



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday 12 January 2025

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the conclusion of the Christmas season and commences what we call the Sundays of Ordinary time because they are counted in ordinal sequence. These continue until Ash Wednesday, the 5th March which begins the Season of Lent. Some significant celebrations this year fall on a Sunday such as Australia Day (26/1) and the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2/2).

Washing rituals were not uncommon at the time of John the Baptist. Their emphasis was on ridding people of impurity and sin to be pure before God. John believed that the time of the messiah was approaching and that as many as possible should be ready by washing away all that was in the way of recognising the promised one. The baptism of Jesus as recorded by Luke gives us the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit indwelling in Jesus and His identity as God's beloved Son.

Baptism is still understood in terms of washing away that which is not of God and being born again into the ways of Jesus Christ whose family, the Church, live in the Holy Spirit and continue the mission of Jesus.

Baptism is a gift to us from God, offered by means of the mediation and assistance of the Church. Through it all sins are forgiven, and the person is joined to Christ and His Body, which is His family of faith, the Church. It is a gift that not everyone receives and like our Christmas presents then must be unwrapped, understood and be used and practiced. As we know for many people, sadly, this gift isn't even opened, let alone understood, practiced or lived. These are simply the facts.

As a family of faith let's pray that we will always offer the gift of Baptism as well as the opportunity to understand the gift that it is and celebrate it well. Hopefully, we can assist people to unwrap this precious gift and support them in living the gospel amidst the challenges and distractions of life.

God's blessing as you live with joy God's gift of Baptism,

Fr Kevin.

Liturgy and Prayers This Week 13 January to 19 January

	Bulimba	Buranda	East Brisbane	Kangaroo Point
Wednesday	7pm (Mass)		8am (Mass)	
Friday	8am Adoration + Benediction	9am (Mass)		
Saturday	9am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)		5pm (Mass)	
Sunday	8am (Mass) 5.30pm (Mass)	8am (Mass)		9am (Mass)

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ORDER OF THE MASS

GATHERING HYMN

ALL THE EARTH

*All the earth proclaim the Lord,
Sing your praise to God.*

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness,
Come into his presence singing for joy!

Know that the Lord is our Creator,
Yes, he is our Father, we are his own.

Enter his gates bringing thanksgiving,
O enter his courts while singing his praise.

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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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

APOSTLES CREED

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION HYMN

COME TO THE FEAST

To everyone that thirsts: Come to the waters!
Here is an end to hunger: Come to the feast!
And everyone who labours: Come to the waters!
All you who have no money: Come to the feast!

For this is life: The waters of the Jordan:
For this is life: The waters of your birth:
For this is life: The waters that renew you:
O come to the feast! O come to the feast!

To everyone who seeks: Come to the waters!
Hear me and share the riches: Come to the feast!
And everyone who mourns: Come to the waters!
Now is an end to sadness: Come to the feast!

For this is life: The streams of joy and gladness:
For this is life: The rains that bring you joy:
For this is life: The waters that restore you:
O come to the feast! O come to the feast!

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

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