Kath Grant, Mark Raine, Patricia Packer

Sick:

Antonia Amaya Cabalida, (Fr Junjun's sister)
Marie Morgan, Salome Ramirez, Ricky Ellul,
Zak Oliver, Ric Glavocih, Mary Shaddock,
parishioners who are ill, their families & Carers.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Centre will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 am to Midday during the month of January.

Reconciliation

During Fr Junjun's absence, Reconciliation on Saturdays, from 4th January to 8th February inclusive, will be at St Augustine's Church at 9.00 am prior to Mass at 9.30 am.

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.'

Readings this week:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 or 42:1-4,6-7

Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Reading next week

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

ROSTERS: 16th January 2022

Sacred Heart Cleaning: Sharon Pearl

Sacred Heart Altar : Volunteers

Lector 1

5.00pm Meryl Brown

8.30am Ross Black

10.30am Margo Dendiego

Lector 2

Michael McLinden

Luci Saric

Christine Gannon

COUNTERS: THIS WEEK TEAM 7:

Damien Hunt, Peter Murray, Michael McCormick

NEXT WEEK: - TEAM 8:

Ross Black, Lorraine Gill, Helen & David Gill,
Frank Watson

Mt Beauty - 16th January - 8.30am

Lector: Peter

Back up: Fran

Eucharistic Ministers: Peter

Commentator: Gail

DEDERANG - 6th February- 10.30am

First Reading/Second Reading: Alanna

Welcome/Psalm/Prayer of Faithful: Sharon

PowerPoint: Madison

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation: 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!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.