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St Michael's Lane Cove
Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00pm
Sunday Morning Mass: 9.30am
Sunday Evening Mass: 6.00pm
Tue-Thu, & Sat: 9.15am
Friday: 12.00noon

Mary Help of Christians Chapel
(72 Greenwich Road, Greenwich)

Sunday Morning Mass: 8.00am
Weekdays Mon-Sat: 8.30am

Dalton Memorial Chapel, Riverview
Sunday (during school term only) 7.30am

CONFESSION TIMES (PARISH CHURCH):

Saturdays: 8.45am - 9.10am
5.15pm - 5.45pm
Sundays: 9.00am - 9.25am
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PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, 12 January, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

Baptism makes of us Temples of the Holy Spirit and children of God. In today's Gospel we see the Divinity of Jesus Christ 'rubbing off' on the waters of John's baptism, which was only a human ritual until this point, but which Jesus makes a sacrament: a ritual which actually does something, something spiritual, hidden and interior, yet real.

St John the Baptist naturally objects when Jesus says that he should be baptised too, because he had already told everyone that Jesus would 'baptise them with the Holy Spirit and with fire', whereas he only baptised with water.

Yet Jesus' baptism by John is the means that God used to show forth what the Sacrament of Baptism would henceforth do. The word in Greek which speaks of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus has the sense of "resting" or "staying" with him. The voice from Heaven proclaims Jesus to be 'beloved Son'.

We ought to be mindful of just how great this sacrament truly is, therefore. God comes to dwell in our souls through it, and by that indwelling, we become His children.

In our Prayers and Masses, we remember:

Our loved ones who are sick:

Francis Austria, Helen Malloy, Lynne Duncan,
Paul Ippolito, Adelaide Magdalang, Christine Oberle, Tony Dawson,
Christopher Mogan, Margarita Dumlaio, Perri Hallet, Richard Martin,
Roque Langkay Jnr., Rebecca Shields, Eszter Kalotay, Pam and Paul Lenehan,
Mary Ng, Vanderlita Alves, Tony Devery, Patricia Breen, Margaret Price.

Our loved ones who have recently passed away:

Roberto Leon, Thomas Shue Hee Fong, Violet Loo

Anniversaries of our deceased loved ones:

Franko Music, Jim Lee Fong, Mato Tomic, Ian Furey, Victoria Bechara,
Elias Bechara, Monica Rincon de Florez

St Michael's Church Liturgical Roster

	This Week 12/1	Next Week 19/1
6pm Vigil Mass		
<i>Reader:</i>	Nicola Bietoloa	Emmilyn Belaro
<i>Server:</i>	Paul McGregor	Paul McGregor
9.30am Mass		
<i>Reader:</i>	Anne Yap	Ferdi Kawiadji
<i>Server:</i>	Edith Lam Avangelina Hee	Edith Lam Avangelina Hee
Ch. Lit. Leader	-	-
Ch. Lit. Assistant	-	-
Ch. Lit. Assistant	-	-
6pm Mass		
<i>Reader:</i>	Andrew Sneddon	Gavin Pilz
<i>Server:</i>	Marcus Pinzone	Marcus Pinzone

The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

First Reading (Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1)

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. (R.)
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. (R.)
3. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. (R.)
4. All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. (R.)
5. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

Second Reading (Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

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Gospel Acclamation (See Luke 3:16)

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 (Luke 3:15-16. 21-22)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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

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