



# The Catholic Community of HOLY TRINITY PARISH BLACKBUTT NORTH



**St John the Evangelist Church**  
Dickson Street Lambton Est. 1873



**Corpus Christi Church**  
Platt Street Waratah Est. 1917



**St Therese's Church**  
Royal Street New Lambton Est. 1954

## ◆ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ◆ YEAR B ◆ 10 JANUARY 2021 ◆

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### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

#### Sunday Mass Celebrations

##### Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5:00PM Lambton  
Sunday: 7:30AM Waratah  
Sunday: 9:15AM New Lambton  
Sunday: 5:30PM Waratah

##### Weekday Mass

Monday: 7:00AM Waratah  
Tuesday: 7:00PM New Lambton  
Wednesday: 7:00AM Lambton  
Thursday: 7:00AM Waratah  
Friday: 7:00AM Lambton  
Saturday: 8:00AM New Lambton

Bookings are no longer essential to attend Mass, however people will still need to sign in as they enter the church. The maximum capacity for each church, under the new 2m square rule, and maintaining 1.5m distance is Lambton **50**, Waratah **82** and New Lambton **130**. We have no choice but to turn people away if we exceed capacity. Please stay at home if you are experiencing any flu-like symptoms. Please consider staying at home for your own health and safety if you are 65 years or over, have pre-existing health conditions, or have a compromised immune system.

#### Pastoral Visitation

If you would like a priest to visit your home, please enquire by phone or email at the Parish Office. If you know someone who would like a visit, please encourage them to contact us.

#### Dispensation

All members of the Church of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, except priests, continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Those who are unable to attend are encouraged to keep Sunday holy through the use of the resources still available on the [Diocese website](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update) and at [www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update).

#### Sunday Mass Celebration

Bishop William (Bill) Wright continues to celebrate Mass every Sunday at 9:30AM live streamed from Sacred Heart Cathedral Mass via <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>. Mass can be viewed at a later time via the same link. Please share the link with family and friends, and gather to pray as a spiritual community at this time.

#### Mass on TV

*Mass for You at Home* is broadcast at 6:00AM every Sunday on Channel 10 (WIN), or on Catch Up TV at 10 play.

#### Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are available for anyone upon request. Simply contact the parish secretaries with your intentions. If you have names of sick, deceased or anniversaries for the bulletin, and Mass, these need to be in relatively early to make the bulletin. Remember you need the person's or family's permission for publication.

## ◆ MASS AT HOLY TRINITY PARISH ◆

# Welcome

As we reopen our churches for Mass, parishioners are asked to observe the following which will be in force until further notice. We thank you for your cooperation.

### Arrival

- ✓ Please arrive fifteen (15) minutes early
- ✓ Maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres at all times
- ✓ Use hand sanitiser provided
- ✓ Sign in upon entry
- ✓ Pick up a bulletin

### Entry

- ✓ Enter from the main entry only
- ✓ There will be no Holy Water
- ✓ Select your seat as directed by the signs
- ✓ You are welcome to wear a mask, as recommended by the NSW Government. You are encouraged to bring your own, however, disposable masks will be available

### Mass

- ✓ Congregational singing is now allowed, with the recommendation that you wear a mask. A group of up to fifty (50) singers may sing together in a large well-ventilated space, provided they all face forward and not towards each other, maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres between each singer, and must be 5 metres from the congregation and not above the congregation
- ✓ There can be Presentation of the Gifts under the guidance of the priest
- ✓ The Sign of Peace will be given by a smile, nod or a wave
- ✓ When receiving Communion maintain the required 1.5 metres physical distance in single file
- ✓ Communion Host will only be placed in the hand, not the tongue
- ✓ There will be no Chalice

### After Mass

- ✓ Take home any bulletins that you handle
- ✓ Contributions to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections may be left in collection baskets near the church exit as you leave
- ✓ Observe physical distancing as you leave, and refrain from socialising on the church grounds
- ✓ We need two (2) volunteers per church to disinfect the churches after each Mass

## ◆ SACRAMENTS ◆

### ANOINTING AND VIATICUM

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying continues with appropriate care and precautions being observed. Visits to the sick and dying, and the celebration of Viaticum, are possible and permissible provided any necessary health and hygiene guidelines are followed. However, communal celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick are not to take place, either in parishes or other places, e.g. aged care facilities.

