

# CANBERRA CENTRAL PARISH

## The Baptism of the Lord

10 January 2021

St Brigid's  
Cnr Bancroft & Wilshire Sts, Dickson

St Patrick's  
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### MASS TIMES

Note: St Brigid's Church is open from 8am to sunset (8pm on Wed) every day.

#### Saturday

6:00pm St Brigid's

#### Sunday

8:00am St Patrick's

9:30am St Brigid's

#### Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday: 9am (St Brigid's)

Tuesday to Friday: 12:30pm (St Patrick's)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### Confessions at St Brigid's, Dickson

##### Saturdays

9:30am-10am

5:30-5:50pm (before Saturday evening Mass)

#### Confessions at St Thomas More's, Campbell

5pm Wednesdays before 5:30pm Mass-but not in school holidays

#### Confessions at St Patrick's Braddon

Fridays 12 noon



#### Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, 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.

#### Communion Antiphon

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

## The Baptism of the Lord

To grasp the deep meaning of baptism, we must meditate again on the mystery of Jesus' baptism at the beginning of his public life. At first sight this is a surprising episode, because John's baptism, which Jesus receives, was a baptism of "repentance" which prepared man to receive the forgiveness of sins. Jesus knew well that he had no need of that baptism, since he was completely innocent. One day he would challenge his enemies, saying: "Can any one of you convict me of sin?" ([Jn 8,46](#)).

Actually, in submitting to John's baptism, Jesus did not receive it for his own purification but as a sign of redemptive solidarity with sinners. His baptismal act contains a *redemptive intention*, since he is "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" ([Jn 1,29](#)). Later he would call his passion a "baptism", describing it as a kind of immersion in suffering redemptively accepted for the salvation of all: "I have a baptism to receive. What anguish I feel until it is over!" ([Lc 12,50](#)).

At his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus not only foretold the task of redemptive suffering, but also received a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who descended in the form of a dove, that is, as the Spirit of reconciliation and divine goodwill. This descent prefigured the gift of the Holy Spirit, which would be imparted to Christians in baptism.

A heavenly voice also proclaimed: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" ([Mc 1,11](#)). It is the Father who acknowledged his own Son and expressed the bond of love between them. Christ is actually united with the Father in a unique relationship, because he is the eternal Word "of one being with the Father". However, through the divine sonship conferred by baptism, it can be said that the Father's words, "You are my beloved son", apply to every person baptized and grafted on to Christ.

Thus, the source of Christian baptism and its spiritual riches are found in Christ's baptism.

Excerpt from a General Audience by Pope St John Paul II on Wednesday 1 April 1998

### Meetings at St Brigid's Church

*Community of the Risen Lord*  
**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Friday night meetings have now resumed.

Other groups are in recess during the month of January.

## ROSTERS THIS WEEK 9/10 JANUARY 2021

### Saturday 6pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee  
Readers Terry & Elaine Larkin

### Sunday 8am St Patrick's

Acolyte Michael Kelly  
Readers Therese Okwudike, Shenelle Egbert

Visitation Vin Kane  
Altar Mary Boyle

### Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Ken Maher  
Readers Fernando family  
Morning Tea Volunteer

*No Visitation to Goodwin nursing home area until further notice*

Counters Jim Maher, Damian Smith

## ROSTERS NEXT WEEK 16/17 JANUARY

### Saturday 6pm St Brigid's

Acolyte Kevin Tee  
Readers Ann Collins, Tammy Hackett

### Sunday 8am St Patrick's

Acolyte John Skene  
Readers Ray Toohey, Mary Boyle  
Visitation Ashley Bawden  
Altar Ros Wiley

### Sunday 9:30am St Brigid's

Acolyte Remy Szabo  
Readers Carmel Blake, David Johns  
Counters Judith Hurditch, John Skene  
Morning Tea No morning tea in January

### CLEANING ROSTER (ST BRIGID'S)

1st & 4th weeks Fran/Dominica  
2nd week MenAlive  
3rd week Candy & Mario

### Morality of using some anti-Covid vaccines

The Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith has released a statement on the morality of using anti-Covid vaccines produced using cell lines derived from abortions. The Congregation explained that using such a vaccine in the absence of alternatives would be morally acceptable. However, ethically uncompromised vaccines should be preferred where available. "For us in Australia that means preferring the Novavax or Pfizer vaccines (or the Moderna vaccine if it becomes available here) over the AstraZeneca vaccine," Archbishop Anthony Fisher said. For further details of the statement, see article in the Catholic Weekly <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-welcomes-cdf-statement-on-covid-vaccines/>

## Litany of St Joseph

*Pope Francis has proclaimed this year the year of St Joseph*

Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.*  
Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ, hear us.*  
Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*  
God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*  
Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us .*  
Saint Joseph, *pray for us.*  
Noble offspring of David, *etc.*  
Light of Patriarchs,  
Spouse of the Mother of God,  
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,  
Foster-father of the Son of God,  
Zealous defender of Christ,  
Head of the Holy Family,  
Joseph most just,  
Joseph most chaste,  
Joseph most prudent,  
Joseph most courageous,  
Joseph most obedient,  
Joseph most faithful,  
Mirror of patience,  
Lover of poverty,  
Model of workmen ,  
Glory of domestic life,  
Guardian of virgins,  
Pillar of families,  
Comfort of the afflicted,  
Hope of the sick,  
Patron of the dying,  
Terror of demons,  
Protector of the Holy Church,



Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Spare us, O Lord.*  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*  
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy on us.*

V. He has made him lord of His household,  
R. And prince over all His possessions.

Let us pray. O God, Who in your loving providence chose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most Holy Mother, grant us the favour of having him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our protection. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

## SHEPHERD'S CORNER

With today's feast of the 'Baptism of the Lord', we finish the Christmas season.

In past centuries the Christmas season, like Advent, was much longer, lasting up to Candlemas, 2nd February.

However, this feast is in fact wearing two hats, it is also the First Sunday of Ordinary or Ordinal (counted) Time and from Monday we enter into the first week of Ordinary Time, which will last a bit over a month this year before being interrupted by the seasons of Lent and Easter beginning with Ash Wednesday (17th February 2021).

With his Baptism, Jesus begins in earnest his earthly mission of the announcement of the coming of the Kingdom of God for all peoples and we will be journeying with him in this announcement in the weeks to come.

However, this mission of Jesus, of announcing the coming of God's Kingdom (the Gospel) has continued now for over 2000 years. It continues with and through us, God's Holy People.

Fr Andrew Lotton

### Check In CBR App is Here

The parish now has the Check in Cbr QR Code. You can still use the Mass Register Sheets if you would prefer not to use the QR Code.

How does this work?

Download the *Check in Cbr App* from Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.

Register your details (required for the first time only).

Open the App, select 'check in now' and hover your smartphone over the QR Code.

Add in any additional people – those who are with you without their own device or app.



*Please Pray for:*



**The Sick**

Joe Abad, Leone Carse,  
Mary Cummins, Brenda Currer, Maureen Dawes,  
Joan Goodwin, Nadine Hartley,  
Gabriel Hengkiarto Indra, Gloria Kennedy,  
Henry Lee, Frank Mines.

**The Faithful Departed**

Colin Herringe

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

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

## Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 12: 2-6

**R.** You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

## Second Reading 1 John 5: 1-9

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth - so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel Mark 1: 7-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit'. It was this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Baptism of Christ, Baptistery of Neon, Ravenna  
(5<sup>th</sup> century AD)

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