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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B)

10 JANUARY 2021



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.

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. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm | Isaiah 12

*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.

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

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.

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;

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PARTS OF THE MASS

Penitential Rite

✠ Have mercy on us, O Lord.
✠ For we have sinned against you.
✠ Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
✠ And grant us your salvation.

✠ May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
✠ Amen.

Gloria

Glory 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.

Credo | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Orate fratres

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours...

The people will stand and reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Mysterium fidei

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Libera nos

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days...

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.

Ecce Agnus Dei

Behold the Lamb of God...

And together with the people, the priest adds:

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

TV / ONLINE MASS

TV Mass - Channel 10, every Sunday 06.00am
St Mary's Cathedral (Sydney) | Sunday 10.30am
<https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all
things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

08 December 2020 to 08 December 2021
150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of
Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Baubles & Typhoon Relief (Philippines)

Our Christmas Baubles campaign has raised a total of \$ 1175 which was donated to the following Church/Diocese/Religious Orders:

Caritas Virac Justice & Peace - Northern Luzon

Diocese of Virac, Catanduanes

c/ Fr Felbert Reyes

\$289.78 = Php 10 000 (food & emergency relief)

Mission Society Philippines - Northern Luzon

Piat, Cagayan

c/ Fr Marc Louie Calo, MSP

\$289.78 = Php 10 000 (food & emergency relief)

Raymond Nonnatus Parish - Southern Luzon

Buenavista, Sorsogon City

c/ Fr Ronnie Dolosa, PP

\$289.78 = Php 10 000 (food & emergency relief)

Diocese of Tandag - Eastern Mindanao

Tandag City, Surigao del Sur

c/ Sr Ria Licayan, LGC

\$285.81 = Php 10 000.01 (food & emergency relief)

We also received other donations in relation to the above project and were distributed as follows:

St Peter's Cathedral Parish - Northern Luzon

Tuguegarao City

c/ Fr Severino Bairuan, Social Action Center

\$289.78 = Php 10 000 (food & emergency relief)

Mary Mother of the Church Parish - Southern Luzon

Antipolo, Virac, Catanduanes

c/ Fr Edward Zafe, PP

\$289.78 = Php 10 000 (repair of church roof damaged by typhoon)

Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul - Western Visayas

Mission to Indigenous People (Aetas / Ati)

Ati Village, Boracay Island, Aklan

c/ Sr Elvira Oliamot, DC

\$287.00 = Php 10 028.81 (feeding program)

St Pope John XXIII Parish - Southern Tagalog Region

Diocese of Imus

Salawag, Cavite

c/ Fr Miguel Concepcion III, PP

\$287.00 = Php 10 028.81 (feeding program)

Funeral Mass

Thursday 14/01 10.30am + Joy Makepeace MHOC

No 9.30am Mass on this day

Lenten Program

We are in need of volunteers to lead Lenten Programs. If you would like to lead or participate in a group, please complete the sheet in the foyer. Materials have to be ordered by Monday 25th January. 1st meeting will start on the 3rd week in February.

Monthly Morning Tea Organisers Needed

To volunteer please sign name on the form at the foyer.

Sick List

From the 1st weekend in February all names on the sick list will be removed. If you would like anyone to be included on the list from that date, please complete the sick list request form (blue folder) at the foyer.