### BAPTISM

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is possible under the current Public Health Order, though liturgical adaptations are required.

Parish Baptism Preparation programs are suspended for the duration of the current circumstances. Pastors are strongly urged to be pastorally supportive of those members of the faithful who are seeking to celebrate Baptism and to accommodate the genuine concerns of parents as far as possible.

Baptisms may legitimately be delayed or deferred in the current circumstances.

### COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE SICK

We are considering the possibility of taking Communion to the Sick to include our Extraordinary Ministers in November. However, this will depend on the circumstances at the time. Communion to the Sick is currently limited to the priests.

### FUNERALS

The celebration of funerals is possible under the current Public Health Order, subject to the general requirements around physical distancing, the capacity of church buildings and the provisions of the COVID-19 Safety Plans, both general and funeral specific, for your church building.

Liturgical adaptations are required in the current circumstances.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Sm 3:3-10.19  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. W. 8.9  
Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20  
Gospel Acclamation: Jn 1:41. 17  
Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

### MARRIAGE BOOKINGS

The celebration of weddings remains possible under the current Public Health Order, subject to the general requirements around physical distancing, the capacity of church buildings, and the provisions of the COVID-19 Safety Plan, both general and wedding specific, for your church building. The maximum number of guests at a wedding held in a church building is the number of persons equivalent to one person per 2 square metres of space in the building.

These revised limits also apply to gatherings immediately before or immediately after the wedding itself.

### PENANCE

The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance is possible.

Celebrations of the First Rite of Reconciliation can take place with appropriate care and precautions.

The communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, that is, the Second and Third Rites of Reconciliation, should not take place.

Priests are exhorted to honour any reasonable request to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parents enquiring around the Sacramental Program are advised that this year's program is suspended until further notice.

Excerpts from [Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle COVID-19 Pandemic Event – Advice, Guidance and Instructions to Parishes](#). Anyone without internet who would like a copy can request one from the Parish Office.

### FEAST DAYS

25 Jan: The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle  
26 Jan: Australia Day  
2 Feb: The Presentation of the Lord  
17 Feb: Ash Wednesday  
22 Feb: The Chair of St Peter the Apostle  
17 Mar: Saint Patrick, Bishop

◆ LITURGY OF THE WORD ◆

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Mt 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.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

**FIRST READING**

Is 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**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 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.'

The Word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jn 1:32,34

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

## ◆ HOMILY AND REFLECTION ◆

### HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

A very drunk man stumbles upon the local Baptist minister conducting his Sunday service down by the river. He proceeds to venture into the water and stand next to the minister. The minister turns, notices the man and says, 'Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?' The man looks back and says, 'Yes Reverend, I am.' The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up. 'Have you found Jesus?' the minister asks. 'No, I didn't!' replies the man. The minister then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, 'Now brother, have you found Jesus?' 'No, I did not!' says the drunken man again. Disgusted, the minister holds the man under for at least thirty seconds this time, brings him up and demands, 'For the grace of God, have you found Jesus yet?' The man wipes his eyes and pleads, 'Are you sure this is where he fell in?'

One of the actions I find most consoling about the scene in today's Gospel is that John the Baptist immersed Jesus in the waters of the Jordan. Indeed the word baptism is derived from the Greek word, bapto, or baptizo, to wash or to immerse. Most of us were baptised with just a sprinkling of water. These days, however, the Church encourages adults and infants, where possible, to follow in the more ancient tradition of full immersion. We all know the amount of water used in the baptism does not destine the power of the sacrament – that's found in how we live our Christian commitment away from the font. What full immersion does is link the ritual of baptism more directly to the experience of Jesus and enables the symbolism of the water to be more fully realised.

There are no half measures about immersion, we are in there boots and all. In an extraordinary visual metaphor Mark tells us this is what God does for us in Christ. We don't have a detached God who only presides over us. We don't have a coaching God who sits on the sidelines barking orders at us on the field of life. And we don't have a policeman God who wants to catch us breaking the rules. We have a God who in Jesus the Lord immersed himself in our world, heart and mind, soul and divinity, boots and all.

