

Only the man who believes  
that Jesus is the Son of God:  
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  
not with water only,  
but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness –  
since the Spirit is the truth –  
so that there are three witnesses,  
the Spirit, the water and the blood,  
and all three of them agree.  
We accept the testimony of human witnesses,  
but God's testimony is much greater,  
and this is God's testimony,  
given as evidence for his Son.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

cf. Jn 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

**John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:  
This is the Lamb of God who takes away  
the sins of the world. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Mk 1:7-11

**A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Mark.**

*You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD / B

10 JANUARY 2021

**SHARING GOD'S GIFT**

One of the great recurring themes of the scriptures is that of God's irrepressible and untiring desire to bring us into the fullness of life. The reading from Isaiah is filled with images of the life God wants to share with us: water, grain, wine and milk without cost, a life-giving and nourishing word that never returns without achieving its purpose. This life is offered freely – all we need do is seek the Lord to share in this banquet.

For Christians, baptism is a sign of the new life that we have been graciously given through the death and resurrection of Jesus. One of the problems facing John's community was that of how to deal with false teachings which were dividing and weakening the community and the baptismal promises they had made. John seeks to remind them of the life they share through their baptism and the call to bear witness to it by their love for God and for their sisters and brothers.

In the birth of Jesus God's life-giving and nourishing word becomes one with us. His baptism marks a moment of grace for him and us. The heavens are opened and God's empowering Spirit comes upon him as he begins his ministry. God bears testimony to the life that he is pleased to offer us in the Beloved Son. At Jesus' baptism the voice from heaven proclaims how a time of new life and growth is beginning. For those with eyes to see the rich harvest is already beginning, and the banquet prepared.

**FIRST READING**

Isa 55:1-11

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*Come to the waters; listen to my words and you shall have life.*

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

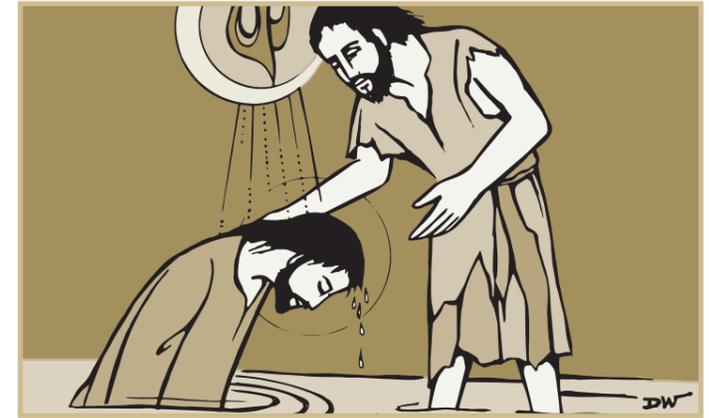
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Isa 12:2-6. R. v. 6

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation, / I trust, I shall not fear. / For the Lord is my strength, my song, / he became my saviour. / With joy you will draw water / from the wells of salvation. **R.**

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! / Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! / Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord / for he has done glorious deeds, / make them known to all the earth! / People of Zion, sing and shout for joy / for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Jn 5:1-9

**A reading from the first letter of St John**

*The Spirit, the water and the blood give witness.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do

what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

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## Sunday Mass Times

**6.00 pm** — (Saturday Vigil)

**8.30am** — (Sunday)

**10.00 am** — (Sunday)

## Weekday Masses

Monday 11/1 No services  
Tuesday 12/1 LOTW 12 noon  
Wed 13/1 SHC LOTW 7.30am  
Thursday 14/1 No services  
Friday 15/1 LOTW 12 noon  
Saturday 16/1 Mass 10am

## Weekly collections

Letter boxes have been installed in the front & western church foyers for your collection money. We thank you for your ongoing support.

## Feast Day this week

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

St Hilary, bishop, doctor

## Reconciliation

After midday Mass on Fridays

After 10am Mass on Saturdays

## Baptisms

are held on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 11.15am by arrangement through the Parish office and with the Baptismal Preparation Team

## Weddings - Contact Parish Office

## Knights of the Southern Cross

## Empty Cans /Bottle Collection

For Collection please ring  
Pat Hodgson 0412 259 321

## Popes' Prayer Intentions for January, 2021

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all

## Direct Giving App

You can now contribute to the first and second collections via your mobile phone. Download the Adelaide Archdiocese Find a Mass app or go to <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/app-home> to make a one-off donation or set up recurring donations to the parish and for the support of the clergy.



# Welcome

We welcome into our community this weekend through Baptism: Edward Mousley, Jack Mousley & Luella Tan

## Fr Michael on leave

Fr Michael is on leave from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January for 2 weeks. During this time we have managed to cover most of his services, but we will be having some Liturgies of the Word with Communion over the next 2 weeks. We wish Fr Michael a relaxing break. Unfortunately he will not be able to go back to Africa to visit his family just yet.

## 16th/17th January, 2021

### **2nd Sunday in Ord Time, Yr B**

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

## Obligation for Sunday Mass

The obligation for NOT attending Mass on Sundays is still available for all parishioners.

