



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish

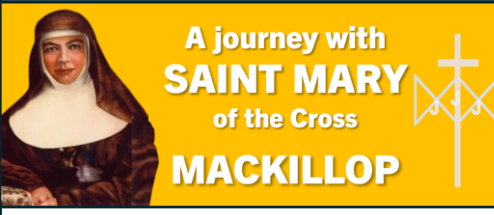
BAPTISM OF THE LORD



PARISH BULLETIN: BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A, 11 JANUARY 2026

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response:(R) Lord, hear our prayer
LEADER: Dear friends, choosing to be baptised by John, Jesus was anointed with the Spirit and proclaimed God's Beloved Son. In union with him, let us pray for the church and the world.
READER: For those baptised in Christ, that they will delight in being God's beloved and will always enjoy God's favour. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**
For Pope Leo and all bishops and ministers of the church, that they will be led by the Spirit of God on the path of synodality. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**
For God's humble servants, that like Isaiah's chosen one they will help bring justice, freedom and healing to the nations. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**
For those entrusted with responsibility for national security, that they will be vigilant, astute and committed to act with integrity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**
For holidaymakers beginning to return home, that they will travel safely and remain refreshed by their time of leisure. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**
For the sick within our families, friends and parish community and all who have asked for our prayers, may they be granted strength, comfort and healing. For those who have recently departed this life, and for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, may they be welcomed into the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**
For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war torn places. We pray **Hail Mary...**
LEADER: Holy God and Father of Jesus, you anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Send us forth in his name as apostles of mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

Do have courage. We must all willingly and with constancy suffer all that God sends for our good. (15.1.1872)

Birth of Mary MacKillop in Brunswick Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 15.1.1842.

POPES INTENTION JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God.
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for members of the Laudato si' movement, that they will bring home to the world the Spirit-blest unity of all things in Christ.

We pray for our parish community, that all members will appreciate the grace of their baptism and live it more fully.

We pray for rural dioceses and country parishes, including our own, that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, finding creative ways to build a vibrant community and proclaim the Gospel with renewed faith and hope.

We pray for our sick family members, friends and fellow parishioners. May the soothing presence of God's light grant them healing and solace.

Christine Cowell, Lorna Thornton
Clive Cottrell, Joyce Crotty
John Liston, Roma Brownlie
Jenny Chaplin, John Elliott
Peter & Joyce Reed
Glad Hurley, Jim Parkes
Marilyn Holdsworth, Jen Farrell
Patricia Guthrie, Mary Anne Dillon
Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell
Val Perkins, Kim Peisley
Heather Whitby, Peter Hopkins
Marlene Kennedy

REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased
Marykuty Joseph (Mother of Fr Kose)

January Anniversaries
Gwen Adcock, Elaine Clear
Tony Clear, Carmel Croker
Madge Crotty, Pauline Crouch
Tony Elliott, Jono Kidman
Shirley Ladmore, Sr Janet Mead
Molly Mustard, Kitty Peisley
Val Reid, Anthony Roberts
Ralph Sims, Geoff Smith
Lena Spoljaric, Alan Standen
Doris Thompson, Gary Thompson
Joan Twigg, Ruth Walker
Mary Williams

PARISH CALENDAR

MON
TUE *Saint Hilary*
WED **Mass Bombala 9.30am**
Mass Delegate MPS 11am

THU
FRI
SAT **Mass Delegate 3pm**
Afternoon Tea to follow in St Joseph's School Centre
Mass Bombala 5pm

SUN

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Here I Am Lord *John Michael Talbot*
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry, All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. I have made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord, If You lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send?

2. Joy to the World
1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come, Let Earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room. And Heaven and nature sing. And Heaven and nature sing. And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

2. He rules the world with truth and grace. And makes the nations prove. The glories of His righteousness. And wonders of His love. And wonders of His love. And wonders, wonders, of His love

The most famous image of Matthew's 'Spirit of God descending like a dove' may be Bernini's alabaster masterpiece in St Peter's Basilica. The central white dove sends forth gold and amber rays that deepen in hue. They glow over the bronze sculpture housing the supposed original chair of St Peter. The combination of window and throne proclaims the Spirit's guidance of the church and underscores the authority of Peter's successor.



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The Baptism of the Lord, Year A

11 January 2026

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

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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

**(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 10:34-38**

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

Gospel Acclamation **See Mk 9:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The heavens were opened and the
Father's voice was heard:**

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 3:13-17**

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'



Reflection by **Dianne Bergant CSA**

The baptism of Jesus inaugurates his ministry as the anointed one of God. The passage from Isaiah indicates the kind of messiah he will be. He will not exercise harsh justice, nor will he wield the sword of vengeance on the battlefield. He will be a servant, who, though mighty is gentle; one chosen by God, yet committed to the needy and the marginal; the Son of God who attends to the least within the community. The messiah of God may have come from an insignificant village like Nazareth, but he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. The messiah of God does not conform to the expectations of a proud and self-absorbed society. Filled with the Spirit of God, he acts out of a gentle, compassionate spirit.

For whom did the messiah of God come? For those whom society discarded. He came for people who are broken and suffering, for those who are blind or imprisoned. He came for people who are so easily pushed to the margins – the homeless, the unemployed, the abandoned children, the helpless elderly, the mentally and chronically ill. He also came to people who, like Cornelius, do not belong to our inner circles, people who threaten us, people we might actually despise. He came for the strangers among us, those who have different cultural customs, those who worship in different ways. He came for people we have pushed out as well as for those we have refused to let in. The messiah of God came for all people without distinction.

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