This is why the earliest association the Christians made with the waters of baptism was that it symbolised Jesus' tomb. We are the only world religion to believe that God took our flesh and died. Because of the three days Jesus spent in the tomb, we plunge our adults and children into the watery tomb of the font three times. And as we do we call on the Trinity to enable them to die to sin, and rise to the freedom of Christ's life. In this context we can see that the deeper the font and the fuller the immersion, the more easily everyone present understands the power of the symbols.

For all those baptised in Christ, a curious thing happens. As Jesus fully immersed himself in our world, so we are fully immersed in Christ. But we are not spared from the world as if we are initiated into a reclusive religious sect. We are sent out to the world knowing, because of Jesus, that we are loved by God and are pleasing to God. We are sent out with faith, hope and joy to fall into the arms of the world and discover that here, too, is where Christ dwells.

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### REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

With this feast, the Christmas cycle comes to a close. It expands the universality of God's presence proclaimed on the Epiphany and locates it in the messianic mission of Jesus established at his baptism. It might be seen as the summary of the entire liturgical cycle: the one born among us is the servant of God who brings to all the nations a universal promise of justice and the fulfilment of hope.

Jesus is mysterious servant through whom God's saving action is accomplished. He is the light that guides those in darkness. He has been given to the nations as the promise of liberation and the hope of the age to come. His mission is directed to all peoples. Since God's voice spoke over creation and over the head of Jesus as he emerged from the waters of the Jordan, God's regeneration of nature is accomplished in and through him.

Anointed by the Spirit, Jesus is commissioned to begin his prophetic work and ministry, a work of inclusivity and the relinquishment of bondage and fear. As the heavens opened, Jesus was identified as the beloved one of God. Now the community of believers is identified with Jesus the servant of God. Through Baptism, Christians share in his prophetic and divine ministry. They too receive at baptism a commission to commit themselves to the service of the poor and to the cause of compassion. The feast of the Baptism of Jesus is a reminder of the call to Christian service.

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### REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Try to imagine what it would be like on a hot, dry day to go to the river and be baptised by John the Baptist. Try to imagine being drenched with water as you make a new commitment to life without sin. Then imagine seeing Jesus, the one John has been preaching about. He gets baptised himself, and the skies open up and a dove alights on him, and you hear the voice of God announce pleasure with what Jesus has done.

What would you do next? How is your life different when you take that experience seriously? How is your life different now because of your baptism?

Being drenched with water would be most appealing when we are hot, dry or dirty. Recall a particular time that you looked forward to the cooling, cleansing experience of being drenched with water.

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◆ PRAYERS ◆

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Light a Candle**

Light a candle to symbolize the Light of Christ and Light of the World.



**Introduction:** Let us pray to God who hears the cry of the poor.

1. That leaders of nations will always act with justice and compassion. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That the Church will continue to proclaim the gospel of peace and reconciliation. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That those preparing for baptism may find strength and support in the local community. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That we may all live out the promises of our own baptism. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That those who are anxious, depressed or living in fear will find hope in the risen Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That those who have died will inherit the life promised to those born again of water and the Holy Spirit. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Conclusion:** God of light, your Spirit rests on Jesus, your beloved Son. Hear the prayers of your people and help us to see more clearly the mystery of our baptism into Christ who is Lord for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

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**WE REMEMBER**

**Please Pray for**

Sick: Derek Orrin, Robert Watson, Donna Collins, Elizabeth Mary Oates, Bernadette Coffey, Michael Payne, Fred Stanwell, Sheila Bell, Paul Mowbray, Shelley Smith.

