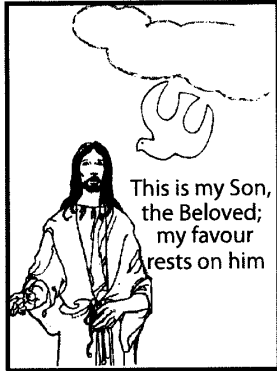




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11th & 12th January 2020

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

CELEBRATIONS: 13th - 19th January 2020

Monday	9.00am	Mass of Monday Ord. Time week 1, yr 2
Tuesday	{ 4.30pm 5.00pm	Lectio Divina on last Sunday's Gospel
Wednesday		Mass of Tuesday Ord. Time week 1, yr 2
Thursday	9.00am	Mass of Wednesday Ord. Time week 1, yr 2
Friday	4.30pm	No Mass
	5.00pm	Scripture Rosary 
Saturday	9.15am	Mass of Memorial of St Anthony, abbot
		Reconciliation
Saturday	6.00pm	Mass of the 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A
Sunday	8.00am	Mass of the 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A
	10.00am	Mass of the 2 nd Sunday in Ord. Time, Yr A, Abp Hart Celebrant



Plenary Council 2020
 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

● **Bushfire Appeal** Through Vinnies help those affected by the Fires. You can give on line at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-vic> or give donations through the National Collection 25th/26th January, thanks to all who gave donations last weekend. ✍ *Fr Joe*

● **Season of Light** The celebrations of Christ the Light of the world form a season of Light. This season begins with Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ with the progressive lighting of the candles of the Advent Wreath. Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ when the glory shone around. Then the light of a star leads the wise men from the East to visit the infant Jesus in Bethlehem – Christ the Light is presented to the world. In the Baptism of the Lord, we have a way to share in the life of Christ the Light through our own baptisms. The season is complete with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord 2nd February. **We bless candles this day.** These candles are to be taken to our homes to be a focus of prayer as we take the light of Christ to our world. We are bearers of the Light throughout the year. ✍ *Fr Joe*

● **Buy a Ticket** in our Combined Catholic Churches Raffle 2020. This is a Major Fundraiser for the Parish. There are **14 Prizes including 3 Cars**. Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased in the church foyer or from the Parish Office. Buy a ticket; support our Parish. ✍ *Fr Joe*

Lectors: 11th Jan/ 12th Jan 2020		
6.00pm... P.Magri	8.00am M.Coyle	10.00am A.Black
18th Jan/ 19th Jan 2020		
6.00pmP.Donnelly	8.00am R.Bellomia	10.00am I.Ellwood
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:		
11th Jan/ 12th Jan 2020		
6.00pm ...P.Magri	8.00am A.Wells	10.00amP.Henry
18thJan/ 19th Jan 2020		
6.00pm ...B.Eames	8.00am M.Coyle	10.00amM.Henry
God's Housekeepers this Week: 16 th Jan Group E 23 rd Jan Group A		
Counting Teams: January: Mike & Pauline Henry and Anthony McDermott		
Last week's Offerings: To Vinnies Bushfire Appeal, last weekend \$1590.00		
First (Support of the Priests) \$1072.00 Second (Support of the Parish/Hall) \$1365.00		



➤ **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

⌘ Lord Jesus, you are the Way, leading us to the Father.

Lord, have mercy. All: **Lord have mercy.**

⌘ Christ Jesus, you are the Truth, setting us free.

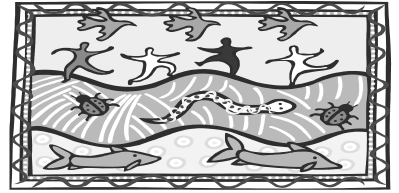
Christ, have mercy. All: **Christ, have mercy.**

⌘ Lord Jesus, you are the Life, satisfying our deepest desires.

Lord, have mercy. All: **Lord, have mercy.**

➤ **FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7*

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.



➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

R The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.**

R

**The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.**

R

**The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.**

R

➤ **SECOND READING:** *Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38*

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

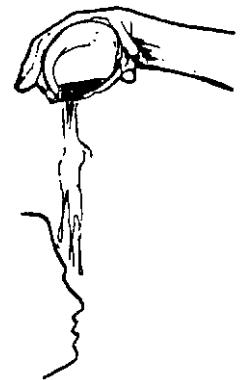


GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



➤ **GOSPEL:** *Matthew 3:13-17*

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit of God came upon him.

Please pray for those who are sick especially:

Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Maurice Sikorski, Denise Marmion, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office.).

Please pray for those who died recently, and for Denis Brewer whose anniversary occurs about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.

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PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **AMEN.**

Responses during the Mass

Fr Joe. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit.**

❖ Penitential Rite: see p2

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

❖ Homily then **Creed:**

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen**

❖ At the end of the preparation of the gifts:

Fr Joe: Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

(ALL STAND) **now:**

All: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Fr Joe: The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again

Comm. Antiphon: (Used **only** when there is **NO** Communion Hymn)
The Lord has prepared a feast for me: given wine in plenty for me to drink.

❖ Dismissal

Fr Joe: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday:

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Isaiah 49: 3. 5-6**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 39: 2. 4. 7-10**

2nd Reading: **1st Corinthians 1: 1-3**

Gospel: **John 1: 29-34**

WORD of God – are we Listening better ?

➔ **Use these notes** to pray through LECTIO DIVINA on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

Lectio: Jesus has grown up with his family in Nazareth in Galilee. However, no details of his growing to adulthood are given in Matthew's Gospel. It is time to live out his role as Messiah and Saviour. So John the Baptist is presented as the one who is preparing for the coming Messiah but he is not the Messiah. When Jesus comes to John for baptism, John has a problem. In baptizing Jesus, he might be seen to be greater than Jesus. But Jesus' baptism was God's way of inaugurating the way followers of Jesus would share in the life of the Spirit – our baptisms.

Read **Matthew 3: 13 - 17**

Meditatio: How has my growing up prepared me for my vocation, i.e. my calling from God? What memories or records do I have of my Baptism? What does my Baptism mean to me? Do I do the right thing not worrying what people might say or think? How have I experienced the Holy Spirit in my life? How does God the Father care for me, i.e. show me his favour?

Oratio: Pray that the Sacrament of Baptism will enable us to continue following Jesus. Pray that parents will seek Baptism for their children. Pray that parents will be agents of God the Father's care. May parents provide an environment in which the seeds of faith, sown in their children at Baptism, will come to maturity. Pray that we will be faithful to our Baptismal vows.

Contemplatio – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

After your prayer – Remember the gift of Baptism **that you rely on** as you dip into the Holy Water on entering and leaving the church.

✍ Fr Joe

Coming Events in 2020

2020 – Plenary Council Year

● 18th January – Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Bunnings Rosebud – Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help on the day. If anyone has a large fridge/esky to help keep the sausages chilled on the day, please see Fr Joe.

● 26th January (Sun.) – Australia Day Lunch: BYO something-Aussie-to-share !



● 1st/2nd Feb.- blessing of candles & throats

● 4th February – Pastoral Council meeting

● 26th February – Ash Wednesday

● 12th April – Easter Sunday





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