



# CORIO LARA

CATHOLIC PARISH

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## The Baptism of the Lord

11 January 2026

### *Living the Effects and Power of our Baptism*

Today, there are many baptised people but often we would not recognize those who have been baptised to those who have not; and so the effects are stripped of power. The Catechism p.1213 says, "Through baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons (or children) of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission".

When we were baptised, the Holy Spirit descended upon us, and God the Father delighted in us. And that truth that does not change, ever. The Catechism teaches that baptism is an indelible mark which no sin can erase (1272). However, that does not mean that every baptized person will automatically enter into Heaven. We still have the "tendency to sin" (1263). The faithful Christian must keep the seal until the end. Yes, at our baptisms, we are made children of God, but it is a reality that must be *lived out*, and the grace of our baptism trains us to live it out. In our continued sins and weaknesses, it is hard to live as if we belong to Christ. But that is why baptism is only the first Sacrament, only the beginning of our life of Grace. It is through our practice of Confession, Eucharist, and all the other Sacraments, that we are trained and learn to share more fully and perfectly in the life of Christ.

Be convicted by this powerful line: "Having become a member of the Church, the person baptized belongs no longer to himself, but 'to him who died and rose for us'. From now on, he is called to be subject to others, to serve them in the communion of the Church...to receive the Sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God...But then, "reborn as children of God, must profess before others the faith they have received from God through the Church, and participate in the apostolic and missionary activity of the People of God" (1269). In other words, we who are baptized into Christ and His Church, must share in the Mission Jesus gave: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, and baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you' (Mt. 28:19). For baptism begins our journey to become disciples and make disciples of others.

By Fr Chad King, <http://bit.ly/4qlAVcN> (edited)

### *Parish Noticeboard*

**SUMMER WEEKDAY MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE UNTIL 30 JAN.**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN.** This preparation course is for children in Grade three or above who do not attend a Catholic school. Visit the Parish website for more info.

**SEÑOR SANTO NINO FIESTA.** Saturday 17th January 2026 at St Francis Xavier. 10.30am Procession, 11.00am Mass. There will be no 9.15am Mass that day. See the flyer for details about the Santo Nino novena.

**PARISH OFFICE REOPENS THIS TUESDAY.**

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#### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**Sat.** 5pm (Vigil) | Corio  
**Sun.** 9am | Lara  
11am | Corio

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES (SUMMER)

**Tue.** 5.30pm | Corio  
**Wed.** 5.30pm | Lara  
**Th.** 5.30pm | Corio  
**Fri.** 5.30pm | Lara  
**Sat.** 9.15am | Corio

#### CONFESSIONS (SUMMER)

**Tue. - Fri.** 5.00pm-5.25pm  
**Tue.** 6.00pm-7.00pm | Corio  
**Sat.** 8.45am-9.10am | Corio  
4.30pm-4.55pm | Corio  
**Sun.** 8.30am-8.55am | Lara

#### THE ROSARY

Weekdays 25 mins prior to Mass  
Sunday 8.30am (Lara)  
10.30am (Corio)

#### HOLY HOUR

**Tue.** 6.00pm - 7.00pm | Corio

#### LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

**Wed.** 5.00pm | Corio

#### PRESBYTERY GIVING (1<sup>st</sup> Collection)

St Francis Xavier Presbytery Account  
BSB 083 347 | ACC 674 963 655

#### CHURCH GIVING (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)

St Francis Xavier Church Account  
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## 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.

## First Reading | Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

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 | Psalm 28(29):1-4,9-10

**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.**

## Second Reading | Acts 10:34-38

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 | Cf Mark 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## Gospel | Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

## 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.

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