

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

River Street, South Murwillumbah

St. Brigid's Church

Broadway, Burringbar

St. Columba's Church

Convent Lane, Uki

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YR C 13 January 2019

Jesus the man

Every now and then we see something happen which amazes and startles us, something which flies in the face of our expectations and puzzles and perplexes us.

Here, in today's gospel, is Jesus being baptised by John. What a shock! After all, the crowds had started to think that perhaps Jesus was the Christ, the Saviour of the world. John himself says that he is not worthy even to untie Jesus' sandal. Yet Jesus comes to John to be baptised. But that seems to indicate that John is the greater of the two. It doesn't add up!

That the story of his baptism by John is so counter to everyone's expectations, and nevertheless appears in the gospel, is strong evidence that it actually happened. It was an event which would need some explaining!

The baptism in fact marks a major turning point for Jesus. It heralds the beginning of his public ministry of teaching and healing, a ministry that would end with his death on the cross. We see Jesus' humility writ large when he submits himself to baptism by John the Baptist. Later, we see it again when his public ministry comes to an end and he submits himself to those who will torture and execute him.

Why then did Jesus submit to baptism by John? It is not that Jesus needed to be baptised. It was we who needed it! John was calling for repentance, for recognition of our sinfulness, and for conversion in our lives to what is good and just and right living. Jesus was affirming John's teaching.

Like the people then, we too need to recognise our failings and our sinfulness, to repent our misdeeds, and to commit to living more faithfully, more justly, and more compassionately.

And as for people then, those events that shock and perplex us can open up new possibilities for new understandings. They are often moments of revelation and insight. We come to see what we didn't see – perhaps couldn't see - before.

In this case, Jesus' baptism becomes a moment when God reveals Jesus' divine identity as the Son of God. It was a moment of epiphany: "heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"

Our baptism as Christians finds its meaning in Jesus' baptism and death. In his baptism, and his life and his death, Jesus entered into our lostness and our need for grace, becoming fully and truly human, one like us in all things but sin. In our baptism we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ." We are conformed to Christ, and made a citizen of heaven. He became human that we might become divine!

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH 13 - 20 JANUARY

Sunday	The BAPTISM of the LORD - Year C	
	8:00 am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10:00 am	<u>Mass</u> - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, South Murwillumbah
Tuesday	4.15 - 5.15pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
	5.30 pm	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	6:00 pm	Rosary - Sacred Heart Church
Wednesday	No Mass or Adoration today	
Thursday	No Mass today	
Friday	10:00 am	Communion Service - M'bah Nursing Home - K Mumford
	10:00 am	Communion Service - Heritage Lodge - L Green
	2:45 pm - 3:45 pm	Adoration - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday	6:00 pm	<u>Vigil Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday	2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C	
	8:00 am	<u>Mass</u> - Sacred Heart Church
	10:00 am	<u>Mass</u> - St Brigid's, Burringbar
Monday	Meals on Wheels - Roster 1	

LITURGY ROSTER: 2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - 19/20 January

Acolyte Altar Servers Readers Extra Ordinary Ministers Hospitality Procession of Gifts	Saturday Vigil 6.00pm J Reynolds B Puccini W Gradisnik M Reynolds (C) P/F C Anderson R D Banner R L Hosking (C) R Daley, M Mumford D & B Guinea _____ _____	Sunday 8.00am T Zambelli P, D & L Kee J Farrell B Nolan (C) R M Roberts R F Wright P/F K Ryder (C), L Green MA Thackray I & B Dusi S Lemon & B Cook B Heanes & T Yabsley	ROSARY STATUE Dom & Bev Guinea
			COUNTERS: 13 Jan: M & M Cooper 20 Jan: P & R Marr 27 Jan: P & L McMahon
			The Sacred Heart Church 'Prayer Chapel' is open for private prayer on weekdays.

DIOCESAN POSITIONS VACANT

- ◆ **The Catholic Chancery in Lismore is seeking a Payroll & HR Officer.** For further information, please go to the full ad on seek.com.au
- ◆ **St Vincent's Private Hospital Lismore is seeking an Accountant to join the Finance team.** For further information go to SVPH website or contact SVPH Human Resources on 02-6627 9235 or email hr@svh.org.au by Friday 25 January.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 103)

R: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul.

IF SUNG:

R: Bless the Lord, my soul. O bless the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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!



Congratulations to
Joe & Lorraine McDonald
who recently celebrated
their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Readings for next week:
2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME - Year C
Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11, Jn 2:1-11

RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Francis Murnane (Gladstone), Gloria Moran, Marilyn Frost, Maureen O'Connor, Sr Colleen Reynolds PBVM.

ANNIVERSARIES:
 Catherine Brown, Frank Berg, Meg Hunter, Lily Mason, Marie Burnham (Devits).

CHURCH CLEANING - SANCTUARY & ALTAR
Sacred Heart Church: 13 & 20 January
 C Wightley, Zambelli family & N Gear
OLPS Church, South Murwillumbah:
January - MA Thackray