

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 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

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD / C

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BELOVED OF GOD

Luke remembers the story of Jesus' baptism and shapes its theological power to speak to the Gospel's late first century Greco-Roman audience. They have been baptised in their induction into the life of their discipleship household. This story is a reminder that through their baptism they are intimately bonded to Jesus and, through him, to God.

There are three important features which Luke highlights. The first is about John the Baptist whose focus is on Jesus. He witnesses to the future coming of one "more powerful" than he. A second feature is the moment of Jesus' baptism. This occurs, unlike in the other Gospels, without the presence of John. (He is already in prison—a part of the story omitted from today's reading). In other words, Jesus' baptism is God's act. It occurs while Jesus prays. His prayer opens the sacred realm of God's abode, the heavens. The Spirit of God descends on him. Jesus continues throughout the rest of the Gospel to be God's Spirit-filled agent.

Third, as Jesus is anointed with the Spirit, we hear God's voice and declaration of Jesus: "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you". Jesus is declared beloved of God, the one in whom God delights. Luke's theology of baptism is for the Gospel's audience, for us: We are baptised, God's Spirit acts within us, our prayer opens the Heavens for us; we are God's beloved daughters and sons in whom God eternally delights. This Sunday becomes a moment to celebrate the gift of our baptism and God's high estimation of us.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

'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 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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP 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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus.

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

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.

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Baptism Request forms can be located on Parish website/at Parish Office, Fr Mark will be available to celebrate during mass on 2nd Sunday of the month

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St Patrick's Cooma Mass
 Mass Sunday's at 10am
 Cooma Reconciliation available as requested following Mass
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St Patrick's Weekday
 Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am
 Except Third Friday of Month for Nursing Home Masses TBA
 Yallambee Lodge
 Sir William Hudson

Adaminaby -2nd Sunday month
 Next date =TBA (priest A/Leave)

Nimmitabel
 Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday
 *5pm Sat Vigil Mass
 1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla
 Liturgy of Word
 LITURGY 2nd 4th Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale- Annual Leave
 Sunday's until 23rd Feb 2025
 Liturgy of the Word 10am Sunday

Jindabyne
 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th =Vigil Mass 5pm Sat
 5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

* CHANGES During A/ Leave



Please

Pray for our Recently Deceased,

"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in death":

Lola Povey-funeral Cooma 20th Jan 11am with Fr George; Shirley Blyton, Don Tozer, Maree McIntosh (Jindabyne)

Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of" our departed family and friends. Clement Maloof & Peter Maloof, Maurice Fletcher, Kathleen Fraser, Keith Tozer and Debbie Tozer

Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for the sick: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence" Colin McMillan, Joel Stone, Walter Neumeyer in Germany

Fr. Mark is away at this present time with a foot infection. Fr Mark is taking leave to recuperate.

Fr Kose is on annual leave from 13th Jan for holiday to his homeland, India –returning week of 18th Feb 2025 as there will be NO Weekday Mass this week or following week.

Fr. Richard Thompson will attend Cooma Mass weekend 25th/26th Jan, as Fr Mark has a wedding to attend on long weekend. Further relief to be advised when to hand.

Roster	12 th Jan	19 th Jan
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Bosco	Richard Cmun
Usher	Terri Rick	Joan Simpson
Reader/Commentator	Fran Robertson Tony Goodwin	Jo-Anne Brown Mike Introna
Special Minister	Margaret Quodling	Joan Simpson
Childrens Liturgy	Belinda Wilkins	Kellie Summerville
Linen	Jan McLean
Church Care	19 th S McPhie L Baker B Moser	26 th C Byrne J Upton P Stewart
Hospital	Kathleen Bashford	Volunteer required please

FLOWERS: Claire Neumeyer

Fr Kose – Wishing a safe and happy return to India for annual leave until return to Cooma for appointment as Assistant Priest on the 18th Feb'25.

Next weekend Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

1st Reading Isa 62: 1-5
 2nd Reading 1 Cor 12: 4-11
 Gospel John 2: 1-11



We have Devices TAP n Go available in Church entrance for your cashless

donations(Archdiocese split 70/30: 1st & 2nd JUST TAP! The New Smart Device at door has

the option to Choose donation \$ amount

Jokes:

A parish administrator requested bids from local painters to repaint the outside of the Pastoral Center. Almost all of the bids were within a few dollars of one another, with the exception of one by a parishioner who had been in business for years and had an excellent reputation in the community. This particular painter's bid was about half of his competitors, and naturally, the administrator accepted it.

On the day he was to begin, the painter realized that he had miscalculated badly. Not wanting to lose the job, however, he decided to thin the paint with water. That way, he thought, he would be able to complete the job for the price quoted.

A week later, he received a call from the administrator, complaining that after the first rain half of the paint had washed off the building. Being an honorable man and a good Catholic, the painter went inside to pray about the situation, knowing that his business reputation was on the line.

"What can I possibly do, Lord?" prayed the discouraged painter.

In a loud voice God replied, "Repaint! Repaint and thin no more!"