

# CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

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## SUNDAY READINGS

### 1st Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

The Lord upholds his Servant.

### Psalm 28:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### 2nd Reading:

Apost. 10:34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Spirit and with power.

**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus at his baptism.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

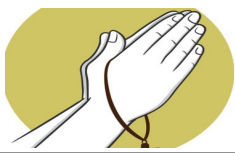
Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart. - Father John Muir ©LPi

## Healing Prayer Ministry

*As we begin the new year, Lord we ask for your guidance and wisdom. We pray for peace and for healing in our families and in our world and for an end to the hatred and violence that is so prevalent. We give thanks for the good things in our lives and we ask that you continue to bless us in this coming year. In Jesus' name .. Amen.*

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and he will direct your path" Prov. 3:6

*The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon & Mary Immaculate, Emu Park acknowledge the Darumbal People the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay respect to their elders: past, present, and emerging. For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.*



# REMEMBER *in your prayers*

**The sick:** Fr Peter Tonti, Rene Veltmeyer, Aden Gauld, Joan Ellaway, Barry Abraham, Ross Thomas, Ray Tamassy, Kevin Connor, Brian Holmes (Syd), Veronica Loudon-Riley, Wendy Stephens, Carolyn Perkins, Amy Collins, Derm Stower, Colleen Stower, Emily White, Fr Bryan Hannifin, Eimear Devlin (Ireland), Paul Hansby, Renae Ellaway (Duffy), Scott Mahosky, Kevin & Joan Lacey, Ollie Miles, Jo-Anne Coxon, Alan Davids, Adam Loch, Pat Searles.

**The recently deceased:** Fiona Bryson, Margaret McKenzie, David Reynolds, Gerard Taylor, Dawn Day, Ann Cook, Paul Tucker, Eloise Clarke, Br Owen Brown, Genevieve Finter, Don Reiman, Karen Jorgensen, Jeffery Murphy, Brian Kehoe.

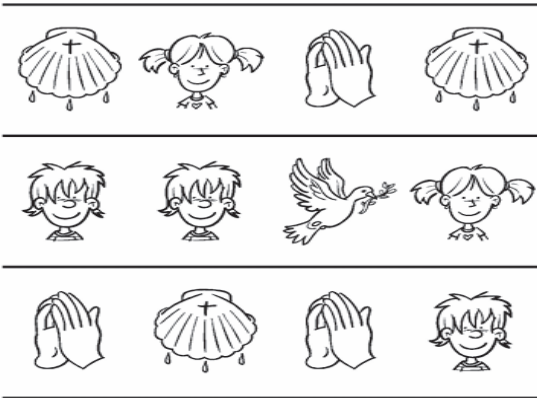
**Anniversaries at this time:** Alan Ricks, Robert Effeney, Briona McKone, Susan McCamley, Tony (Anton) Schick, Marie Mitchell, Phillip Quinn, Frank O'Regan, Jack Grimes, Joan Grimes, Louise Page, Dawn Abraham, Leo Hansby, Doug Read, Carmel Gormley, Mary Nash.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION MINISTRY

Seeking a volunteer/s for the Baptism Preparation Ministry. Please contact the Parish Office for further information, if interested.

## PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is the same as the first one. Then color in all the pictures.



## MISSION

I will talk to God when I first wake up each morning.

# LITURGIES

Date	Time	Mass
Tues 14 Jan	9:00am	Mass, Mary Immaculate
Wed 15 Jan	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
Fri 17 Jan	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	2:00pm	Rosary, Sacred Heart
Sat 18 Jan	5:15pm	Mass, Mary Immaculate
Sun 19 Jan	8-8:30am	Reconciliation, S. Heart
	9:00am	Mass, Sacred Heart
	5:00pm	Mass, Sacred Heart

