

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



The Baptism of the Lord

13 January 2019

Readings

Next Week

Is 62:1-5
Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3
1 Cor 12:4-11
Jn 2:1-11

Mass hymns—Warburton

Entrance: No. 447
Offertory: No. 491
Communion: No. 473
Recessional: No. 494

in a nutshell

In Luke's Gospel, the baptism of Jesus marks the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of a new era, that of his saving ministry of Jesus. This feast, which occurs in the new year, is a good time to resolve to begin a new year in our own lives. Putting the past behind us, let us commit ourselves to making a fresh start in our service and love of our brothers and sisters.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend especially, Kaye Williams, Charlie Booth, John Pas, Des Hillas, Elizabeth Cormick. For those who have died recently and whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Daily Masses are cancelled for this week.

More Information Inside!

Raise Your Voices

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.

Psalm Response

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. (R.)

Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. (R.)

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. (R.)

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. (R.)

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

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

The Parish of Sacred Heart

Parish Priest
REV. MICHEL G CORRIVEAU

Parish Secretary
Janine Meades

Parish Office Hours
Thursday
9:00am-4:00pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Warburton: Saturday—7:00pm
Yarra Junction: Sunday—8:30am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday—9:00am

Reconciliation

Thursday 7:00pm-7:45pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

Exposition

Thursday at 7:00pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

Parish Primary School

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Ministers Roster

January 12/13

Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	B Bloxham
Extraordinary ministers	L Sobecki, D Bullard
Gifts	A Fairbanks, C Lutwyche
Welcome	Lil
Cuppa	Margaret

St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	C Lord
Extraordinary ministers	J Bellizia, M Ryan
Gifts	M Lorenc
Welcome	Joy
Morning tea	Trish & Anne

January 19/20

Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	M Fahey
Extraordinary ministers	K Sobecki, A Manning
Gifts	M Marshall, L Flanagan
Welcome	Margaret
Cuppa	Pat

St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	M Ryan
Extraordinary ministers	P O'Shaughnessy, S Lucas
Gifts	P Bennett, B Mills
Welcome	Rose
Morning tea	Kris & Sue

Cleaning & Flowers

Warburton	Ann F
Yarra Junction	Trish & Raylene

January Mowing: Tony Aulich

Bulletin notices by midday Thursday please

mountevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit,

<http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

Parish Notices

Fr Michel will be away for two weeks in January

All weekday Masses and activities are cancelled for the days between 7-19 January inclusive. Weekend Masses will continue as usual. Weekday Mass, etc. will begin again on 22 January.

The Eucharist

"When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence."...St. Francis de Sales

Adoration, Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 7:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Friday mornings 8:00am except second Friday of the month (Mount Evelyn).

Catholic Vocations: The Baptism of the Lord.

The call given to each of us at our Baptism is unique. At Baptism we were made 'priests, prophets and kings' as the Rite of Baptism reminds us. As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this weekend, reflect on the call given to us at our baptism, no matter how long ago it was. As baptised Christians we are called to spread the 'Good News' and grow in holiness. Let us pray today for the young members of our families and our congregations and our secondary schools: that they will live out this call in a radical way and respond to whatever the Lord calls them to, perhaps consecrated life or priesthood.

LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—

for vocations blossom in the

good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish

ministries, and families with the confidence

and grace to invite others to embrace

the bold and noble path of a life

consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament,

so that we may cooperate

with you in building your reign of mercy

and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

— Pope Francis *Adapted from the Message on the 51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations.*

Pallottine Camino

Thursday 25 to Saturday 27 April

Join this beautiful walk along Dandenong Creek, the Warburton Trail and O'Shannassy Aqueduct to Millgrove. A pilgrimage walk from St Christopher's Parish Syndal, to Pallotti College Millgrove, travelling approximately 65km over three days. A time of sacred pilgrimage between two significant sites of Pallottine spirituality and mission. Meditate on your experience of God in nature while walking in fellowship and friendship with others. Enquiries and bookings: Denise on 0420 200 266 or denisejlyons@gmail.com For more information refer to flyer on notice board.

Creating Child Safe Parishes – Action required

In order to fulfil our obligations and meet the standards set by CAM as a Child Safe Parish, **anyone who volunteers in any capacity in the parish (extraordinary ministers, readers, counters, Parish Council Members, Finance Council, Sacristans, lawn mowers, maintenance, church cleaners, flower arrangers, choir etc) will now require a Working with Children's Check (WWCC).** These checks are free for volunteers and can be done on line. If you already have a check, you can add the Parish to the list. You might like to start this process now. More information in the New Year. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ring the office on a Thursday to speak to Janine. Please note VIT registration will not comply with CAM requirements.

