

**YEAR C The BAPTISM of the LORD**

**Monday 13th January  
Sunday 19th January**

**Monday 13th:** No Mass  
**Tuesday 14th:** 5 pm Mass  
 Adoration 4pm  
**Wednesday 15th:** 9am Mass  
**Thursday 16th:** 9am Mass  
**Friday 17th:** 9am Mass  
**Saturday 18th:** 5pm Mass  
 Reconciliation 3.30-4.30pm  
**Sunday 19th:** 9am Mass  
**Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays  
 after Mass**

<b>ROSTERS Next Week</b>	<b>9.00 AM MASS:</b>
<b>18/19 JANUARY</b>	Welcomer
<b>Cleaning</b>	M deSmet
20-24 M deSmet/J	Commentator J
Maher	Whiteford
	Reader:
	D Herring
<b>5.00PM MASS</b>	Eucharistic Ministers
Welcomer B	M & C Lowe,
Oerder	Computer
Commentator: M	Screen T Priest.
O'Neill	<b>MORNING TEA:</b>
Reader P Nolan:	N Beatty
Eucharistic Ministers	<b>COUNTERS</b>
N Buick	T & A Jackson/K
Computer Screen	Evenden
K Conway	

**Our Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging**

The Parish of St Bernard's extends a warm WELCOME to all visitors as we gather in celebration during this holiday season. We are delighted to share the joy of the holidays with you. May this season be a time of reflection, gratitude and connection as we come together in fellowship and the spirit of love and unity.

**May you travel safely as you return to your homes refreshed after your time on the Coast**

The Parish Office will re-open on Wednesday 22nd January. For any queries during the holidays, please contact Fr Rex on 0407 068 413

Coffee Club will resume this week Thursday 16th—9.30am Corrigans Cove. All are welcome.

Fr Rex is looking after our Parish for the next few months. We welcome him to our Parish and hope he enjoys his time here

**MASSES IN AGED CARE RESUME 2025** For emergencies and anointing of the sick call Fr Rex on 0407 068 413

**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

**Tribunal of the Catholic Church**



Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on **6239 9813** or email [tribunal@cg.org.au](mailto:tribunal@cg.org.au)

**JANUARY**

For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



**REMEMBERING THE SICK** - We pray for those of our families and friends who have asked for our prayers together with those in hospital and nursing homes and all those effected by conflicts

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre

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**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

If you would like to join the parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

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curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** See Mark 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**Gospel** Luke 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*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate  
**Jesus' Baptism is Ours**

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the

special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity. His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.' Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you." Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity? We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

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**WISHING YOU ALL A JOYOUS AND BLESSED NEW YEAR.**



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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Sunday 12 Jan 2025**

**The Baptism of the Lord Year C**

**First Reading** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**

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

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

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 of the Apostles 10:34-38*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and