

Catholic Church of the Resurrection

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United in love and diversity in building the Kingdom of God, making God known and loved

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

WEEKEND MASSES: No public weekend or weekday Masses until after the 15th January

CONFESSIONS: on request

Mass live streamed daily during the week, and at 7.30am on Sundays

READINGS: for the Baptism of the Lord Cycle B: Daily Missal page 176; Sunday Missal page 459

BAPTISMS: Parents and Godparents are required to attend the online preparation before the Sacrament is administered. Please contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES: 6 months' notice is required and the marriage preparation course is available online. Couples must make an appointment to see Fr Keith to book. It is customary not to have weddings during Lent.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 11th January

8.00am Livestreamed Mass - Monday first week in Ordinary Time, page 707 of the Daily Missal.

Tuesday 12th January

8.00am Livestreamed Mass - Tuesday of the First week in Ordinary Time, page 710 of the Daily Missal

Wednesday 13th January

8.00am Livestreamed Mass - Wednesday of the First week in Ordinary Time, page 713 of the Daily Missal

Thursday 14th January

8.00am Livestreamed Mass - Thursday of the First week in Ordinary Time, page 715 of the Daily Missal

Friday 15th January

8.00am Livestreamed Mass - Friday of the First week in Ordinary Time, page 718 of the Daily Missal

Saturday 16th January

8.00am Livestreamed Mass - Saturday of the First week in Ordinary Time, page 721 of the Daily Missal

South Africa has entered a second wave of infections. To contain the resurgence of the virus, extra measures are in place:

- No public worship
- Curfew begins at 9.00pm

From today's Gospel reading:

And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Reflection:

John the Baptist promised that Jesus would baptize us with the Spirit. Baptism inaugurated Jesus' mission and Mark reminds us that, through our baptism, we too are sent on mission. We are not baptized into a stay-at-home community to enjoy our gatherings, sing our hymns and say our prayers. Through our baptism each of us has been called to serve others in Christ's name.

So we ask ourselves:

- Am I aware that baptism means more than membership in a church?
- What mission has the Holy Spirit given me as a baptized Christian?



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PRAYER FOR HEALING

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer in this time of Level 3 lockdown. We are confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

Generous God,

fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families. May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort their family and friends. Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance that the rollout of vaccines may be swift and efficacious. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

