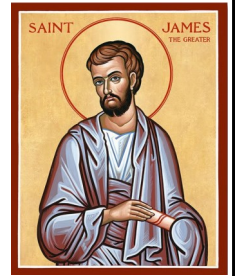


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The Baptism of the Lord Gospel Reflection

Today's gospel begins with a level of expectancy among the people that John the Baptist may be the Christ; the Messiah. This seemingly throw away introductory comment confirms the fact that the Jewish expectation of the Messiah was particularly heightened at the time of John and Jesus. At the time of the ministries of John and Jesus, the Romans had been the occupying force in Judaea for about 80 or 90 years. Throughout most of their lives the infamous Galilee area had been relatively peaceful and free of revolutionary activity but that changed from about 26 CE. With the anti-Roman sentiment on the rise, the ancient yearning for a Messiah resurfaced.

This Messianic expectation stretched back hundreds of years and was richly associated with the sovereign line of King David. The Davidic line ruled for more than 400 years until it was ended in the early 6th Century BCE by the Jewish people being exiled in Babylon for about 50 years.

The term, Messiah, literally means anointed one. In ancient Israel, the king was designated by being anointed with oil on his head. Following the exile in Babylon, the people longed for another great king, in the style and from the line of David. Over time, this expectation grew into an ideal that one day a perfect king would rise up again and be the anointed one; the Messiah. As the years grew into decades and centuries, this expectation took on more and more significance. When the Messiah came, the whole world would be put to right; a period of justice and peace would prevail; the oppressed would be liberated.

Whilst the people longed for the Messiah to appear, the gospels reveal that they had difficulty believing Jesus was the one for whom they hoped.

Gospel Focus – My Son, the Beloved

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.' This declaration by the voice from Heaven – the voice of God – is an amalgamation of two earlier pieces of scripture: 'You are my son; today I have begotten you' (Ps 2:7) and 'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights' (Is 42:1). The fact that it is uttered before Jesus has begun his ministry is a sign to all of us that God delights in us for who we are, not for what we have achieved in our lives.

Have you thought? Trinity

The baptism event in the gospels is a moment of revelation of the Trinitarian nature of God. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove whilst the voice of God is heard to declare of Jesus, 'You are my Son.' It is a unique moment in the scriptures where the three persons of God are individually and collectively revealed. Although the scriptures do not explicitly name God as Trinity, by the time of Paul's early writings, blessings in the name of Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit are frequent. Despite this, Trinity continues to be a difficult concept for many Christians.

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Thank you to Norman and his band of helpers for the wonderful Christmas decorations over the Christmas Season.



Our Invitation to the upcoming Catholic Foundation module organized by Archdiocesan Ministries. Please note that the modules can be taken independently. Module One: **Catholic Theology in Context**. The module is not just intellectual, it is experiential, so be ready to understand God more deeply, and experience God personally. St James will be a hub if we get the minimum (5). Price \$150 per participant. Begins Monday 3rd February 2025. Pamphlet information at side table. More details to come. Email adultfaithformation.stjames@gmail.com



Throughout 2025 we will bless our parishioners during our 1st Sunday masses (Vigil, 7am and 9am) when they have their birthdays or wedding anniversaries during that month.

Mass & Services

WEEKEND: Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am

WEEKDAY: Friday 9am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30—5.30pm...

PERPETUAL ADORATION: will return 11th February 2025.

(Tuesdays 8.30am till Wednesday 8am) Vicky brisbane.adoration@gmail.com

HEALING + ANOINTING MASS: Anointing Mass 14th February (School opening 7th Feb)

FIRST FRIDAY ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 7th February 2025

KERALA COMMUNITY MASS: 3rd Sunday for January 2025 at 4pm (19th January)

PRAYER MEETING: Every Friday (Except 1st Friday of the month) @ 7.10 pm (Rosary), 7.30 pm (Praise & Worship followed by Message)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: continues 1st and 3rd Sundays @ 9am mass. Kids Bulletin available: [copyright https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/](https://thekidsbulletin.com/about/)

Welcome
New Parishioners please register
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Please pray for recently deceased: Andrea Arquileta; Joan Harding; Caroline Bremner; Loreta Mesina; Trevor Wilkinson; Fr Joseph Truong OP; Peter Lwat; Janice Condon; Angelo Lanzafame.

