

The Baptism of the Lord

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Sunday, 12th January 2025

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

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.

The Word of the Lord

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.

The Word of the Lord

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

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

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

Communion Antiphon

John 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

St. Laurence O'Toole, Leongatha and St. Joseph's, Korumburra

St Laurence O'Toole Leongatha

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WEEKEND MASSES

<p>Leongatha Saturday 5.30pm Sunday 11.00am</p> <p>Tarwin Lower Mass— Mass on Saturday before 3rd Sunday at 4.00pm Liturgy with H/C Saturday 5.30pm before 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday</p> <p>Mirboo Nth Mass— Mass 1st Sunday 4.00pm Liturgy with H/C 9.30 Sunday 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th</p> <p>Meeniyar Mass— Mass Saturday before 2nd & 4th Sunday at 4.00pm Liturgy with H/C 9.30am on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday's</p>	<p>Korumburra Sunday 9.30am</p>
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Margaret Harper, Maureen Masterman, Marie Clatworthy, Lila Vaco

Anniversaries: Richard Bleeser, Ed Carmody, Rosaria Materia, Annie Lawrence

The deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Sale
 Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

Sick: Barbara Axten, Anna Pereira

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times	
KORUMBURRA	
Wednesday 15/1	Mass 9.30am
LEONGATHA	
Tuesday 14/1	Mass 5.00pm
Thursday 16/1	Mass 9.30am
Friday 17/1	Mass 9.30am

PARISH ROSTERS																	
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The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Laurence O'Toole Church Leongatha

Saturday: Before 5.30 pm Mass—5.00pm
Sunday: Before 11am Mass—10.30am

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Leongatha: Friday after 9.30am Mass & before 5.30pm
 Mass on Saturday .
Korumburra: Sun before 9.30am mass

We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child Safety Officers. They can be contacted through the Parish Office. Telephone 03 56 622 020

The Jubilee Prayer



Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Franciscus

Diocesan Consultation & Assembly Prayer 24-25

Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!

Startle us anew with your power and energy.
Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.
Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us.
Light up the windows of our joy and purpose.
Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.
Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.

May we listen attentively
to your quiet whisper at our very core.
May we discern your call
expressed in the voices and stories of others.
May we build a Church
that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.
May we be at one with all of humanity
and the rest of God's creation.

May we develop the courage to be
people of mission,
alert to opportunities,
always on the move,
bringing Good News to our needy
world,
Wind and Fire for one another.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Jesus' Baptism is Ours

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity.

His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity?

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

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OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Laurence's Parish:

Stewardship envelope:	\$681.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$489.40
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$790.15
EFT Dec 24	\$4,868.75

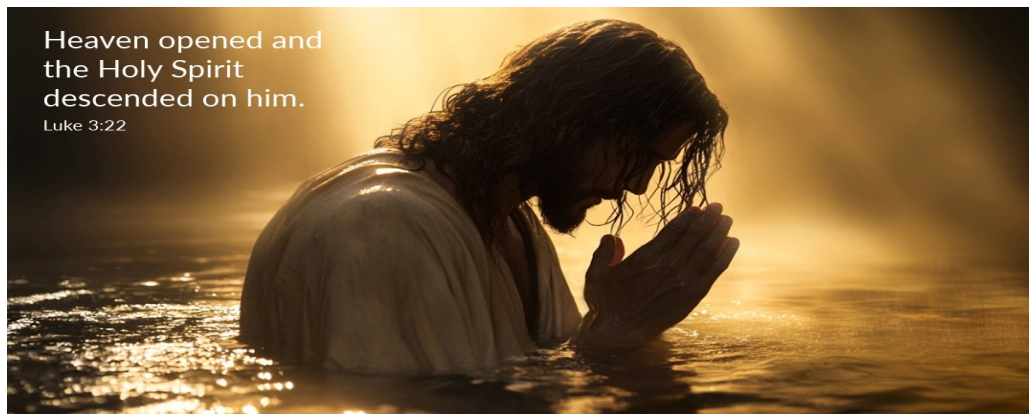
St Joseph's Parish

Stewardship envelope:	\$867.00
Stewardship cash (1st offering)	\$206.60
Presbytery (2nd offering)	\$364.00
EFT Dec 24	&1,166.00

Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

Parish/Diocese News

Please note: There will be **NO** 4.00pm Mass at Tarwin Lower or 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 15th February 2025, as all the Clergy in the Diocese of Sale will be attending the Parish Assembly Meeting in Warragul.



Heaven opened and
the Holy Spirit
descended on him.

Luke 3:22

LEONGATHA PARISH:

Gospel Reflection Group meets on Mondays in school term from 1.30-3pm in the Parish Centre. This is a small friendly group that reads the coming Sundays Gospel then discusses and relates it to their everyday life, finishing with a cuppa. Everyone is most welcome.

Wednesday Adoration and Prayer: we invite you to come and join our Hour of Prayer on Wednesdays 11 to 12 noon in St Laurence's church. We will say the Rosary and sing hymns but there will be lots of time for quiet personal prayer where you can just sit with the Lord or read the Scripture, etc.

St Laurence's Mothers' Prayer Group - prayer group for those wanting to pray for their children, grandchildren or nieces and nephews etc. To be held after 9.30 Mass on the second Friday of the month in the Parish Centre. You are most welcome to join this group united in prayer to save our children.

ENCOUNTER GOD
JUBILEE HEALING MASS
With Fr Mike Barry SSCC



Frankston
Monday 17th Feb 2025 7:00pm
St Francis Xavier Church Frankston

Traralgon
Tuesday 18th Feb 2025 7:00pm
St Michael's Church Traralgon

Leongatha
Wednesday 19th Feb 2025 7:00pm
St Laurence O'Toole Church Leongatha

Pakenham
Thursday 20th Feb 2025 7:00pm
St Patrick's Church Pakenham

Narre Warren
Friday 21st Feb 2025 7:00pm
Our Lady Help of Christians Church Narre Warren



Father Michael Barry, SS.CC
Celebrant

A charismatic priest is best known for his healing ministries, especially through Retreats, Healing masses, Healing The Family Tree, and Spiritual Direction. He feels a special call to the inner healing of the person. Fr. Barry is the founder of "Mary's Table", a ministry that feeds the poor and homeless. He also opened a home for single and unwed mothers called "Veronica's Home of Mercy. Fr. Barry also has a special ministry for the homeless.

KORUMBURRA PARISH:

Cuppa after mass on the First Sunday the Month

Music & Light

A journey through Christian music from classic hymns to contemporary praise and worship.

Live music
5pm 31st January- 5pm 1st of February
Contact 0438622721 for more details

Venue: St Mary's Anglican Church
Mirboo North

