



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 Fr Michael Tate

Let us focus on Jesus' mystical experience as he emerged from the waters of the River Jordan.

'Suddenly the heavens opened.' Heaven and earth are communicating again! If heaven appeared closed to humankind it is now open again. 'And he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him.' Jesus experienced a sense of being hovered over by the Divine presence 'in dove-like fashion'.

'And a voice spoke from Heaven: "This is my Son, the beloved, my favour rests on him".' In the Jewish tradition this sort of intuitive sensation is called the bat qol, the daughter of a voice, a whisper echoing heaven.

Each of us has shared in the baptism of Our Lord, been incorporated into His baptism. Divine love and power streamed from heaven to earth into each one of you; the Holy Spirit hovered gently over you; and deep down, at the intimate wellspring of your life, the Divine voice was heard whispering:

'You are my beloved daughter' or 'You are my beloved son,' 'My favour rests on you.'

We could pause for a moment to resolve to recall each morning the heavenly whisper at *our* baptism and then re-echo it in *our* lives.

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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.*

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. (R.)
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. (R.)

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.)

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!



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WEEKEND MASS & LW&HC TIMES

Adaminaby

No Mass until further notice

Berridale

2nd & 4th Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday 3.30pm

All other Sundays

LW&HC 10am Sunday

Cooma

Mass Sunday 10am

Mass Tue, Thu & Fri 10am

Except 3rd Friday

Mass Yallambee Lodge 9.30am

Mass Hudson House Respect 11am

Jindabyne

Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm

Except 5th Sunday

LW&HC 5pm Saturday

Nimmitabel

5th Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm

All other Sundays

LW&HC 5pm Saturday

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2nd Sunday LW&HC 5pm

4th Sunday Mass 5pm



PRAYER INTENTIONS

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.



GOSPEL FOCUS

Leave it like this

There is comfort to be found in the words Jesus spoke to John, "Leave it like this for the time being." We can sometimes be frustrated by the slow pace of change in the world and in our own lives - we often want things to happen immediately, if not yesterday! But Jesus' words convey a sense that there is an order to things a right time for them to come about. "Leave it like this for the time being" says, let things unfold in their own time without being anxious; work for change, but there is a proper time for things.

Thank you to everyone for your good wishes, cards and gifts over the Christmas season and all who were able to attend the Parish Christmas celebration lunch with us. God Bless, Fr Mark



PARISH CALENDAR

Week 12 Jan 2025

MON	-
TUE	10am Mass
WED	Bombala Parish 9.30 Mass
THU	10am Mass
FRI	10am Mass
SAT	3rd Sunday of the Month 5pm Nimmitabel LWHC 5pm Jindabyne Mass
SUN	10am Cooma Mass 10am Berridale LWHC



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

We pray for For those who have recently departed this life;

Marykuty Joseph (India- (Fr Kose Mother) Margaret Jack (Scotland) sister of Fiona Wilson

Anniversaries & Intentions for those 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.

Maurice Fletcher

"We have loved them in Life: Let us not forget them in death."

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.

Christmas Mass Collection ∞ 'Archbishops Christmas Appeal 2025' Thank you for your support! Donations received will Help life saving assistance to displaced people or people under threat of displacement whether from war or , climate change in Asia, the Middle East and Africa, female access to education in Pakistan as well as student assistance in the Middle East. Communities in India, Africa and Timor Leste along with local works by The Farm in Galong and The Home in Queanbeyan will also be assisted. Donations greatly appreciated: Cooma Parish Churches donations \$1,720 also from Jindabyne Churches \$583.45



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)
Lord, hear our prayer

PRIEST: God's Word has been broken for us on this celebration of the Lord's Baptism. Its teaching strengthens our hope in our God as we recall our needs for the church and the community.

COMMENTATOR:

We pray for Pope Leo and those who assist him in proclaiming the Gospel Message: that they may untiringly bring the light of the Gospel to those who cling to darkness and selfishness. (pause)

Lord hear us.

We pray for ourselves: that we may be good servants of the Lord, struggling for justice and peace in society and seeking ways to be of service in the church and in the community.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for the rain needed to end the drought and contain the fires. We pray too that all those affected in any way by the current disasters will be supported as they attempt to rebuild their lives. (pause)

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all newly baptised: that their lives may be blessed by the love of the Father and the encouragement of the Christian community. (pause)

Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who have died, we remember Maurice Fletcher on the anniversary of his death.

We pray especially for those killed in the fires and other natural disasters, as they finish the earthly journey begun at their Baptism may they live forever in the love of our God. (pause)

Lord, hear us.

We pray with Mary for our own intentions: Hail Mary..

PRIEST: Gracious and loving God, we rejoice in the Baptism of your Son. We ask you to grant those things we need to follow his way. We make this prayer through Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.



READING FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year A

First Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1: 1-3
Gospel: John 1: 29-34

A man is in bed with his wife when there is a knock on the door.

He rolls over and looks at his clock, and it's 3 AM. "I'm not getting out of bed at this time", he thinks, and rolls over. Then, a louder knock follows. "Aren't you going to answer that?" says his wife. So, he drags himself out of bed and goes downstairs. He opens the door and there is man standing at the door. It didn't take the homeowner long to realize the man was drunk. "Hi there," slurs the stranger, "can you give me a push?" "No, get lost, it's 3 AM. I was in bed," says the man and slams the door. He goes back up to bed and tells his wife what happened and she says, "Dave, that wasn't very nice of you. Remember that night we broke down in the pouring rain on the way to pick the kids up from the baby-sitter and you had to knock on that man's house to get us started again? What would have happened if he'd told us to get lost?" "But the guy was drunk." says the husband. "It doesn't matter." says the wife. "He needs our help and it would be the Christian thing to help him." So, the husband gets out of bed again, gets dressed, and goes downstairs. He opens the door and not being able to see the stranger anywhere he shouts, "Hey, do you still want a push?" and he hears a voice cry out "Yeah please." So, still being unable to see the stranger he shouts, "Where are you?" And the stranger replies: "I'm over here, on your swing."