*In your charity,
please pray for*

Our sick

Patricia Owen

Mary Anne Plater

Fr John Willis

Stephen Brown

Julien Ryan

Gordon Livingstone

Pearl Howard

Johanna Turner

Bayly Turner

Cecilia Kelly

Rita Kelly

Our Deceased

+ Joy Makepeace

+ Jose Balquin

+ Emily Herden

+ Ronnie Umali

+ Amalia Sarrosa

+ Frank Fahy

Mass Intentions

11/01 + Sr Helen Cooke, RSJ

12/01 + Sr Carina Cobb, RSJ

13/01 + Emily Herden

14/01 + Sr Philomena Kalmund, RSJ

15/01 + Sr Marie Hopper, RSJ

Roman Martyrology

11/1 St Alexander, bishop & martyr

12/1 St Tatiana, martyr

13/1 St Hilary, bishop & doctor

14/1 St Malachy, prophet

15/1 St Paul, the first hermit

16/1 St Honoratus, bishop

*Omnes sancti Mártyres,
oráte pro nobis*

MASS THIS WEEK

Monday 07.00am

Tues, Wed & Fri 09.30am

Thurs (Funeral Mass) 10.30am

Saturday 05.30pm

Sunday 8am, 9am, 5.30pm

BAPTISM

by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

by appointment

CONFESSIONS

Saturday & Sunday 04.45 - 05.15pm

Weekly Collection

03 January 2021

1st Collection \$ 592.35

Envelopes PG \$ 669.10

Loose \$ 53.25

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Christmas Collection \$ 1248.15

Christmas Baubles \$ 1175.00

Thank you !!!

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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. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation | cf John 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:
This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
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 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.



Parish Census

May we request new parishioners to register with
the parish and current parishioners to update their
details by completing the Parish Census Form.
Available at <https://stedwardsparish.org.au/blog-3033>
and send via email:
southtamworthparish@armidale.catholic.org.au or
post to: Parish Secretary, PO Box 5002,
South Tamworth NSW 2340.

If you have any further questions please send us an
email or call the office at 02 6765 9543.

THE WORD IN OTHER WORDS

Commentary | First Reading

Jesus knew the scripture; it was the only book he would
have known. When he heard the Voice from heaven and he
experienced the Spirit of God coming upon him, he must
immediately have thought of this passage from Isaiah. He
was, then, this mysterious Servant of the Lord about whom
the scripture spoke. He was to bring Israel back to the
Lord. He must have known that the Servant was to suffer
and to reach his fulfilment only through bitter suffering
and death for others. This realisation must have been with
him throughout his ministry, a dark shadow and a
challenge to service. At the same time it was a
confirmation of the love of the Father who was 'well
pleased' in him. This was to be the model for all Christian
suffering. We all know someone – who has to suffer lovingly and
generously in caring for others. The awesome privilege of
suffering after the model of the Servant who is Jesus must
draw respect and comfort for those who serve in this way.
It is a confirmation of God's love for them.

Commentary | Second Reading

This reading emphasizes the mutual love of Father and
Son, so fully expressed in the Baptism – 'with you I am
well pleased'. By our own baptism we share in this love.
But, as with all love, there is a price to pay, not only in
obedience to his commandments. It is a victory, a love
which conquers the world. How it conquers the world is
hinted by the mysterious reference that Jesus 'came by
water and blood'. With John there are always multiple
layers of meaning. Does it mean the water and blood which
flowed from his side as he was pierced by the soldier's
spear on the Cross? Or is it – and this understanding lies
deep in the tradition of the Church – that the water symbol-
izes baptism and the blood symbolizes the eucharist? The
sacraments flow from the side of Christ as he breathes
forth, or gives over, his Spirit to the new community
consisting of his Mother and the Beloved Disciple, the
representatives of the Church. It is by the water and the
blood that we meet Christ in these two basic sacraments.

Commentary | Gospel Reading

What can Jesus have experienced? It is described as 'the
heavens torn apart', a Voice, and the Spirit coming down
like a dove. It must have given him the experience of being
treasured, being embraced by the Person whom he called
'Father'. But he is given a task too, for the Spirit of God is
an empowering Spirit. It must have felt like a new impetus,
a thrill of challenge, a surge of energy and opportunity, an
exciting new task. In this new Spirit he went out to bring
the good news of peace, gradually gathering his
community and spreading God's healing love by his
personality, his teaching and his healing. This is the power
which baptism has given to us also, to bring God's healing
and God's love, to build a community of love which
reflects and extends God's own love. Jesus must have been
daunted by the task. He knew it would test him to the limit
of his endurance, but he knew he had received the Power
of God, and put his trust in his Father. He never promised
us at baptism that it would be easy to live as Christians, but
he did promise us that he would give us the surge of
strength and power which is the Holy Spirit.