

# THE PAULINE AND OLIVERIAN

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The Baptism of the Lord Year C

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**MASS TIMES**

**Tuesday & Thursday 10.00am**

**Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil)**

**Sunday 8:45am & 10:30am**

**FAMILY MASS – 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEKEND EACH MONTH**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday 10.00am to 10.30am**



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**MASS TIMES**

**Wednesday & Friday 10:00am**

**Saturday: 6:30pm (Vigil)**

**8:00pm (Neocatechumenal way.**

**All welcome)**

**Sunday 9am (English)**

**10:30am (Italian)**

**FAMILY MASS – 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEKEND EACH MONTH**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

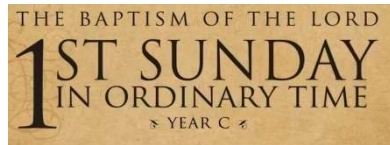
**Saturday: 7:15pm**

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### REFLECTION



Pope Francis draws our attention to a couple of interesting aspects of Jesus' baptism, which offer useful lessons for Christians today. One of these is his humility. The Pope wants us to reflect on how remarkable it was that sinless Jesus was there among the crowds, 'joining the queue of the penitents, mingling among them.' The Son of God did not separate himself or seek special treatment! The crowd which Jesus joined therefore shows us something profound about the Incarnation. Being baptised among the common people, Jesus shows us what the Pope termed his 'willingness to immerse himself in the river of humanity.' Even the Lord of All does not lord it over ordinary folk! Nor then should we. On another occasion, the Pope focuses our attention on Jesus' prayer life. In telling us how the Holy Spirit descended from heaven like a dove, Luke makes it clear that this happened while Jesus was praying. This, the Pope indicates, is an important point worthy of our contemplation: 'Jesus prays.' 'Prayer opens the heaven,' the Pope says, borrowing the image from today's Gospel. He then adds that prayer also 'enables us to have the same experience of Jesus by the Jordan: it makes us feel like beloved children of the Father.' God.

*Reflection by Nick Brodie*

### MASS FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025 ST OLIVER PLUNKETT'S PASCOE VALE: 18<sup>TH</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 ST PAUL'S COBURG: 25/26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

Before the Inauguration weekend Holy Masses, there will be a solemn opening of one jubilee door for both parishes by Fr James to mark the inauguration of the Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope. During the Holy Mass there shall be a special blessing of the Jubilee candles, they shall be lit and used for the renewal of our baptismal promises as well as the Jubilee Prayer. Please stay tuned for updates and monthly jubilee calendar invitations from Fr James.



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**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.

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*

*A Reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Psalms 103*

*R. O, 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.

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 servant. (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 hide your face, they are dismayed; you take back your spirit, they die. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

**SECOND READING** *Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus*

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.

**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*

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

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

**CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, *(All bow during these two lines)* 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.

**PARISH PRAYER**

God our Father, bless this parish so that we may love you more. Bless us in ways that you know best and form us into a true community of worship and love. Deepen our understanding of your message today. Give us especially your spirit of love, so that it may touch all people with whom we come into contact. Encircle our families with your loving care and assist parents in their role as leaders in faith. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and peace, and to those in sadness joy. May we grow stronger in faith and our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. Amen