

St Mark's Parish

The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

13 January 2019

Gospel Reflection



What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity. His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity?

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God. © Fr Michael Tate

With Fr Denis on annual leave and my clerical appointment by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP as a chaplain of the Sydney Catholic Schools WYD19 Pilgrimage during the next week to assist with parish ministries and to celebrate at selected masses we welcome to St Mark's Church visiting priests' Fr Joe Camilleri, Fr Michael Smith and Fr Kelvin Lovegrove. We are deeply grateful for their assistance to our community. Please extend your usual warm welcome and generous hospitality. *Thanks and blessings Fr Michael.*

World Youth Day 2019 Panama, the "bridge of the world, heart of the universe".

Sydney Catholic Youth is the Archbishop's agency for youth and young adults within the Archdiocese of Sydney. Their mission is to walk with young people towards an ever deeper encounter with Christ, the Church and one another. In Panama youth have the chance to do the following.

Opening Mass that emphasises the culture of the host country, Panama!

3 days of expos that show young pilgrims different paths of achieving their vocation in the Church and catechists session with Bishops from around the world.

Listen to the word of God during Pope Francis' welcome and pray together with the Holy Father.

Stations of the Cross invites pilgrims into the penitential character of WYD with a procession along a dedicated route through Panama City.

Pilgrimage Walk, this is a unique time for the youth to reflect, pray and meet with Christ in an atmosphere of peace and joy.

Celebrate the final Mass lead by the Holy Father.

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St. Mark's Parish Mission

*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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WYD Pilgrims Panama-bound

Today's Liturgy.

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: Is 42:1-4. 6-7

In the desert make ready the way of the Lord.

or Is 40:1-5. 9-11
In the desert make ready the way of the Lord.

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

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

or Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1
Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Spirit and with power.

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!

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!

Gospel: Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus at his baptism

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. The Lord is God, and he has shown upon us, alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

Next Week:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

**Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11:**

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.

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.

*We welcome into our
faith community this
Sunday through the
Sacrament of Baptism at
St. Mark's.*

*Mila Rose Tharburu
& Eleanor Louise Wright*



and we congratulate their parents.





In your love and concern,
please pray for the following
ill members of our community:
Eileen O'Neill, Nora Bateman,
Tina LaForgia, Julius Mendel,
Anne Whitfield, Daisy Gill,
Francois Tuyau, Giovanni

Iacono, Elvira Favorito, Pat Williams, Bruce Barter, Betty Bidgood,
Jeff Bidgood, Evelyn Dann, Meagan Ficarra, Mae Ann Buckley,
Pat Castagnone and Lynette Lord and all St Mark's community
members unwell at this time.

Anniversaries and those we are remembering at this time:

Charlie Camilleri, George Andreou, Tannous and Nasa families,
Fr Kevin Muldoon, Antonio Ziino, Santa Mattiello and members of
the Di Losa and Ziino families, Roslyn Iris Poppen, and Larry O'Neill.

Recently deceased: Veronica Hamilton, Stephen Fairburn,
Romilda Xuereb and Monica Muir. We pray for those who have
died and offer our prayers to their families.



Birthdays are a wonderful time to celebrate
the life God on Sunday 27 January 2019
parishioner **Maria Paino** will celebrate her
90th Birthday with a Blessing at St Mark's
after 9am Mass. (10am)

Maria and her family invite you to join her in this significant
milestone celebration and to join the family afterwards
upstairs in the Parish Centre.

(For catering if you are joining Maria and the family after the blessing please
notify the parish office.)

January 15, 1842 Mary Helen MacKillop was born in Melbourne.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was canonised on October 17 2010.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - 12/ 13 JANUARY 2019 The Baptism of the Lord - Year C

| NEXT WEEK: | WORD | COMMUNION | SERVER/JEM | Children's Liturgy |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Saturday 6.00 PM | M Bullock R Harris | M Griffin M Hanvey | A Griffin | School Holidays |
| Sunday 9:00 AM | M Fernon E Chatterjee V Beggs | Y Lee R Colantonio K Rowntree | D Gardiner / Holidays | |
| Sunday 6:00 PM | R Casey D Wing | D Swetz Sr Antonia | M Casey | |



share the story
shape the future

Over the past seven months, more
than 30,000 people have generously
shared their stories and experiences
of life, faith and the Church with the
Plenary Council. Those stories will
help shape this historic process by
forming the agenda for the Plenary

Council sessions in 2020 and 2021.

Thank you to all who have participated in the Listening & Dialogue stage.

**Missed Out! If you haven't yet shared your story, & would like to join
the last of our sessions at St Mark's sign up sheets are in the foyer.**

St Mark's Parish Mass Times

Saturday Vigil
Sunday

6.00pm
9.00am & 6.00pm

Weekdays:

8.00am
9:30am
7.30am
9.30am
8.00am
12 noon

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Morning Prayer of the Church 15 minutes prior to weekday Mass

Reconciliation:

11.30am

Saturday

Adoration & Exposition:

11.00am - 12 noon Saturday

First Friday of the Month from the conclusion of morning Mass



BAPTISMS: are on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10:30am.
During Lent no Baptisms or Weddings are celebrated.

MARRIAGES: Parishioners intending marriage are asked to notify the
Parish office at least six months prior to your wedding.

FUNERALS: Parishioners are asked to contact the parish office.

NEW PARISHIONERS: If you are new to St Mark's please pick up a
Welcome to St Mark's envelope from the Church foyer.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - 19/ 20 JANUARY 2019 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

| NEXT WEEK: | WORD | COMMUNION | SERVER/JEM | Children's Liturgy |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Saturday 6.00 PM | C Griffith C Burlew | N Duane S Looi | R Zoccali | School Holidays |
| Sunday 9:00 AM | L Boulos N Goodman L Smith | A Bateman M Jimenez C O'Neill | E Pidd / Holidays | |
| Sunday 6:00 PM | J Denehy B Natoli | P Harrington M Harrington | T Griffin | |

| SESSION | DAY | TIME |
|---------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Monday 21 January 2019 | 7.00pm - 8.30pm |
| 2 | Wednesday 30 January 2019 | 7.00 pm - 8.30pm |
| 3 | Saturday 2 February 2019 | 4.00pm - 5.30pm |
| 4 | Sunday 3 February 2019 | 10.00am - 11.30am |
| 5 | Tuesday 5 February 2019 | 7.00pm - 8.30pm |
| 6 | Saturday 9 February 2019 | 4.00pm - 5.30pm |

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Pastoral Associate: Sr Antonia Nedu ISR (Mon & Tues)

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Parish Administration: Ms Vicki Anderson (Mon to Fri)



You are my own dear Son

The Baptism of the Lord

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



Candle

Symbolises the Holy Spirit

Symbolises life, cleansing and growth

Symbolises purity and freedom from sin

Symbolises the emergence from darkness into the light

Dove



Water

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
dove
excited
fire

heaven
John
pleased
powerful

prayed
sandals
sky
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
P E P O W E R F U L T L S K Y
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
U H E A V E N I D X S E Z H Y
R F S Q U R B K T S P D C O W
A K N V L B A P T I S E D Z L

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If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us.

We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office phone (02) 9390 5812.