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We welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our Mater Christi family.

Fr Peter's Message

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. With this feast of the Baptism, we make a swift transition from Jesus' childhood to the event that, recorded in all four Gospels, inaugurates his public adult ministry.

Today's Gospel from Luke tells us that there was a "feeling of expectancy" that had arisen among the people. What were they expecting? They were awaiting the appearance of the long-awaited and promised Messiah. As the crowd gathered around John the Baptist they wondered if John was the Messiah. He certainly was different. His message was powerful and certainly touched their lives and gave people hope.

John we know is very clear about who he is, "I baptise with water, but the one coming after me will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Over the Christmas season we celebrated the physical birth of Jesus; this Son of God who became flesh. Today we celebrate that Jesus is reborn sacramentally. Mary embraced him as a child, today in this feast, God the Father embraces him with the voice when he says, "This is my Son in whom I am now pleased." Mary holds the child for the Wise Men to adore; now the Father reveals that his Son is to be worshipped by all the nations.

Today's feast invites us into the mystery of God. With Jesus we can know the Father, with Jesus, we through our own baptism, became part of the very mystery of God. As in the scene of the Waves of Jordan, we too can experience God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – the Trinity. This is certainly a great mystery for us to contemplate and pray about. It is a mystery that through our baptism in the name of the Trinity, we can enter into the mystery and be a part of the Trinity.

Happy Birthday Fr Peter

On this special day, we pray that God's blessings continue to shine upon you and guide you in your spiritual journey!

To celebrate we will have a **morning tea on Monday 13th January after the 9am Mass**. All are welcome, please feel free to bring a plate to share if you can.

Happy Birthday

Liturgy at Mater Christi

Monday	9am	Mass
Tuesday	5pm	Adoration
	6pm	Mass
Wednesday	9am	Mass
Thursday	9am	Mass
Friday	9am	Mass
Saturday	5pm	Confession
	6pm	Saturday Vigil
Sunday	8am	Mass
	9am	Mass (HPCPS)
	10am	Mass
	5pm	Mass

A Call to Attention

The gong in the sacristy will be sounded ~3min before the start of every Sunday Mass. This is to serve as a reminder that Mass is about to begin and for us all to prayerfully recollect ourselves. I urge everyone to keep your conversations to a minimum inside the church out of respect for the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, to direct your own attention to prayer, and out of concern for others who are praying.



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Praise and Worship Night with Evangels Ministry - Friday 17th January at 7pm

Fellowship is the cement of the community. Community gathers us, renews us and spurs us onward. Fellowship calls us to participate in the rhythm of serving others, inspired by Jesus' example. Further details please contact Peter on 0411 024 963 or Andy on 0404 893 190.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE The Parish Council has been discussing the need for a social committee. If you would like to be involved in planning and organising social events throughout the year for various celebrations, please speak to the Fathers to find out more.

6 Day Youth Retreat You, your friends, your God - LET'S DO THIS!

3rd to 8th February - Vincentian Retreat Centre, Byford

"TrendSetters", is a youth retreat designed to inspire, engage, and strengthen the faith of the young members of our community. Jesus Youth Perth is hosting their annual Discipleship Retreat; Trendsetters! An unforgettable, 6-day program for high school graduates and young adults (18-21) looking to nurture their relationship with Jesus, identify their talents, charisms and step confidently into bold living as Catholics! To register or further queries contact Alphina on 0455 366 846 or Patrick on 0475 128 563.

Summer Getaway Camp

Reconnect with your faith, build awesome friendships, and have fun at CYM's Summer Getaway Weekend, themed "Pilgrims of Hope". 7th – 9th February 2025, escape to a weekend of spiritual growth, fellowship, and relaxation designed for young adults.

Location: Scouts W.A. Adventure Centre Eaton, Tickets: General: \$ 150.00, Concession: \$ 130.00
 What's involved: There will be lots of social activities, talks and discussions, music, prayer and Mass. Don't miss this chance to recharge and refocus for the year ahead. Register at bit.ly/Getaway25 | For more information contact CYM 9422 7912 or events.cym@perthcatholic.org.au

Centre for Liturgy - Music Workshops - Voice Production Course

Saturdays 15th & 22nd February, 12 noon to 1pm at Saint Vincent's Church, Parmelia, 114 Parmelia Avenue Parmelia - Cost: \$20. In this two-week course, the participants will learn good singing techniques. The topics covered will include breath control, voice placement, the sounds of singing and warm-up exercises. Please note that a minimum of 5 people will be required to register for this workshop to be presented. Please register by telephone on 9207 3350 or by email at registers.cfl@perthcatholic.org.au by Friday 7th February.

This Week's Meeting Dates & Times

Date	Time	Group	Venue
Sunday 12th January	16:00	Youth Choir Rehearsals	Church
Friday 17th January	19:00	Praise & Worship Night	Church



'Why do we do that?'

by Fr Nicholas

After the Prayer of the Faithful, many things begin to happen at once: the acolyte goes to prepare the altar, two servers proceed to lead to the sanctuary those who present the gifts, a collection is taken up, and on top of all this the choir comes to life again to lead us all in song. This part of the Mass, known as the Preparation of the Gifts (or the Offertory), is a brief moment of preparation, but it is not an interval, and much less an intermission. The presentation and offering of the gifts of bread and wine is a deeply symbolic action that points to our participation in the Mass. Bread and wine, the necessary matter for the sacrament of the Eucharist, are brought up from the midst of the people and by the people, symbolising the peoples' offering of themselves in union with Christ to the Father. We should therefore try to see ourselves collectively gathered up in the ciborium, like all those particles of bread. With this offering we effectively present ourselves, with all the burdens on our hearts and minds, all that weighs upon us and all that we are, we present to the priest who, on our behalf, will offer them to God. This is also why a collection is taken up at this time. Practically, this is our contribution to supporting the priests who have no other income, and our part in maintaining the church building. Spiritually and symbolically though, by giving something of that which supports our earthly life, we are in as much giving something of ourselves. Let this moment of activity then, be a moment of spiritual dedication as we join Christ in offering ourselves to the Father.

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

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.'

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 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

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.'

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First Reading Is 42:1-4. 6-7

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

- 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.)
- 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.)
- 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.)

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Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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| baptised | heaven | prayed |
| dove | John | sandals |
| excited | pleased | sky |
| fire | powerful | water |



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As a young man, Saint Anthony sold all his land and possessions and gave the proceeds to the poor. He lived by himself in the Egyptian desert for 20 years, before being sought out by admirers. He encouraged his followers to base their lives on the Gospel and in the early fourth century he established a monastery.

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



Candle

Symbolises the Holy Spirit

Symbolises life, cleansing and growth

Symbolises purity and freedom from sin

Symbolises the emergence from darkness into the light



Dove



White Gown



Water