## WEEKEND ROSTER

This weekend: Baptism of the Lord: 11/12 January

	5.15pm Sat MI	9am Sun SH	5pm Sun SH
Commentator	John McKenna	Gordon Gauld	Mark Kennedy
1st Reader	Caroline Ireland	Erin Hutchinson	Parishioner
2nd Reader	Jan Jaeger	Catherine Weaver	Parishioner
Next weekend: 2nd Sunday of Ord Time 18/19 January			
Commentator	Jan Mussig	Warren Middleton	Lloyd Webley
1st Reader	Kathy Maloney	Barbara Kirwan	Mark Kennedy
2nd Reader	Peter Maloney	Max Martin	Parishioner



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Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful,  
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 instruct the hearts of the faithful  
by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,  
and ever to rejoice in your consolation.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

# JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

## You are my own dear son

R L B I R S A N D A L S Z T Q  
 S H O V E C J R W A T E R M M  
 B M M W U J O H N N Q U X G F  
 A Z E R T F I R E C J H O X M  
 I G M U U X J I H E E K D L U  
 X Q D J O B D H A X X S I E M  
 B C A H S E P Z V O C Q G U P  
 C C F Z P Q M X A C I P Y X Y  
 P E P O W E R F U L T L S K Y  
 A F D C P R A Y E D E E P Y X  
 Q U X F K H I Q M D D A P O I  
 V T Y K D O V E H R R S A G O  
 U H E A V E N I D X S E Z H Y  
 R F S Q U R B K T S P D C O W  
 A K N V L B A P T I S E D Z L

Try to find these words:

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

A PRAYERFUL  
 NEW YEAR'S  
 RESOLUTION  
 IDEA:

**KEEP A  
 GRATITUDE  
 PRAYER JOURNAL  
 AND SAY  
 A PRAYER OF  
 THANKSGIVING  
 EVERY EVENING.**

### GOSPEL FOCUS

#### My Son, the Beloved

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.' This declaration by the voice from Heaven – the voice of God – is an amalgamation of two earlier pieces of scripture: 'You are my son; today I have begotten you' (Ps 2:7) and 'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights' (Is 42:1). The fact that it is uttered before Jesus has begun his ministry is a sign to all of us that God delights in us for who we are, not for what we have achieved in our lives.



### Have you thought? Trinity

*The baptism event in the gospels is a moment of revelation of the Trinitarian nature of God. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove whilst the voice of God is heard to declare of Jesus, 'You are my Son.' It is a unique moment in the scriptures where the three persons of God are individually and collectively revealed. Although the scriptures do not explicitly name God as Trinity, by the time of Paul's early writings, blessings in the name of Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit are frequent. Despite this, Trinity continues to be a difficult concept for many Christians.*

### Historical Context

#### Baptism

John makes clear to the people that the baptism he performs is with water but the baptism by Jesus is with the Holy Spirit. John preached a baptism of repentance. In keeping with his Jewish tradition, John called upon the people to make a public declaration of their wrong-doing and commitment to be washed clean of this sinfulness and desire to live in right relationship with God and others. The baptism to which he refers is the complete change of heart and mind that comes through the Holy Spirit and results from a person accepting the message of Jesus.

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
 Our life our sweetness and our hope.  
 To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;  
 To thee do we send up our sighs,  
 mourning and weeping in the valley of tears.  
 Turn then most gracious advocate,



Thine eyes of mercy towards us  
 and after this our exile, show unto us the  
 blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
 O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!  
 Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,  
 That we may be made worthy of  
 the promises of Christ.



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**DAILY MEDITATIONS BY HENRI NOUWEN**

**My Deepest Self**

Before I am sinful, I am innocent; before I participate in the evil of the world, I am touched with goodness. I realize.... that I have to reclaim that innocence in me. It belongs to my deepest self. It is given to me by God my Creator; it is reclaimed for me by Jesus my Redeemer. It is this innocence that makes me hear the voice that says, "You are my Son, my beloved; on you my favor rests." (Luke 3:22)

**Well Held**

I know that I am called to live at the place of innocence: the place where Jesus chose to live. There he made his home and asks me to make mine. In that place I am loved and well held. There I do not have to be afraid. And from there I can forgive and heal and make things new.

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