

# The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

## 12th - 13th January 2019

**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.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

R/ The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**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.'

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** 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:** Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

*When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Do I realise that through Baptism I have become a beloved child of God?**

**Do I always try to act as such by being obedient to God's will just as Jesus was obedient to the Father?**

**What does being a child of God mean to me?**



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### “You are my Son, the Beloved”

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord serves as a bridge. First, it doubles up as the concluding feast of the Christmas season when we have reflected on the manifestations of God's presence amongst us through the birth of a human child into poor circumstances and in whom rested the assurance of God's love for all humanity. Second, it highlights a dramatic transition in Jesus' life. The gospel accounts identify Jesus' Baptism as the event that plucks him out of obscurity into public ministry.



Today's Gospel is brief but rich in meaning. It reveals a third manifestation of God's presence amongst us in the person of Jesus who, having submitted to the baptism by John is affirmed as God's beloved Son and envoy. But we need to understand that Jesus' baptism was not just a symbolic action. In participating in the baptism Jesus, human like us, not only identified with others in all their human frailty but opened his heart, mind and whole life to the influence of God's spirit.

This provokes us to a fresh awareness of the mission to which we are called as the 'baptised'. Jesus' mission is our mission and the

same Spirit that moved in Jesus moves within us to be bearers of the "Good News to the poor" and proclaim in word and deed God's love for all humanity.

*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death?*

*Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. Rom 6:3-4*

**Office Hours:**

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

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**Parish Mass Schedule**

**Weekend Masses:**

**Saturday:** 6:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:00am (Italian),

10:30 am, 6:00 pm

**Weekday Masses:**

**Monday to Friday:** 9.10am

**Healing Mass:** 1st Thursday of

the month at 1.30pm

**Devotional Practices:**

**Adoration of the Blessed**

**Sacrament:** Wednesday after

9.10am Mass

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday

(English) & Friday (Italian) after

9.10am Mass

**Legion of Mary:** Thursday

7.30pm, in the Presbytery

**Reconciliation:**

Weekdays: 30 minutes before

Mass or by appointment

**Baptisms & Weddings:**

By appointment only

**Our Church - A Safe Community  
A Shared Commitment  
Professional Standards Unit**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's (CAM) Professional Standards Unit (PSU) is situated within the Vicar General's Office and was established on March 1, 2018. The Unit replaced the Office of Professional Conduct and Ethics which operated from 2012 – 2017. The new Unit was established to further enhance and strengthen CAM's capacity to safeguard children and vulnerable people in the wake of the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, as well as the Victorian Betrayal of Trust Inquiry.

The PSU aims to create and sustain a culture within CAM, which places the highest priority on the safety, protection and wellbeing of children and vulnerable people. The Unit provides advice and support across the Archdiocese to the leadership, staff and volunteers to ensure that children, young people and adults are safe from sexual, physical, spiritual and psychological abuse.

Contact details: Please note for general enquiries administration is available on a part-time basis on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If your enquiry is not urgent, please leave a message and your call will be returned. Tel: (03) 9926 5621,

Email: [ProfessionalStandards@cam.org.au](mailto:ProfessionalStandards@cam.org.au)

For urgent matters 5 days per week, please do not hesitate to call Dr Katherine Levi (tel: (03) 9926 5630) or Ms Linda Franco (tel: 0429 816 342)

**Dates to Remember**

**Saturday 2nd February:**

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



**Welcome!**

This weekend through Baptism we welcome: **Yeshudiya Freeman** into our Parish family



**Last Week's Collection: 06/01/19**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1485.85  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$879.60

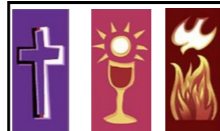
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**Prayer has the Power to Change Lives and Hearts**

Pope Francis: God is a father who never ignores his children when they call to him in times of suffering, loneliness and despair. Although at times it seems that 'so many of our prayers seem to have no result,' Christians are called by Christ to 'insist and not give up.' Prayer always changes reality, let us not forget that: It either changes things or changes our hearts, but it always changes,' he said.