Recently Deceased: Sr Dorothy Curran

Anniversaries: Josephus and Maria Gyselhart, Paul Acquilia, Pauline Raleigh, Pamela Sutherland, Frank and Maria Teresa Patti, Fay and Peter Baran, Fr James Hennebry, Fr Joseph O'Donohue, Fr Patrick Healy, Fr Gerard Patrick Youll, Fr Colin Barker

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. + May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



*During this time "Intentions" for publication may be submitted by email (or phone) by midday Monday each week ahead. Reminder that you need the person or family's permission to enable us to publish names.*

**PRAYERS**

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray:

O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**READERS ROSTER**

READERS ROSTER	LAMBTON	WARATAH	NEW LAMBTON	WARATAH
	Saturday 5:00PM	Sunday 7:30AM	Sunday 9:15AM	Sunday 5:30PM
2/3 Jan	Ann Gunn	Elizabeth Buckles	Denis Prendergast	Paul Rosser
9/10 Jan	Diana Dolan	Teleisia Lolohea	Sr Maureen Torpey	Anna Hill
16/17 Jan	Emma Conserdyne	Mary Tobin	Noel Franks	Helen Clough
23/24 Jan	Peter Dolan	Paul Weber	Joy Loas	Paul Rosser
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**UPDATE**

Under the current Public Health Order, our church buildings are able to be opened for both the public celebration of the liturgy and for private prayer and meditation.

The opening of our church buildings is dependent on the availability of a COVID-19 Safety Plan for the building, and the registration of the church as a COVID-19 Safe business.

Last updated on 5 December 2020, the Public Health Order has set the number of persons who can be present in our church buildings at any one time to be equivalent to one person per 2 square metres of space in the building.

**A VOCATION VIEW**

No one is humanly worthy to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother. No one is worthy to stoop and untie the sandal straps of Jesus. But He still calls us and favours us to do His work. Will you serve? For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au).



These limits apply to all services conducted in our church buildings and include having them open for private prayer.

Anyone in a church building for the purposes of engaging in work at the request of, and on behalf of, the Parish is excluded from the limit.

A full copy of the Public Health Order can be found on the NSW Legislation website via [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/information/covid19-legislation](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/information/covid19-legislation).

See page 1 for the maximum capacity of each of our churches.

## ◆ NOTICES ◆

### PARISH NEWS

**Parish Office:** The office will be closed this Tuesday morning 11 January and will reopen at midday.

**Daily Mass Books:** Due to COVID-19 safety measures, the new Daily Mass book weekday Cycle 1 are not available in the Churches. Instead, we offer those who attend weekday Mass a personal copy. There is a limited, but generous, number of these available to our parishioners at the low cost of \$10.00 this year. Non-Parishioners may purchase a book at the normal price of \$25.00. Please ensure you write your name inside the cover of your book and always take it home with you.

**Weekly Bulletin:** The bulletin is available for free via email subscription [triparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:triparish@mn.catholic.org.au). In an effort to reach those not yet able to come to church, paper copies are available for collection at 3 locations – Lambton Church veranda, Waratah Presbytery veranda, and New Lambton Parish House front door. Please consider dropping a copy into the letter box of a neighbouring parishioner who may not have email or internet, or is not back at church yet. Please contact the office if you need assistance.

**2021 Volunteer Rosters:** We had hoped to have the 2021 rosters ready for you by the end of 2020. However, this has not been possible. We hope to provide a full roster some time in January, and apologise for the inconvenience. In the mean time, please note the January roster for readers on page 5. Our grateful thanks to all who volunteered during 2020 and those who are continuing.

**Aurora Magazine:** [Aurora](#), the official magazine of the Diocese. The December issue is now available at the back of the church or by subscription.

**Catholic Weekly:** Catholic Weekly is now available at the church entrance.

**Masks:** Masks (\$10.00) and ear savers (\$2.00) are on sale at the Parish Office. Proceeds go towards the Bell Tower Appeal. Thank you to our volunteers who provide these.

### PARISH GROUPS, TEAMS AND COUNCILS

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be Tuesday 23 February 2021, 5:30PM at Parish House New Lambton.

### DIOCESE NEWS

**Liturgy Reflections Survey:** The COVID-19 Liturgy Reflections Survey is open to receive responses and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mn-liturgy>. If you would like to complete a hard copy, please call Sharon Murphy on 02 4979 1134.

