



St Mark's Parish

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~ The Baptism of the Lord ~ Year B ~

~ 10 January 2021 ~

~ a whisper echoing heaven ~

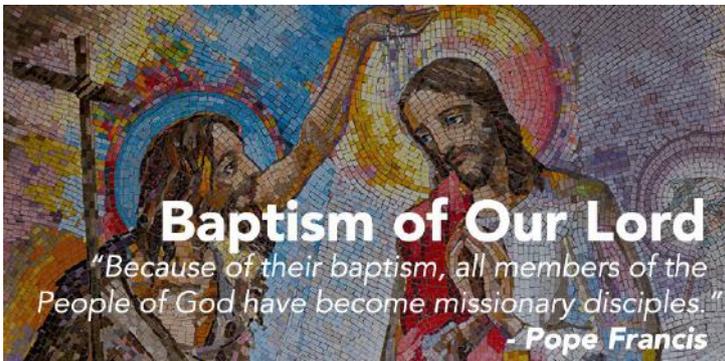
Jesus was immersed in the Waters of the River Jordan as though he were a repentant sinner. Why? Jesus wanted to be identified with the mass of sinful humanity. During this great act of solidarity, Jesus clearly had a mystical experience as He emerged from the waters: the Heavens opening, the Spirit descending *like a dove*, and hearing a *bat qol*, a whisper echoing Heaven.

Each of us has been incorporated into Our Lord's Baptism. At whatever age we received Baptism, the Heavens were opened and Divine love and power streamed from Heaven to earth. The Holy Spirit, Divine Lover of humanity, hovered gently. Deep down, at the intimate wellspring of life, the Divine Voice was heard: 'You are my beloved daughter' or 'You are my beloved son, my favour rests on you.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might wake up each morning with that Divine Voice ringing in our ears, and then re-echoing it in our lives.

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~ volunteer to become a catechist ~

Our parish is looking for volunteer catechists for 2021 school terms.

The most common question people ask about being a Catechist is whether you need experience in teaching. The answer is simple and it's NO. 😊

All you need is a love for God and the passion to share the truth and the Gospel. ❤️

The (CCD) Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Sydney will provide you with the training, support and resources to be equipped to teach effectively in the classroom. 👍

You are required for one hour on Friday morning's during school terms. If interested speak with Fr Michael or Fr John or contact the Parish office and become a Catechist for 2021.

Get Involved unteer

Caring for the spiritual needs of the sick and housebound



An important ministry of St Mark's is visitation of the sick and housebound. This is especially important at holiday time.

Do you know someone in the parish who is unwell or housebound who may appreciate a visit? If so please contact the parish office.



As part of our COVID safe plan it is asked that all parishioners register to attend Mass on the Parish website. www.stmarksdrummoyne.org.au.



The Baptism of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mt 3:16-17

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.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have wrought salvation.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation, he has revealed his justice in the sight of the nations.

The Gloria

Glorify to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

First Reading

Is 55:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Come to the water; listen to my words and you shall have life.

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

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

1 Jn 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of St John

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child that 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.

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

Mk 1:7-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

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 at 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.'

Are you a visitor to St Mark's?

If you are visiting our parish, welcome to our community if you wish to make a donation to our parish please do on the 2nd collection, using our tap machines at our Church entrance.

thank you

In memory at Christmas:

As the holidays approach, we remember the loved ones who will not be with us this year, our parishioners and family members who have past. They are in our hearts as we come together to celebrate the birth of the Jesus. Even though they are not with us physically, we know that they are held in the loving mercy of God. Because of our faith we know they are celebrating with all the angels and saints in heaven.

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The Baptism of the Lord

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the
Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I
look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of
the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: Brothers and sisters, since we are baptised into
God's family through water and Spirit, let us bring our needs
to our Father with thirsty hearts.

Reader: We pray for Pope Francis. May the Holy Spirit
protect and guide him always as he continues to proclaim
Christ's truth and mercy to the world. *(pause)*.
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the leaders of our Church in Australia.
May they be strengthened by the Spirit so that they can
open themselves to the process of discernment during the
Plenary Council. *(pause)*.

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those preparing for baptism that they
may find strength and support in the local community.
(pause).

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for our Parish Community. May we pause
to remember our baptismal vows and be renewed and
refreshed in our call to faith in Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
(pause)

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those who are anxious, depressed or
living in fear will find hope in the risen Jesus. *(pause)*
We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those who have died will inherit the life
promised to those born again of water and the Holy Spirit.
(pause)

We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Father, as we receive the living water to quench our
hearts, we know that you hear our prayer in Jesus 'name
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Offertory Antiphon

Ps 117: 26,27

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We
have blest you from the house of the Lord.**

1. The stone which the builders rejected the same has
become the head of the corner.

2. You are my God and I will praise you; you are my God,
and I will exalt you.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 1:32,34

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

1. Bring to the Lord O you children of God, bring to the Lord
glory and honour, bring to the Lord the glory due his name.

2. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters, the God of
majesty has thundered. The Lord is upon many waters.

Changes to January Masses!

Changes for the month of January.

From Sunday 3 January 2021 (inclusive)
there will be **NO 10:30am Sunday Mass.**

From Wednesday 6 January 2021 (inclusive) there will be
NO 6:00pm Wednesday Mass.

St Mark's Parish Office Closure.



The Parish Office will be closed
from Friday 25 December 2020
and reopen

Monday 11 January 2021

For emergencies call (02) 9181 1795 and leave a
message for us to contact you as soon as we can.

St Mark's Parish

United in Baptism,
Nourished by the Eucharist,
Guided by the Holy Spirit,
We Form a Vibrant and Caring Community,
Living and Proclaiming the Gospel,
Reaching Out to Those in Need,
Journeying Together,
Growing in Faith.

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Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council: Ms Celine Cheng
School Principal: Ms Rachel Bourke

Please respect the sacredness of our church and remember to turn off your mobile phone. Thank you



You are my own dear Son

The Baptism of the Lord



Draw a line to connect each symbol with its correct meaning.



Candle



Water

Symbolises the Holy Spirit

Symbolises life, cleansing and growth

Symbolises purity and freedom from sin

Symbolises the emergence from darkness into the light

Dove



White Gown



Baptism is a symbol of becoming part of God's family. Circle the words below that describe what God's family is like for you.

Trusting **Angry**
Generous
Spiteful
Selfish **Loving**
Forgiving
Mean **Deceitful**
Understanding



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

baptised	heaven	prayed
dove	John	sandals
excited	pleased	sky
fire	powerful	water

R L B I R S A N D A L S Z T Q
S H O V E C J R W A T E R M M
B M M W U J O H N N Q U X G F
A Z E R T F I R E C J H O X M
I G M U U X J I H E E K D L U
X Q D J O B D H A X X S I E M
B C A H S E P Z V O C Q G U P
C C F Z P Q M X A C I P Y X Y
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A F D C P R A Y E D E E P Y X
Q U X F K H I Q M D D A P O I
V T Y K D O V E H R R S A G O
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A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.