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9TH JANUARY 2022

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Missal Reference

YEAR C
Page 722 (old), 797 (new)

Please take your bulletin home with you, as it cannot be reused during the pandemic.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*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, in whom I am well pleased.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – PSALM 72

Bless the Lord, O my Soul! O Lord my God, you are very great!

O Lord my God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and honour,
wrapped in light as with a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

On waters you establish your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
You make the winds your messengers,
flame and fire your servants.

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures.
Vast and wide is the span of the sea,
with its creeping things past counting,
living things great and small.

All these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up;
You open wide your hand, they are well filled.

You hide your face, they are dismayed;
you take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my Soul! O Lord my God, you are very great!



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

John said: He who is coming is mightier than I;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. **Alleluia.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.*

| SUNDAY 9 JANUARY – SUNDAY 16 JANUARY | | | |
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| Sunday 9th Baptism of the Lord - Year C | 7.00am | Mass | Leigh Louise Went RIP & Thanksgiving – Charlaine Pirie (Paddy Pirie) |
| | 9.00am | Mass | Pro Populo Livestreamed |
| Monday 10th | 9.00am | Mass | Arnold Veeriah RIP (Jewel Quarsingh) |
| | 5.45pm | Finance Committee Meeting | |
| | 7.00pm | Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting | |
| Tuesday 11th | - | | Fr Justin's day of rest (Mass in private) |
| | 9.30am | Gospelsharing | |
| Wednesday 12th | 6.00pm | Mass | Isabel Akal RIP (Michel & Claudette D'Ercole) |
| Thursday 13th St Hilary | 5.00am | Men's prayer group | |
| | 6.30am | Mass | For the sick & housebound |
| | 6.00pm | Pastoral Council Meeting | |
| | 6.00pm | Synod Discussion | |
| Friday 14th | 6.30am | Mass | Pious Lists |
| Saturday 15th | 8.00am | Mass | Deceased CWL members RIP |
| | 8.30am | Catholic Women's League Meeting | |
| Sunday 16th Baptism of the Lord - Year C | 7.00am | Mass | Pro Populo |
| | 9.00am | Mass | Monsignor Paul Nadal RIP (Marcelle Tschudin & Alain Tschudin Jnr) Livestreamed |
| NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C | | | |
| 1st Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5. 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11. Gospel: John 2: 1-11. Page: Page 794 (old), 877 (new) | | | |

LIVESTREAMING OF MASS

Every Sunday at 9.00 am: www.youtube.com/channel/UCTxM01mrivjUZhPvFKNqRGA

PLEASE KEEP MASKS ON

Masks, covering the nose and mouth, must be worn at all times (except when receiving Communion) to avoid the risk of "aerosol transmission" of the virus.

SEATING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

Those who live under the same roof and who wish to sit *close together* may choose to sit in one of the five benches in the *back half* of the church, where there are *no marked seats*. Alternating benches are ribboned off. Please maintain 1.5 metres between groups. Those who wish to sit *further apart* should sit in the *front half* of the church, where places are marked with arrows: *one person per arrow*.

LIVING FAITH BOOKLETS

The Living Faith booklets (January to March 2022) are available for R35 in the baptistry.

SOUTHERN CROSS MAGAZINE

The magazine for January is available for R30 each in the baptistry.

Please pray for the Sick, especially:

Parishioners

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| <i>Sr Catherina; Milly van Gogh; Lynne Brouard; Maryse Bowman; Randy Tryon; May Dormehl; Maria Dus; Neil Smith; Jabu Ntuli; Ron Akal; Joy Lees; Pat Sturgess</i> | <i>Titi Pitso; Debbie Macpherson; Jacky Singh Dudley Tullidge; Lynne Roberts; Bernie Patterson; Andrew Booth; Brian Hoogewerf; Chips Cairns; Eileen Chapson.</i> | <i>Shirley & John Kuzmanich; Yano Govender; Paige Leigh Went; Kevin Francis; Richard Pearton; John & Merrylle Briginshaw; Gladys Meyer; Doug Florence.</i> |
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Relatives