## Please pray for:

### **Recently Deceased**

Margaret Doyle,  
Gabrielle Adolph, Joan Forster,  
Bob L'Estrange, Westmeath,  
Ireland (Fr Sean McGearty's brother in law),  
Peggy Traynor (Ireland)

### **Anniversaries**

Fr Robin Sutherland

### **Sick**

Russell Ebert, Eugene McKiernan,  
Jim East, Peter Boxshall-Smith,  
Lauren Eblen, Tibor Ferencz,  
Jimmy Ryan, Marilyn Huddleston,  
Frances McKenna, Peter Paige,  
Robyn Williams, Pam Wallman,  
Barbara Driscoll, Jim McClafferty,  
Robert Wolf, Kevin Pardon, Pam Wynn,  
Leon Grealy, Chris Boast, Bob McEvoy,  
Marian Maitland, Edna Rusinski,  
Rachel Bainbridge, Taylor Keen,  
Charlie Hamblen, Duncan Booth,  
Fr Peter Dunn, Pat Donnelly,  
Eileen Paige, Betty Fowles,  
Margaret Mary Roche, Debbie Canino,  
Sr Marietta Green, John Wallace,  
Carol Swavley, Aoibhinn Delaney

Privacy Laws. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will **not** be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.

## COVID REQUIREMENTS

If you are attending Mass or any other event or meeting in the Brighton Parish you will be required to Scan the QR code with your phone. You will need to download or log in to the free mySA GOV app. If you do not have a phone then you will be required to sign in. QR codes are located in each area of the Parish. This is a mandatory requirement by the SA Government. We ask for your cooperation in this matter. Please note that Scanning the QR code will be a requirement for Sacred Heart as well as an entry ticket per person attending.

## COVID Marshals

We are extremely grateful to the people who have done the COVID training, and offer their service at our weekend Masses. However, due to the changes, we desperately need to have a few more people for each Mass time. If you wish to volunteer, please speak to either Emmy or Clare or call the parish office for further information.

## Music Ministry

Are there any musicians players/singers who would be willing to assist with Music Ministry at any of our Mass times:

Vigil Mass 6pm, Sunday 8.30 am  
or Sunday 10am.

If so, could you please call Clare at the parish office 8296 7292 or email [pa@brightonparish.com.au](mailto:pa@brightonparish.com.au)

## Summer School

The Missionaries of God's Love will be giving a 3 day Summer School at the Passionist Monastery (22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 10am -9pm, 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am -5pm) for young people 16-35 years, who want to experience God's love for them more deeply. Cost \$110 for students/concession, \$130 for adults, includes all meals. We need generous people to fully or partially help sponsor the young people. If you can, please ring Sr Bernadette 0435 527 389. To register:

[www.summerschool.org.au](http://www.summerschool.org.au)

## Volunteers rise to the challenge.

Thank you to everyone who generously gave of their time as a volunteer to ensure our Christmas Masses went smoothly. Without volunteers we would not be able to offer the many services that we do. COVID restrictions certainly gave us quite the challenge but as a community we rose to that challenge. Things went relatively smoothly and your patience and understanding was greatly appreciated. Let us pray that next Christmas we will not be under the stress COVID caused in 2020. Once again thank you to our many, many generous volunteers. The Parish Team.

## Morning Tea

After both Sunday Masses next weekend 17<sup>th</sup> January. All are welcome to join us in the McAuley Room. Please ensure that we adhere to the COVID restrictions.



## Walk for Life 2021

Only together we can stop Abortion Up to Birth in SA

Make a Stand for Life with us and Walk For Life:

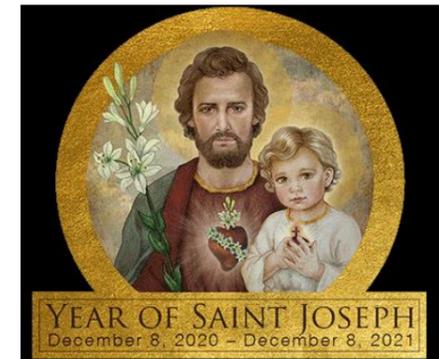
Saturday Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12noon  
Pennington Gardens, Sir Edwin Smith Ave, North Adelaide  
(Please wear a white shirt)

*Under the disguise of "decriminalisation" the Termination of Pregnancy Bill PASSED the Upper House of Parliament in December. It is now in the Lower House where your local MP will make their conscience vote in February 2021.*

SA Health requires COVID safe Registration for events, you can register now or at the Walk.

[www.loveadelaide.org.au](http://www.loveadelaide.org.au)

Please keep your members of Parliament and this bill in your prayers.



## Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

The Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

A beloved, tender, obedient father  
Welcoming the will of God

A creatively courageous father,  
example of love

A father who teaches the value,  
dignity and joy of work

A father "in the shadows," centred  
on Mary and Jesus

## A daily prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust; with  
you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show  
yourself a father and guide us in the  
path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy, and  
courage, and defend us from every  
evil. Amen.*