**South East Asia Crisis:** With your help, and with our church and non-profit organisation partners on the ground, Caritas Australia can provide vital support to those affected by this and other disasters as part of our Asia Emergency Appeal. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

**Christian Formation Course 2021:** The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation. If you would like to enrol in the Christian Formation Course in 2021 go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/>

**Charismatic Renewal Conference:** The NSW Catholic Charismatic Renewal is planning to hold the January Retreat Conference 'Equipped' at the Carmelite Retreat Centre in Varroville over the weekend 30-31 January 2021. With physical distancing rules still in place, the number of people who are able to be accommodated and attend the event is limited. To ensure that a wider audience of people are able to participate, a team from the Community of the Risen Lord will be providing a live YouTube broadcast. It is recommended that Prayer Groups and individuals join together at an appropriate venue to participate via this medium. For information visit <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4546/flyer-for-january-2021-equipped-weekend.pdf>

**Message from the Council for Catholic Women:** There is much to look forward to for the women of our Diocese in 2021. Earlier this year the Council of Catholic Women was disbanded. However, some members of the former contact group have written to Bishop Bill in the interest of forming a Diocesan Council for Women. Whilst awaiting a response, a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 11 February 2021 at 4:00PM in the Toohey Room. We aim to include all Diocesan women through conversations, visits or Zoom to all parts of the Diocese and interest groups that are inclusive, reflective and fun.

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JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

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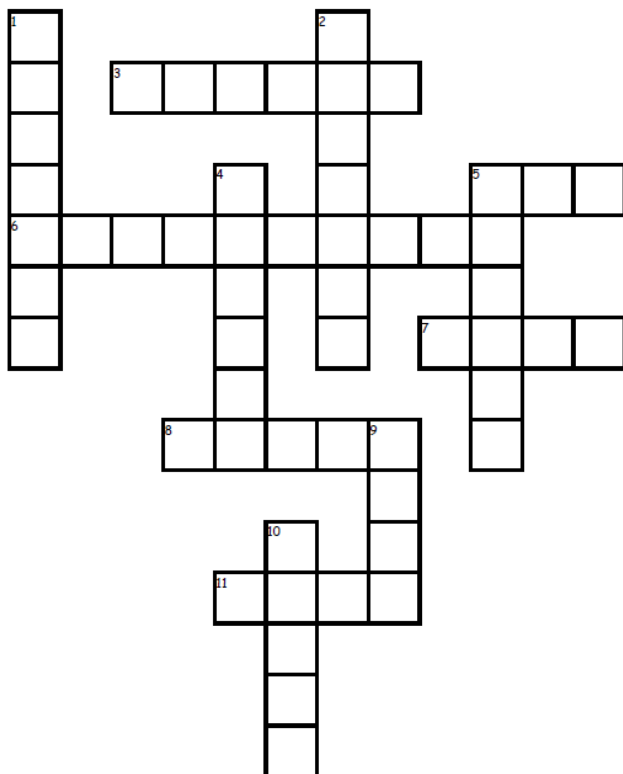
Try to find these words:

- blind
- dove
- fire
- heaven
- Holy Spirit
- Israel
- John
- light
- Messiah
- sky
- strong
- worship

CROSSWORD

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Across

- 3: a voice was heard coming from this place
- 5: where the sun and moon appear
- 6: God anointed Jesus with the \_\_\_\_\_ (two words)
- 7: this man was baptising people with water
- 8: someone who can't see
- 11: the natural element that burns and gives heat

Down

- 1: to give praise to God
- 2: the chosen one
- 4: Jesus was sent to offer peace to the people of this place
- 5: the opposite of weak
- 9: the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus in this form
- 10: when it is dark we need this to see



# You are my own dear Son

The Baptism of the Lord

Draw Jesus being baptized in the river by John the Baptist.



## Find Out

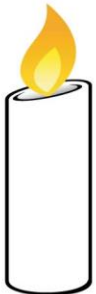


When were you baptized?

Where were you baptized?

Who are your Godparents?

Draw a line to connect each symbol with its correct meaning.



Candle

*Symbolizes the Holy Spirit*

*Symbolizes life, cleansing and growth*

*Symbolizes purity and freedom from sin*

*Symbolizes the emergence from darkness into the light*

Dove



Water

White Gown

