

**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH**  
**PARISH OF BURNLEY**



# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

10:00 a.m.

*Before the service, speak with God; during the service, let God speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

Dear parishioners and friends,

When Jesus came out of the waters of baptism, he was given an identity, just like we are at our baptism-he was named "beloved of God," just like we are. He had to discover how he was to live his life just as we are. God's grace is bestowed upon him and the same with us. He had lots of options as we do but chose the way of the servant, weak, gentle and patient reflected and recorded in the words of the prophet Isaiah. Here we witness the beginnings of the new age or turning point in history. John gives witness to this moment in history.

At the beginning of a new year all this talk of baptism and confidence for the future is a cause for us all to reflect upon. Remember the promises we each made at our baptism and at each Easter we renew? Do we turn to Christ? What does this mean for how we live our lives? Do we repent of our sins? Are we truly sorry for the things that we have done as well as that we have omitted to do? Sadly, the word sorry has become trivialized by people in all walks of life when they have been caught out or failure to live up to the standards they demand of others. To be truly sorry is to own the mistakes of the past and commit one's self not to repeat them and to embrace a renewed way of being, of expressing and sharing our common humanity. It means making amends. Repentance embraces justice to those who have been affected by our actions or failure to act.

Do we reject selfish living? I am pretty sure this is a big failure of mine at times. A difficult task in our consumer orientated world.

Fr. Ray

## **INTROIT HYMN, AM 108 When Jesus came to Jordan**

**Sentence.** A voice came from heaven, saying "This is my son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY** Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God in glory everlasting. **Amen**

## **1ST READING, Isaiah 42.1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the...

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 29**

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<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

<sup>11</sup>May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

## **SECOND READING Acts 10.34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia**

The Heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard; this is my beloved son hear him

**Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

**A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 3.13-17**

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved,\* with whom I am well pleased.'

For the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Intercessions

*FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD:* Peace in the Middle East, Sudan, Congo Venezuela and Ukraine for the Jewish community for the Richmond Churches Food and for all organizations that provide safety and relief during this summer season and all those in need.

*FOR THE SICK, RECOVERING, AND THOSE WHO GRIEVE* Bruce, Sharon, , Carol, Jack, Neil, Craig, Helen,

*FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:* Neil Nyblom

*FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK* Alice Raymer, Robert Willams, Violet Agnes Smith, Michael Colacino, Rita Johnston, James Tarrant, Russell Davies, Ida Rosser, Margot Ballard, Bruce McIntosh, Lindsay guy, Kim Roberts, Richard Kurrie, Jennifer Anne Murphy, Michael Papapantos and Coiln Peterson

**Offertory Hymn: AM 236 Breath on me Breath of God**

**Recessional Hymn: AM 134 Prais to you ,o Christ our Saviour**

## Rosters

### 11<sup>th</sup> January

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Greg Scott  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Martyn Smith  
**Intercessor** Prue Borthwick  
**Euch. Assist** Sarah Harrison  
**Welcomers** Anne Czech  
Martyn Smith  
**Hospitality** Evan Costello  
Kathy Koziowski

### 18<sup>th</sup> January

Kathy Koziowski  
Kim Ricketts  
Martyn Smith  
Megan Harrison  
Anne Czech, Kim Ricketts  
Michael McGirr, Jenny Scott

Parish working bee, Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> January 9am to 12noon with great morning tea. Many hands make light work.

Centenary Planning meeting 11.30am !8<sup>th</sup> January after Morning tea

Thursday 10am Eucharist

Neil Nyblom's Funeral this Monday at St John's Camberwell at 2pm