Pope Francis says that those who care for the sick and give of themselves with generosity and straightforward love – like St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta - are amongst the Church's most credible evangelisers.



**Sacramental Program 2019**

There will be programs conducted for children who attend non-Catholic schools in preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Our parish will have no Confirmation in 2019.

Registration forms will be available from last Sunday of January. Programs will be conducted at the presbytery on Sundays after 10.30am mass. You will find more details regarding the program on the application forms.

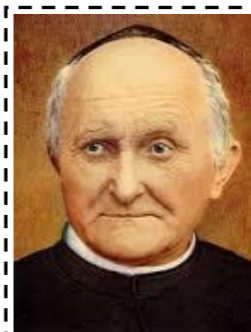
Sincere **THANK YOU** to all of you who were involved in the preparation and celebration of the Christmas season events. Thank you to cleaners, decorators, musicians, ministers, parents who brought their children to enact the Nativity of our Lord on Christmas Eve, and all who have helped to make this Christmas a wonderful experience of the presence of Emmanuel – God-with-us – in our parish community.



**Our Baptismal Call**



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.



**Feast of St Arnold Janssen, SVD**

Who is Arnold Janssen?

Saint Arnold Janssen SVD was the Founder of Divine Word Missionaries, the Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Holy Spirit and the Sister-Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration. We celebrate his memorial on January 15th.

**November 5, 1837:** Born in Goch, Germany, to devoted Catholic parents with 10 children

**August 15, 1861:** Ordained a priest for the Münster Diocese

**1861 to 1873:** Taught high school mathematics and natural sciences in Bocholt

**1869:** Named diocesan director of the Apostleship of Prayer in Münster

**January 1874:** Began publishing Little Messenger of the Sacred Heart, a magazine aimed at communicating mission news and encouraging Germans to support mission activities.

**September 8, 1875:** Opened the Mission Seminary in Steyl, Holland, founded The Society of the Divine Word, also known also as Societas Verbi Divini (SVD)

**March 2, 1879:** Sent the first two SVD missionaries to China, Fr. Joseph Freinademetz, SVD and Fr. John B. Anzer, SVD

**December 8, 1889:** Co-founded the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit, a congregation of religious sisters serving the missions

**December 1896:** Co-founds of the cloistered sisters, Sister-Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration

**1889 to 1909:** Missionary work expanded to Argentina (1889), Togo (1892), Brazil (1895), New Guinea (1896), Chile (1900), U.S.A. (1900), Japan (1906), Paraguay (1908) and Philippines (1909)

**January 15, 1909:** Dies at Steyl, Holland, at the age of 71

**October 5, 2003:** Canonised in Rome by Pope John Paul II

Thank you for your presence this weekend at Sacred Heart Preston. You are always welcome here.



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME

**WE PRAY FOR:**

The elderly and the sick

*John Bernardini, Lorraine Fitzpatrick, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes, Rosie Poter & Yvonne Tierney*

Our loved one who died recently

*Blaz Galenic*

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

*John Bourke (6th month),*

*Vincenzo Gargante,*

*Dr James McCarthy (brother of Fr John McCarthy),*

*Fr. Brian Murray (1st Anni.)*



O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking**

You are all most heartily invited to attend the Vigil Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita and to mark the International Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking.

Mass will be celebrated:

Time: 7.30pm

Date: Thursday 7th February 2019

Place: St Patrick's Cathedral

Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli

RSVP/Inquiries: [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au)



**Cleaning Roster: Saturday 19th January 2019**

**Pauline/Volunteer**



Thank you for your help!

**Roster for weekend of 19th - 20th January 2019**

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	Rohan Lemos John Plum	Marlene Vergou Barbara Fitzgerald	Rohan Lemos
<b>Sun 9.00am (Italian)</b>	Paiano T.	Roda G. Santini G.	Tamburrini M.
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Sonya Bading Catherine Zanatta	Eileen Stevens Alan Castles	Jessie Thambiraj
<b>Sun 6.00pm</b>	Jessica Suppiah Anna Liggieri	Margaret Bannon Benedicta Arhatari	Kevin