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PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Saturday 10 January

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Mass - Miami

5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach

6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 11 January - The Baptism of the Lord

7.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

7.00am Mass - Palm Beach

8.30am Mass - Miami

8.30am Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No Mass) - Mudgeeraba

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Monday 12 January

9.00am Mass - Miami

Tuesday 13 January - St Hilary, bishop

7.30am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Wednesday 14 January

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (livestreamed)

5.30pm Mass - Palm Beach

Thursday 15 January

5.00pm Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

5.30pm Mass - Mudgeeraba

Friday 16 January

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

Saturday 17 January - St Anthony of the Desert

8.00am Mass - Burleigh Heads

4.15pm Reconciliation - Miami

5.00pm Mass - Miami

5.15pm Reconciliation - Palm Beach

6.00pm Mass - Palm Beach

Sunday 18 January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am Lay-Led Liturgy & Communion (No Mass) - Burleigh Heads

7.00am Mass - Palm Beach

8.30am Mass - Miami

8.30am Mass - Mudgeeraba

10.00am Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

5.00pm Reconciliation - Burleigh Waters

5.30pm Mass - Burleigh Waters (Livestreamed)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11 January 2026

Year A/2

This Week's Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

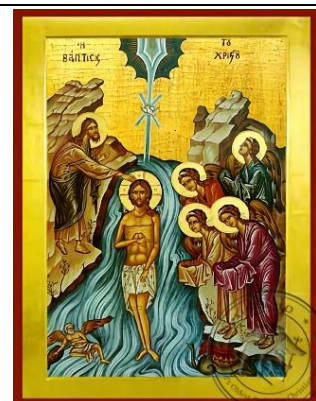
Next Week's Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, I give thanks to God for the grace of having shared faith, prayer, and ministry with you in the Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish, where your kindness and witness to the Gospel have profoundly shaped my priesthood. As I prepare to serve in another parish, know that my heart remains united with yours in the communion of the Church and in the enduring love of Christ. I leave with deep gratitude for your trust, your support, and the countless ways you have revealed God's presence in our journey together, and I pray that the Lord continues to bless, strengthen, and guide you always. God Bless Fr Ravi

Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River marks the beginning of his public ministry, a significant event described in all four Gospels. After Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened, the Spirit of God descended like a dove, and a voice from heaven declared, "This is my Son, the Beloved". This event is seen as an act of solidarity and a public declaration of Jesus' identity as the Messiah.

Matthew 3:13-17 is a reflection on Jesus' baptism, which marked the public beginning of his ministry and revealed God's blessing upon him. Key themes are: Jesus fulfilling God's will by submitting to baptism, the Holy Spirit descending like a dove, and the Father's voice declaring Jesus as his beloved Son. The passage highlights the Trinity and serves as an analogy for a believer's baptism, signifying our identification with Christ and our empowerment by the same Holy Spirit.



The event

The Baptism: Jesus, who was about 30 years old, came from Galilee to be baptized by John the Baptist.

John's hesitation: John initially hesitated, saying he was the one who needed to be baptized by Jesus, but Jesus insisted it was necessary "to fulfill all righteousness".

The divine confirmation: As Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove. A voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased".

Significance

Fulfillment of prophecy: Jesus' baptism is seen as a fulfillment of scripture and salvation history.

Public declaration: It was a public anointing with the Holy Spirit and a public declaration that he was from God, signalling the start of his public ministry.

Solidarity: Some interpretations suggest it was an act of solidarity with humanity, as John's baptism was for the forgiveness of sins.

Symbolism: The event is symbolic in many ways. For example, the opening of the heavens echoes the ascension of Elijah and signifies a new exodus to a heavenly promised land.

GATHERING

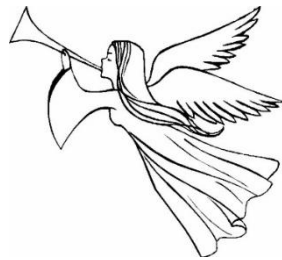
***Come to the water you who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come!
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live!***

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
the emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to My word and you will enjoy;
goodness and peace in your heart! **(Refrain)**

Just as the heavens are high above earth:
My ways and thought beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **(Refrain)**

Just as the rain falls to water the earth!
Just as a seed becomes bread.
Call me your Father and know I am
near!
Until My longing is filled! **(Refrain)**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

***Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.***

Say to the cities of Judah;
prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain-top, lift your voice:
Jerusalem, here is your God. **(Refrain)**

I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
and pasture them, giving them rest. **(Refrain)**

Come unto me
if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders.
I will give you rest. **(Refrain)**

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PRAYERS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for those anniversaries occurring at this time. Also praying for all for whom Masses have been requested.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let



THANKSGIVING

Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give!
May your hidden self grow strong!
And may you live strong in faith and built on love
Until you know, how high and long, how wide and deep
The fullness of God!

May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
Fill your mind that you may see,
Deep in your heart what hope his call now holds for you:
His promise true: to fill your heart with power to live
The fullness of God!

Know the way you learnt from Christ to live life anew!
Let your heart be drawn to Him;
Let Christ renew the hope in you to grown into
Goodness and Truth! And living so you'll come to know
The fullness of God!

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RECESSIONAL

***Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,
the God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear the dark of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day.***

He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice
to find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,
nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,
no evil settle in my soul.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

William Korab, Jess Hall, Fred Grioli, Mary Wagner, William & Gladys McCleary, Peter Flynn, Hannes Rieck, Quetta Mace, Bernard Clark, Irene Garland, Caitlin Ibbotson, Dick O'Halloran, Lynne Nunan, Petrina Stewart, John Christopher, Deirdre Irwin, Warren Wilson, Evelyn North, Jose Antonio, Chris Grioli, Mary Ann Rogers, Roy Goodger, Audrey Griffin, Joan Elsie, Doreen Coop, Tom Pritchard, John Love, Lyn Hundt, Pat Dunlop, Leah Bolland, Sue McKinnon, Patricia Cruzado, Trish Harvey, Robert Breckell, Peter Gannon, Suzanne Fullarton, Marnia Ryan Raison, Tony Calleja, Nikki Valdez Castillo, Luka Gabriel, Matthew Crook, Dianne Wilson, Frank Giarrusso, Margaret Wilson, Godfrey Bull, Wendy Riley, Rita Cruice, Dick Cruice, Jason Hill, Ian McGuire, Matthew English, Cecilia Robertson, Brenda Ring, Anne Callaghan, Allison O'Keeffe, Patricia Humphreys, Shannon Holford, Chris Hacking, Deb Rasmussen the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

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