

GOSPEL

Mt 3:13–17

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 1:32, 34
Behold the One of whom John said:

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

THE BELOVED

Today's feast that celebrates the baptism of Jesus with the story of his baptism from Matthew's Gospel. The story, written in the mid-80s, is slightly different to what our ears would usually hear. It begins with John the Baptist's humble unwillingness to baptise Jesus. 'It is I who need baptism from you...and yet you come to me!' (3:14) While John's conviction is appropriate, Jesus encourages John to baptise him.

Perhaps Matthew's story reflects a historical memory of some who might have believed that perhaps John was the Messiah. This lingering memory is addressed in the dialogue between John and Jesus. Matthew's version, nevertheless, accentuates Jesus' humility in undergoing the baptismal ritual, very familiar to the Gospel's audience of Jewish followers of Jesus. Ritual bathing was part of a Jewish purification process before they entered places of holiness. Every Jewish house had its own *mikveh*, the ritual purification bath.

In today's Gospel, Jesus becomes that place of holiness in his baptism, in the *mikveh* of the Jordan River. God's Spirit descends upon him and God's voice attests, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him' (3:17). These words about Jesus' belovedness will be heard again as he is transfigured on the mountain (17:5) *en route* to Jerusalem where death awaits. God's attestation of Jesus, of God's delight in him, despite everything that will unfold in the remaining chapters of the Gospel, never leaves him. This divine conviction about Jesus and God's words are also God's conviction and words that the evangelist wants the Gospel audience, including us, to hear. All people, female and male, are God's beloved ones. God's delight and favour rests upon us. It is a Gospel conviction that we need to remember especially when life's struggles come our way.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST) / A

11 JANUARY 2026

'THIS IS MY SON, THE BELOVED.' Just before he confronts the tempter in the desert, Jesus is baptised in the Jordan. He is revealed as the beloved Son of God. His baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry, of the time when the role of John the Baptist will decrease and Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God, by word and deed, will increase.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Mt 3:16–17

After the Lord was baptised, 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'.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You will come again in glory with salvation for your people: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.



COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, / who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan / and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, / solemnly declared him your beloved Son, / grant that your children by adoption, / reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, / may always be well pleasing to you. / Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, / who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, / God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isa 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.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 28:1–4, 9–10. R.v.11

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. 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.**

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

3. 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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

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.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Mk 9:8

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



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LITURGICAL TIMES

Weekend Masses: Saturday (vigil): 6.00pm Sunday: 7.30 & 9.30am Korean: 11.30 am Indonesian Mass: 4.00pm

Weekday Masses: Monday (Communion Service): 9.00am Tuesday: 5.30pm Wednesday: 9.00am Thursday: 5.30pm Friday 9.00am

Indonesian Cenacle & Mass: 1st & 3rd Thursday 10.30am

Indonesian Community: St Anthony Novena, 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11.00am

Rosary: Recited after 9.00 am Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays except 1st Friday of the month

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.30pm to 5.50pm and on request

Healing Mass: Friday, 2 January 2026 at 9.00am

Anointing of Sick: After each of the weekend masses on the 3 and 4 January 2026 and on request.

Novena and Benediction Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Tuesday 6.00pm.

04 Jan 2026	The Epiphany of the Lord	Year A	#2286	11 Jan 2026	The Baptism of the Lord	Year A	#2287
Acolytes	Sat 6.00pm P Ng			Acolytes	Sat 6.00pm A Kuswandi		
	Sun 7.30am K Taylor				Sun 7.30am Volunteer		
	Sun 9.30am P Redding				Sun 9.30am R Anandappa		
Readers	Sat 6.00pm K Gan and A Faria			Readers	Sat 6.00pm M Larard and Sr. E Johnson		
	Sun 7.30am P Neale and V France				Sun 7.30am P Martyr and D Brayshaw		
	Sun 9.30am M O'Keefe and M Cabassi				Sun 9.30am L Taylor and P Menezes		
Ministers	Sat 6.00pm Sr. E Johnson			Ministers	Sat 6.00pm J Gorza		
	Sun 7.30am D Brayshaw				Sun 7.30am J Winthrop		
	Sun 9.30am K Trawinski				Sun 9.30am L Nussey		
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm E & M Fong and T Murphy			Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm E Simmons and T Larard		
	Sun 7.30am Volunteers				Sun 7.30am S Kurniawan		
	Sun 9.30am A Saputra and M & L Beaver				Sun 9.30am I Harvey, G Bairstow, A Thomson		
Greeters	Sat 6.00pm D Kimble			Greeters	Sat 6.00pm S Klauz		
	Sun 7.30am J Winthrop				Sun 7.30am K Hall		
	Sun 9.30am Y Anthoni'samy				Sun 9.30am M Cabassi		
Children's Liturgy	Sun 9.30am Not Held During Holidays			Children's Liturgy	Sun 9.30am Not Held During Holidays		
Our Lady Statue	Sat 03 Jan M Burke			Our Lady Statue	Sat 10 Jan B & T D'Cruz		
Flower Group	Sat 03 Jan J Rumble			Flower Group	Sat 10 Jan J Hookway		
External Clean	Sat 03 Jan P & C Taylor			External Clean	Sat 10 Jan P & N McInnes		

Parish Mission Statement

LIVING WITNESSES TO THE BODY OF CHRIST

In the spirit of our Lord God, we,
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January 2026 Birthday Blessings

May God bless you abundantly on your special day and throughout the coming year.

May His light guide your path, His love fill your heart and His grace be with you always.

Happy birthday to all those Parishioners celebrating a birthday this January.

Online Silent Auction: Electric Golf Buggy

Pater Noster Parish Myaree is auctioning a 2023 electric golf buggy with battery.

Auction commences on Sunday, 18 January and will end on Saturday, 31 January 2026.

To view the progress of the online auction visit: <https://www.32auctions.com/QODBuggy>

To place a bid: register for free with your email at [32auctions.com](https://www.32auctions.com). Minimum bid \$20.00.

A Moment we all Recognise

That moment during Mass when everyone confidently begins a response and halfway through realizes they are using the old wording - we all pause, whisper and smile politely and keep going.

And somehow, it still works - because faith is not about perfection; it is about showing up and being together and God listens even when we forget the words.

Signs You Might Be Catholic

You own more rosaries than matching socks.

You automatically bless yourself when passing a Church.

You know exactly when to sit, stand and kneel - mostly!

36th Annual Flame Congress

Welcome to **Evangelise—Making Disciples of Nations**, the 36th Annual Flame Congress.

From 23 to 25 January at John XXIII College: 25 John XXIII Avenue, Mount Claremont.

Speakers are Rev. Fr. Jason Yeap, Adam Phillips (Director, CYM), Jamie O'Brien (Manager, Communications & Editor, The Record), Kaye Rollings (FMI Senior Director, Retired) and Cyrus D'Souza (FMI Senior Director).

The rallies on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights commence at 7.00pm with free entrance. The day sessions on the Saturday and Sunday commence from 9.00am to 5.00pm with a \$25.00 registration fee, which can be paid at the venue.

Meals are available for purchase.

Ticket bookings at www.trybooking.com/DHGGT and for more information please visit fmi@flameministries.org

Flame Ministries us a Catholic Neo-Pentecostal lay movement here in Perth, focused on evangelism, healing, and renewal through fiery worship and teaching.

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When transferring funds to the Parish bank account a warning will appear the recipient name: *Pater Noster Myaree Parish* does not match the account name: *The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth – Catholic Development Fund*.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth – Catholic Development Fund is the correct account name but it is too large to fit the space allowed by the banks, but if you continue with the transaction, it will be processed.

More than Three Wise Men

The Epiphany is often seen as the day of the Three Wise Men, gold crowns and stars in the night sky. We look to the Epiphany for a deeper reason: it is the moment when Jesus is revealed to the whole world—not just to Israel.

The Wise Men were not Kings and they were not Jewish. They were scholars and seekers from far away, drawn by signs God placed in the heavens.

Their journey reminds us God meets people where they are, even outside familiar faith boundaries and gently leads them towards Christ.

The gifts they bring carry meaning for our lives today:

Gold honours Christ as King and reminds us to place Jesus first.

Frankincense points to divinity calling us to prayer and worship.

Myrrh foreshadows the Cross teaching us that love often involve sacrifice.

The Epiphany challenges us with an important question: what gift are we bringing Christ this year? Like the Wise Men, we are invited to leave our comfort zones, follow God's light and make Christ known to others through our actions.

The Feast of the Epiphany is not just about a journey long ago; it is about our mission today; to reflect Christ's light in a world still searching for hope.

An Epiphany Fun Fact

In many countries - Epiphany—not Christmas - is the day gifts are exchanged.

2nd COLLECTION from last weekend Masses: was 80% of the Parish target. We are fortunate to have our Parishioners.

DIRECT DEBIT: please ask Father Joseph for a form and return completed to Father or Deacon John.

INTERNET BANKING: BSB: 086-006 **No:** 508212450 **Name:** Pater Noster Myaree Parish. Enter a brief description in the space provided, e.g. 2nd collection.

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