And these anniversaries: Barbara Sanguino; Peter Ward; Zosimo Cruspero; Paciencia Ala-an; Lourdes John; Dolores Reyes; Les & Ruby Richards.

Please pray for these unwell: Ian Gillespie; George Erbacher; Bien Lorenzo; Jenny Hapea; Germain Fernando; Rebecca Evans; Michael Barton; Phil Draheim; Benjamin Kett; Ty De Paoli; Alex Hastings; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

Date claimer: **Pasasalamat 26 January 2025, 9am – 3pm.** Reflect Respect Celebrate. St James church for Mass. Hall and School grounds for entertainment and Free BBQ after 9am Mass. You are all warmly invited to attend. Please scan QR code for catering. Dress in your cultural dress or Australiana! A celebration of gratitude to Australia.

See church doors for more information.



Fr Nev from the Marriage Encounter Northern Ecclesial Team INVITES you to **Beatitudes Mini Retreat.** Saturday **18th January 2025** from 10am to 12pm followed by lunch. St Oliver Plunkett Church hall, Beauvardia St Cannon Hill. RSVP: David and Maria qldbookings@wwme.org.au Ph: 0481 307 821 Lunch: Please advise dietary requirements.



Australian Academy of Liturgy would like to invite you to an upcoming public lecture.

The Australian Academy of Liturgy is an ecumenical association of specialists in Christian Liturgy and related disciplines, with a particular commitment to the understanding and development of liturgy in the Australian context.

The theme for their upcoming liturgy conference in Brisbane is Justice at the Heart of the Liturgy, and will be presented by Peter Catt, Dean of St John's Anglican Cathedral, Brisbane. See doors for information.

When: Tuesday 14 January 2025 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm.

Where: The Hanly room, Francis Rush Centre - 196 Charlotte Street, Brisbane City.

Topic of discussion: Radical welcome and Texts of Terror: Attending to the Complexities of Liturgical Practice.

For more information, see our church doors.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, recommences Sunday mornings February 2nd to April 19th 2025 inclusive, receiving the Eucharist at the Easter vigil on Saturday April 19th, 2025. Times – 9.30 to 10.15 am.



Remember to assist the Loreto Nuns by sending along all your **used stamps** that you have recently received over Christmas and New Year period.. Money from sale of these stamps assists their work in Timor-Leste. Drop them to the Priory letterbox (near the front doorbell) or drop them in the collection plate at Mass.



Sinulog Festival (**Feast of the Holy Child Jesus**) on **Sunday 19, January 2025** at the Cathedral of St Stephen with Archdiocese of Brisbane % Liliana Ortiz, the Multicultural Pastoral Care Project Officer, celebrating the vibrant faith and culture of the Filipino community in honour of Santo Niño, known as the Feast of The Holy Child Jesus. See church doors for information.



For more info, scan QR code

Next week	2nd Sunday Ordinary January 19	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (3rd weekend)		Carina Family Choir	n/a	YAM
COMMENTATOR		Helen D	Barb DeP	Loleta S
LECTOR		Pat W	David B	Melissa P
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		Collette S Rosemarie Y Priya H	Jan L Trish R Don T	Shadi A Christine U-M Adriana M
ALTAR SERVER/S		Charlie C	Brendon G or Drew N	Leah S / Alejandra / Leo
POWERPOINT		Paul D	...	Adriana M
WELCOMER		Karen /	David /	Darren Charlotte Melissa Bettina

Counters

January 11 / 12 June & Kate

January 18 / 19 Karleen & Sandra

Next Sunday's Readings

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
(Year C January 19)

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First Reading *Isaiah 62: 1-5* As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 12: 4-11* One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

Gospel Reading *John 2: 1-11* The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