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| <i>Tris Tillard's sister; Hugh Elliott; Maryse Bowman's nieces; Sharon Ellis' sister; Mary Ann Salvage's 4 brothers; Jo James' nephew, granddaughter & son; Louise Kin's sister; Denise Irvine's daughter; Irene Helsdon's niece; Alma Osborn's grandson; Peter Squires; Stuart McGregor; Maude Quenet; Maryse Wardell's mother; Fergus McDonnell; Candice Houseman & Tracy Mendonidis' mother; Marjorie Mawbey's niece; Ben Morasutti's son Jo; May Dormehl's brother-in-law, daughter & sister.</i> | <i>Brenda Bennison; Lisa Grant's father; Theresa Hoogewerf's aunts, sister, cousin Steve; Anna Kalinowska's mother; Heather Rorick; Fr Peter Lafferty; Rita Abraham's sister; Richard Pearton's niece; Michael Pearton; Ruth Florence's mother; Nomusa Mkhwanazi's brother; June Tatchell's mother; Lynne Tillard's brother; Bronwyn Murgatroyd's son; Maureen Pistorius; Pauline Lecelezio's son & daughter-in-law; Renee Armstrong's son Greg; Michael Quarsingh's brothers & sisters.</i> | <i>Marie Claude Maujean's grandson Luc; Duncan Miller's father; Norlie McDonogh's sister-in-law & brother; Terry Beechey's brother; Maureen Hutton's son & grandson; Marcia Swanson's mother; Eleanor Scott's husband; Margaret Beechey's daughter Chantel; Charmaine Quarsingh's brother-in-law Ross; Merylle Briginshaw's son Shayne & brother-in-law Bruce; Paddy Pirie's husband George; Caron Martins' father & father-in-law; Ann Appelgren's aunt Clarice; Danny Pillay.</i> |
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GOSPELSHARING

Ladies meet every Tuesday morning in the upper hall at 9:30am, to discuss and learn more about the scriptures in the Bible. Anyone is welcome to attend.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Meet every Thursday morning in the parish hall from 5:00 am to 6:00am, all men are welcome to attend.

CALENDAR OF MASSES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Contact the Parish Office **to book Masses for the next 12 months** on the anniversary of the death of family members, friends, and others. The Mass offering is R40.

When you have requested a Mass, you are encouraged to attend the Mass if possible

PLANNING TO MARRY?

All who wish to marry in our Archdiocese must give six months' notice to their parish priest. Due to Covid restrictions, Engaged Encounter weekends are being conducted by Zoom. The next EE weekend is 29 and 30 January. Contact Fr Justin asap.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Youth who wish to attend World Youth Day in August 2023 in Lisbon, must contact Fr Justin *as soon as possible*.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Please bring food for the poor to the office. Suggestions: mealie meal, baked beans, tinned fish. Financial contributions to the SSVP may be made using the bank details at the end of the bulletin. Donations over R500 are tax deductible. Apply to the SSVP.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Do you want to be on fire for God?

John the Baptist said that the Messiah would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Fire in biblical times was associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people.

God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses (Exodus 3: 2).

The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's glory (Ezekiel 1: 4, 13), his protective presence (2 Kings 6: 17), his holiness (Deuteronomy 4: 24), his righteous judgment (Zechariah 13: 9), and his wrath against sin and evil (Isaiah 66: 15-16).

Fire can also be a sign of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3: 11-12 and Acts 2: 3). God's fire both purifies and cleanses us, and burns within us a passionate love, holy desire, and reverent fear (respect and awe) of God and his word.

Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire

Jesus came to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be burning lights pointing others to Jesus Christ.

Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ.

Do you want the Lord's power, grace, and love to burn brightly in your life?

Ask him to fill you with his Holy Spirit.

John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3).

Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism?

In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant (Isaiah 53). He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will.

Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins.

Do you know the joy of trust and submission to God?

Jesus' baptism - beginning of a new creation

The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear.

The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan river.

Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him.

At his baptism the heavens were opened, and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

For the Parish



Fatima Parish

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First National Bank

Durban Branch

Account:

50844546512

Branch Code:

22 14 26

**St Vincent de Paul
for the poor**



SSVP

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First National Bank

Dbn. North Branch

Account:

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Branch Code:

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