

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

CHILDREN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025 ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TRANMERE PARISH

RECONCILIATION

Workshops—

- Monday 3rd March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
 - Monday 17th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Celebration— Tuesday 25th March at 7.00pm

CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Workshops—

- Monday 12th May at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
 - Monday 2nd June at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Rehearsal—Sunday 15th June after parish mass
Celebration— Sunday 22nd June 11:00am
Celebrant: Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

If you have children who would like to join the sacramental program, please contact the Parish Office.
Tel: 8431 6932
Email: info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

ROSTERS 2025

Thanks to all who have supported our parish by volunteering. Our Rosters 2025 has been posted at the main entrance of the church. It has also been distributed to the respective teams by email. If you have not received that email, please contact the parish office to update your email address and contact details.
Thank you.

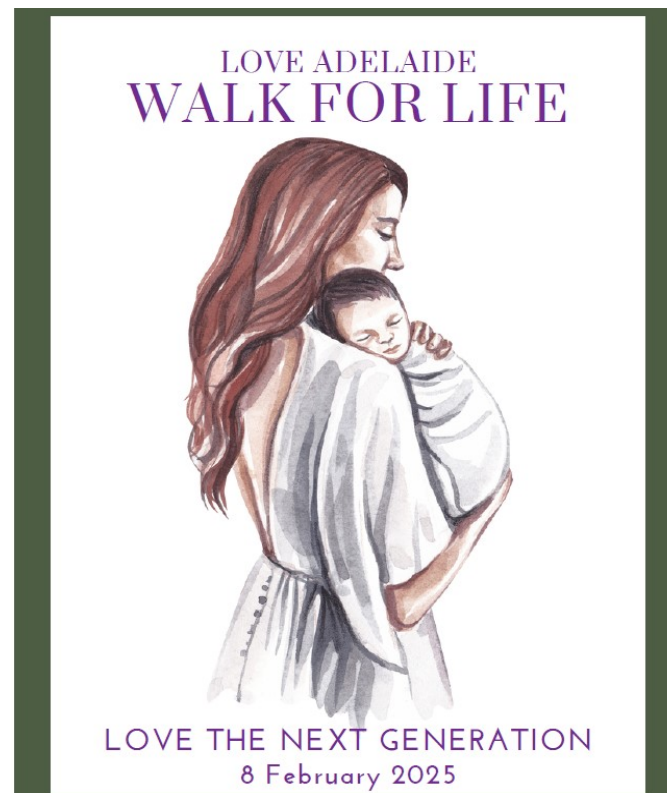
BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

Jesus is baptised by John.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.



Parish Bulletin

The BAPTISM of the LORD, Year C

11/12 January 2025

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

THE CLEANSING WATERS OF RE-BIRTH.

In Luke's Gospel, the baptism of Jesus marks the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of a new era, that of the saving ministry of Jesus. This feast, which occurs early in the new year, is a good time for us to resolve to begin a new era in our own lives. Putting the past behind us, let us commit ourselves to making a fresh start in our service and love of our brothers and sisters.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary. Bless our Ministers here present today- our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.
Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

'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

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

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.

But 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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30

Response:

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**

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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ROSTERS— 18/19 Jan 2025 2nd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Alan Tyson Sandy Mazzarolo Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Count team	Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY		4/5 JAN 2025
Open Plate		\$465.80
Planned Giving		\$351.00
PARISH TOTAL		\$816.80

ELECTRONIC PLANNED GIVING
December 2024: \$1,895.00

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund :\$523.15


Sincere thanks to Peter Browne, Chris and Kerron Gillen for their efforts in tidying up the Parish garden and the Presbytery plot.
May God abundantly bless you and your families for the wonderful service you provide to our community.
Fr. Roy John



Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.
For the Repose of the Soul:
Marisa Conterno
Colin Fernando
Death Anniversary:
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.
Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex

Even in the darkest nights, a star shines. It is the star of Jesus, who comes to care for our fragile humanity. Let us set out towards Him. Let us not give apathy and resignation the power to trap us in the sadness of a flat life.

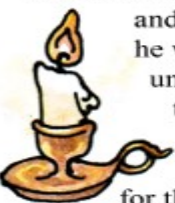
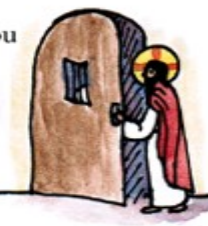

Morning Tea
This Sunday 12th January 2025 after 9:30am Holy Mass
All are welcome!

PARISH NOTICES
Thanks to all Volunteers for Christmas Masses
A big thank you to everyone who contributed to make our Christmas & New Year celebrations. Those involved in the preparation of the Church, the placing and clearing of the Christmas decorations, and those who volunteered for Reading, Commentating & Collecting at the many Masses over the last couple of weeks. May God's blessing be upon you all.
Fr. Roy John Elavumkal

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS
Lefevre Catholic Community – Fr Julian Tenison Woods in the Philippines
Sunday February 16 from 4pm to 5pm at the Lefevre Catholic Parish, 253 Military Road, Semaphore.
Fr Julian Tenison Wood, a pioneer Australian scientist and priest, integrated faith and science in his life and ministry. Fr Roderik O'Brien will present an overview of Fr Julian's three voyages to the Philippines and the treasure trove of scientific papers and articles and correspondence he left for us. For enquiries, please call Sr Marie on 8449 6378. A certificate of attendance is available for professional development. Please register with Sr Marie prior to the event, and on the day.
Australia Day Mass
Sunday January 26 at 11am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral
For more than 60 years a special celebration of the Eucharist has been held in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral to celebrate Australia Day. We come together to celebrate and give thanks for this wonderful country and to recognise the richness and diversity of the people who call Australia home. All are welcome to join us on this special occasion. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday February 8 at 10am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral
Each year, on World Day of the Sick a Mass is offered for those who are of ill health. This year Lourdes Day falls on a Tuesday therefore, it will be celebrated on the Saturday prior. All are welcome to receive a blessing and anointing. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Here is my _____ whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my _____;
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,
not crying out, not _____,
not making his _____ heard in the street.
A bruised reed he shall not _____,
and a _____ wick
he will not quench,
until he establishes justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the Lord, have called you
for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a _____ for the nations,
to open the _____ of the blind,
to bring out _____
from confinement,
and from the dungeon,
those who live in darkness.

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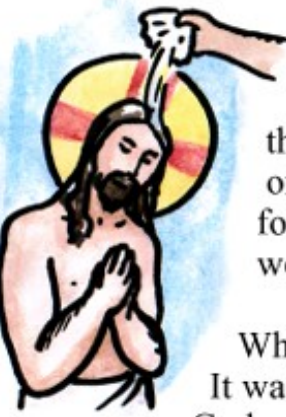

The Kids' Bulletin
Jesus Begins His Mission

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work?
It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

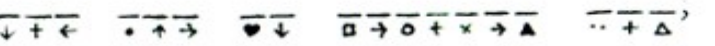



When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?

Answer to front page: You are my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased.
Answers to Isaiah 42 Word Puzzle: servant, spirit, shouting, voice, break, smoldering, light, eyes, prisoners.

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Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

After Jesus was baptized, a voice came from the clouds and said something to Jesus. What did it say?
Use the code to find out!

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