Catholic Theological College

2019 Study Options Now Available! Undergraduate and Postgraduate Options Choice of Philosophy, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology, Religious Education or Christian Spirituality units

Audit options available Enquiries: Mr John Bartholomeusz, Assistant Dean T: 9412 3309 E: ctc@ctc.edu.au

Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy (ACCC)

The ACCC is a private association of Catholic bishops, priests and deacons in Australia. The fraternity is intended to help clergy to grow in zeal, learning, and holiness. The Confraternity is open to the lay faithful. A Lay Associate membership is a clear way for laity and religious to support diocesan priests. Every year at the national conference, clergy members concelebrate a Mass for the intentions of Confraternity benefactors, living and deceased. On this and many other occasions, lay associates are foremost in their prayers. From time to time, our clergy members organize gathers with their lay associates, to express their thanks. These often take the form of a Mass, followed by a get together. If you are interested in becoming a Lay Associate, there are brochures in the foyer for you to take.

Live-In Weekend Retreat with Fr Tony Mcsweeney Sss And Fr Francis Denton

Friday 29 to Sunday 31 March Pallotti College, 80 McNamaras Road, Millgrove

This enclosed retreat is organised by the Legion of Mary, Melbourne Senatus and is open to everyone. Cost: \$190 includes 2 nights' accommodation and all meals. Enquiries and registration: Caroline Fernandez on 0423 838 756 or smtcsf@gmail.com

Readings Reflection

[The Anointing](#)

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made “co-heirs” to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new “exodus”—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him “a covenant of the people,” the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, “anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power.”

The word messiah means “one anointed” with God's Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob” (see 2 Samuel 23:1–17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10, 17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1–2; Daniel 9:25).

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32–33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

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The Baptism of the Lord & Our Baptism

What is the significance of the Sacrament of baptism?

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt 28:19)

Peter said to [the multitude], “Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)

Christ instituted the Sacrament of Baptism as an essential act for our salvation. Its waters cleanse us of all guilt associated with sin—both Original Sin and actual sin—fill us with grace and make us children of God. We also become members of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, giving us a share in the Kingdom of God.

A bishop, priest, or deacon normally confers Baptism, but anyone can baptise in an emergency by pouring water over the recipient’s head, while praying, “I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” For this reason, the Church teaches that “Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word”.

The Sacrament of Baptism...

- ◇ Removes Original Sin and all actual sin.
- ◇ Imprints an indelible sign on the soul that consecrates a person for Christian worship through a share in the common priesthood of the faithful.
- ◇ Incorporates a person into Christ’s Mystical Body, the Church.
- ◇ Confers sanctifying grace, which is a share in God’s own life; the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity; and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- ◇ Confers actual grace, which is assistance from God to resist sin and to follow his will in life.
- ◇ Makes the recipient a child of God and a temple of the Holy Spirit.
- ◇ Bestows the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude, which help to perfect the natural and theological virtues.
- ◇ Gives us entry into Heaven after life lived in Christ.

Baptism is called the “door” to the other Sacraments because it must be received before any others can be conferred.

From the Didache Bible

1215 This sacrament is also called “the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit,” for it signifies and actually brings about the birth of water and the Spirit without which no one “can enter the kingdom of God.”

1216 “This bath is called enlightenment, because those who receive this [catechetical] instruction are enlightened in their understanding...” (St. Justin). Having received in Baptism the Word, “the true light that enlightens every man,” the person baptized has been “enlightened,” he becomes a “son of light,” indeed, he becomes “light” himself:

“Baptism is God’s most beautiful and magnificent gift.... We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called *gift* because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; *grace* since it is given even to the guilty; *Baptism* because sin is buried in the water; *anointing* for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; *enlightenment* because it radiates light; *clothing* since it veils our shame; *bath* because it washes; and *seal* as it is our guard and the sign of God’s Lordship” (St. Gregory of Nazianzus).

[Christ’s Baptism] 1223 All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfillment in Christ Jesus. He begins his public life after having himself baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his apostles: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

1224 Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to “fulfill all righteousness.” Jesus’ gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his “beloved Son.”

1225 In his Passover Christ opened to all men the fountain of Baptism. He had already spoken of his Passion, which he was about to suffer in Jerusalem, as a “Baptism” with which he had to be baptized. The blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus are types of Baptism and the Eucharist, the sacraments of new life.²³ From then on, it is possible “to be born of water and the Spirit” in order to enter the Kingdom of God.

“See where you are baptized, see where Baptism comes from, if not from the cross of Christ, from his death. There is the whole mystery: he died for you. In him you are redeemed, in him you are saved.” St. Ambrose

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church