

**GOULBURN MISSION**

*Taralga Parish*  
*The Baptism of The Lord 12/13 Jan.2019*

**Entrance Antiphon:** After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:  
 This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**First Reading:** Is 42:1-4. 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

**R The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

**Left:** 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.

**Right:** 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.

**Left:** 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 The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

**Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-38

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Lk 3:15-16.21-22

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold the One of whom John said:  
 I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

**Prayer of Commissioning:** Take this gift of Holy Communion to our sisters and brothers who are sick and unable to be with us today. May its healing and loving strength uplift them and bring them consolation, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Saturday, 26.1.19 Australia Day Mass- 9.00am SPP CATHEDRAL.**  
 "cuppa & damper" after Mass.

**PARISH OFFICE: Closed until Wed 16.1.19**

<b>Acolytes</b>	12/1	P Keough
	19/1	Shaun F
<b>Readers</b>	12/1	Shaun F
	19/1	Margaret McG
<b>Offertory</b>	12//1	Prue & Elaine
	19/1	Kevin & Robyn
<b>MHC</b>	12/1	Leone W
	19/1	Margaret C
<b>Cleaners: Jan</b>		Michelle & Margaret

**Gospel Reflection:**

A small text later in the Gospel of Luke offers us a key to today's gospel. During his public ministry, Jesu says, 'Up to the time of John it was the Law and the Prophets; since then the Kingdom of God has been preached' (Luke 16:16). The baptism of Jesus marks the turning point. Today's gospel tells the story of crossing the threshold from the old order into the new. John very clearly states that despite some people's expectations, he is not the Messiah- the usher of the new order. John points beyond his own time to a future when God's Spirit is given at Baptism, and the first of such baptisms belongs to Jesus himself. Immediately after Jesus' somewhat anonymous immersion along with 'all the people', the Spirit does indeed come to Jesus and the affirming voice from heaven announces Christ's sonship. God has come among us indeed.

In Luke's gospel, Jesus is very aware of the consequences of submitting to the baptism proclaimed by John. Filled with the Holy Spirit, he goes into the desert, where he wrestles with all that he will be forced to forego in taking up his role as God's beloved Son. His resolve is firm, and he announces his mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. Baptism is the first of the seven sacraments of the church. A sacrament is a sign through which God communicates love, life and forgiveness to us: 'Immersion in water symbolises not only death and purification, but also regeneration and renewal. Thus the two principal effects (of baptism) are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit' (CCC §1262).

[The Summit]

**VOCATIONS PRAYER:**

God our Father, Lord of the Harvest, through the intercessions of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Junipero Serra, Saints Mary MacKillop and all the saints, we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

May your disciples respond generously when You call them into the ordained ministry and consecrated life in the Church.

Thank you, Lord for those who serve us now as dedicated bishops, priests, deacons and religious.

May they be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry for which they have been chosen. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen