WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 11 JANUARY 2026

"The Love of Christ must come before all else." (Rule of St Benedict)

WEEKLY SERVICES

Mass Times:
Mon: Communion - Service @7am **(after the service, the church will be closed)**
Wed/Fri: 7am
Tues/Thurs: 9am
Sat: 7.30am & Vigil 6pm
Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6pm

HOLY HOUR (STARTS WITH MASS)
FRIDAYS @7AM

Reconciliation:
Sat: **4.30PM - 5.30PM**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Thursday: 9.30am—5pm
Friday: 8am—5pm

Rosary Groups:
Tue: 9.30am, Wed/Fri: 7.30am
Cenacle: Thurs: 9.30am

Prayer Group:
Mary Mother of Sorrows: Meetings on Thursdays @1pm **(except school holidays)**

Catholic Women's League (CWL)
Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the Month in the Fr Albert Lynch Room **@10am, gathering @9.45am**

Baptisms: By appointment

Marriages: By appointment

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

When Jesus approaches John for baptism, John recognises him as the Messiah that John has been preaching about, the one for whom he was preparing the way. Recognising the significance of the moment, John tries to reverse roles and force Jesus into a superior role to himself. But Jesus says let's just do it like this for now and 'do all that righteousness demands'. In the gospel of Matthew, whenever Jesus speaks about fulfilling the demands of righteousness or doing what is righteous, he is speaking about carrying out the will of God; acting in accordance with the covenant relationship between God and the people.

It would have been easy for Jesus to accept John's offer to exchange places. In many ways perhaps he would have liked to do so as a way of acknowledging the great work John had done. But part of the demands of righteousness that Jesus needed to fulfil was to be the sort of Messiah that did not sit within normal expectations. Part of his fulfilment of God's will was to be a servant Messiah rather than a powerful, avenging Messiah for which many of the people hoped and prayed. To have exchanged places with John would have been to say, here I am, I am greater than John and I am here to show you all the way. Rather, by submitting to John's baptism he does indeed show the way – the way of humility and gentleness. We are assured of the rightness of Jesus' actions immediately because, upon his rising from the water, the voice of God affirms favour and approval upon Jesus. In the first test of his will, Jesus has acted in accordance with the will of God. © ***Greg Sunter***

- **6 FEBRUARY — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM**
- **7 FEBRUARY — YOUTH MASS @6PM**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

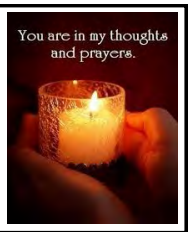
Myrtle Nimmo, Helen Overman, Shalini Saldanha, Ng Choon Bee, Liesel Beukes, Helen Teo, Thomas McGuire Marris, Lorraine Healey, Kamani Jayaratne, Sue Miguel, Harsono Setiawan, Steven Robertson, Lisa Bailey, Lenna Hosseini, Frank Ranieri, Judith Chan, Grisel Noronha and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

David James Clement

ANNIVERSARIES:

Beryl Odorisio, Ida Brophy, Antoinette Sader, Anne Karlsson, John Pickworth, Nancy Storer, Marion Van Kessel, Charles Randall, Alison Oakley and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: THE 2ND SUN OF ORD TIME, YEAR A

1st: Is 49:3, 5-6 **Ps:** 39:2, 4, 7-10
2nd: 1 Cor 1: 1-3 **Gospel:** Jn 1: 29-34

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Matthew 3:16-17*

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.

Responsorial 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 of the Apostles 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.'

Gospel Acclamation *See Mark 9:8*

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

Gospel *Matthew 3:13-17*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 17 & 18 JANUARY 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	SIMON CARRICK	MIKE KILROE	TERRY MEO	WILFRED DORAY
ALTAR SERVERS	REGINALDO CAMMARANO LEWIS HERON DHIVYEN MANNAR	GRACE STEWART IHINOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	LETICIA AVERY CHARMAINE VOGLER AMANDA CHIA	SOFIE GABRIEL ADDISON & HARPER GRACE
COMMENTATORS	STEFANI CHEN	ADELE PARSONS	PATRICK LEECH	GLENDA BEUKES
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ALTAR SOCIETY: JOSEPHINE YUSTIRA

PILGRIM STATUE: CARMEL & TONY RECHICHI

COUNTERS: HELEN OAKLEY, JESSIE TAN, ANNE BANKS, JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI, CONNIE & LOUIS BOVE

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: –