

South Brisbane and West End Parish Newsletter

The Baptism of the Lord
11th January 2026



When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him

I looked up Baptism in the Catechism. These two paragraphs stood out to me as I read. **1272 Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptised is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation. Given once for all, Baptism cannot be repeated.**

The catechism mentions an indelible mark that cannot be erased by sin, brokenness or weakness. Many Catholics may not be aware of this, but we do recognise one baptism if the correct formula is used. The formula: (name of person) I baptise you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. There was a slight controversy a couple of years ago with people who were baptised with the formula, 'We baptise you...', which is also an incorrect formula because it's not 'we, the Church,' that baptises the individual, but Christ Himself who baptises. The personal pronoun follows after the words that Jesus proclaims over each individual. Of course, the right names must be used as well, e.g. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, not Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. For many reasons, we must stick to the books for these Sacraments, but the other thing to keep in mind is; once you've been baptised, there's no need to be rebaptised. There's a trend among young adults who, in an endeavour to claim their faith, request a rebaptism. Such a thing does not exist in our faith; rather, it's an invitation to begin today in the way we live our lives more intentionally for the Gospel. Let us not delay, but we swift in our response to God's grace.

Finally, the second paragraph, **1273 Incorporated into the Church by Baptism, the faithful have received the sacramental character that consecrates them for Christian religious worship. The baptismal seal enables and commits Christians to serve God by a vital participation in the holy liturgy of the Church and to exercise their baptismal priesthood by the witness of holy lives and practical charity.**

The indelible mark has a Sacramental character that makes us feel at home in worship. We might not understand entirely what's happening at Mass, but it feels familiar, and it feels like home. This is the grace of the Sacramental gift - that the soul's default position is a position of worship toward our God. All of this has been provided through the gateway of baptism.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us remember its indelible mark upon us, and live out its witness following after the Lord in the way he ministered to the world.

Fr William

The Good Shepherd Parish acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our Churches stand.

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Welcome to new Parishoners

We welcome any new Parishoners among us. Take the time to meet with our priests and get connected to the broader community.



Embracing the communities of:

St Mary's, South Brisbane,
St Francis of Assisi, West End
St Ita's, Dutton Park

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield

Readings at Mass

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First Reading

Isaiah 42 :1-4,6-7

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 28(29):1-4,9-10

R/ The Lord will bless his people with peace

O give the Lord, you sons of God
Give the Lord glory and power
Give the Lord the glory of his name
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R/**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters
the Lord on the immensity of the waters
the voice of the Lord full of power
the voice of the Lord full of splendour. **R/**

The God of glory thunders
In his temple they all cry, 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood
The Lord sits as king for ever,. **R/**

Second Reading

Acts 10 :34-38

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.'

Gospel Acclamation

cf Mark 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3 :13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'



Poem on Baptism

Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;
The river runs, the clouds are torn apart,
The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son
Reveal to us the single loving heart
That beats behind the being of all things
And calls and keeps and kindles us to light.
The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings
'You are beloved, you are my delight!'
In that quick light and life, as water spills
And streams around the Man like quickening rain,
The voice that made the universe reveals
The God in Man who makes it new again.
He calls us too, to step into that river
To die and rise and live and love forever.

Next Sunday Readings:

Is 49: 3, 5-6: 1, Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10
1 Cor 1: 1-3,
Jn 1:29-34.



Upcoming Events & News

🌸 Farewell Celebrations for Sr. Salvacion 🌸

Join us in a time of prayer on the 16th of Jan at 6pm. This will be an evening Mass, which all Parishioners are invited to attend. Before we spend the time in celebration, it is also good to spend the time in Thanksgiving.

📍 **St Mary's, South Brisbane**
17 Friday 16th, January, 6pm

🌸 Farewell Celebrations for Sr. Salvacion FEAST NIGHT 🌸



On the night of the 17th we warmly invite you to join us for food and fellowship as we honour Sr Salvacion.

📍 **St Francis of Assisi Hall**
17 Saturday 17th, January, 6pm

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Mass Times

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ST MARY'S**20 Merivale St, South Brisbane**

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sun: 9am & 5pm

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**47 Dornoch Tce, West End**

- Sun: 9am

ST ITA'S**247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park**

- Sat(Vigil): 5pm
- Sun: 10:30am (Indonesian)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**72 Victoria St Fairfield**

- Sun: 7am

CONFESSIONS**St Mary's**

Fri: 7:30-8am | Sat 8:30am-9am

Sun: 4:15pm-4:45pm

PARISH ACTIVITIES**BAPTISMS**

- Sat: 9:30am

Booking is essential

Contact Parish Office 07 3324 3736

PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tue: 6:30pm - St Mary's Church
- Sun: 4pm - St Mary's Church

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Sat: after 8am Mass until Sundays 8:30am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Fri - 7am - St Mary's Church
- 1st Sat - 5pm - St Ita's Church
- 1st Sun - 7am - OLPS Fairfield

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (SCHOOL TERM ONLY)

- Sun: 9am - St Mary's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY

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