

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ The prophet Isaiah speaks often of the promise that God will send a Messiah. Today's prophecy foretells Jesus' coming. Celebrating Jesus' Baptism, we learn also of our own 'job description' to live following Jesus' lifestyle and example in the world. Have you made your baptism personal and meaningful? What does it mean for you to: 'be chosen' ... 'upon whom I have put my spirit' ... 'bring forth justice'. You are called personally for the 'victory of justice'. Have you sensed God trying to take you by the hand and form you, asking you to be an example and light for others? Transform people's lives who are blind and suffering in darkness?
- ❖ Acts 10 is a very important chapter and experience in the life of St Peter. Peter was Jewish and was brought up in strict observance, knowing what was clean and unclean. Non-Jews -- Gentiles / Greeks -- were considered unclean. If you entered their home or ate with them, you became unclean. Peter is told by God to go into Cornelius' home... He was a Gentile and a despised Roman soldier! Peter has a significant conversion of the mind ... 'people of every nation are acceptable to God'. Who do you consider to be clean or unclean? What obstacles did Peter have to overcome to go into Cornelius' house? What obstacles must you overcome to go beyond your comfort zone?
- ❖ Historical and theological writing are present in this Baptism scene of Jesus. Isaiah had cried out to God in the Old Testament: '*open the heavens and come down!*' Now the clouds are pushed apart, the Spirit of God descends, and God's voice is heard. Here he is! The Messiah. The Promised One. My Son! Imagine being at this scene. Imagine this is *your* baptism scene. What do you feel? Think? Fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy of Isaiah, do you accept your baptismal 'job description'?
- ❖ You may have been too young to remember your own baptism. This does not mean that you cannot now become conscious of what happened and what it means today. A special prayer was prayed over you as part of your anointing; '*Christ-ing*' you to live as Priest, Prophet and King. Your call is to be a —
 - **Priest** – to bring the world to God and reveal God's mercy to the world.
 - **Prophet** – to listen to the Word and live and speak God's Word of comfort and challenge to the world.
 - **King** – to *lead* your world, by acting in right order, with kindness, justice and mercy; rather than *following* the world.
- ❖ What do you need from God to go deeper in living out your God-given calling? We are not asked to work on our own strength; the Holy Spirit empowers us. You can ask the Holy Spirit to renew your Baptism and fill you each day with the grace you need.

Pathways for implementation of the Synod on Synodality (2025-2028)

The implementation phase is an ecclesial process in the full sense. It involves all the Churches in their role as recipients of the Final Document (2024), and therefore the entire People of God, women and men, in the wide range of charisms, vocations and ministries by which it is enriched and in the various forms in which its life is concretely lived (small Christian communities, parishes, associations and movements, communities of consecrated men and women, etc.).

Since synodality is «a constitutive dimension of the Church» (FD, no. 28), this cannot be a path limited to a core group of 'supporters.' On the contrary, **it is important that this new process contribute concretely «to expand possibilities for participation and for the exercise of differentiated co-responsibility by all the Baptised, men and women»** (FD, no. 36) **in a spirit of reciprocity.**

Moreover, it is crucial that it aims to involve those who have so far remained on the margins of the ecclesial renewal process established by the Synod, such as «between individuals and groups with diverse cultural identities and social conditions. Of particular concern in this regard should be those people made poor and those who are excluded» (*ibid.*). Numerous Churches have launched initiatives aimed at making the commitment to be a listening Church part of their everyday life, and many report that listening to young people is a priority. Furthermore, particular attention should be paid to listening to those who have expressed doubts and resistance to the synodal process: in order to truly walk together, we cannot lose the contribution of their point of view.

For this reason, all Churches are invited to **continue searching for appropriate means of listening to the wide variety of contexts in which the Christian community lives and works**, without limiting themselves to the parish environment – as was sometimes the case during the listening phase – but, rather, involving schools and universities, accommodation centres, hospitals and prisons, the digital environment, etc. At the same time, the implementation phase represents a favourable opportunity to **strengthen relations between the various components of the Christian community**, «in order to bring to life an exchange of gifts at the service of the common mission» (FD, no. 65), which involves communities and apostolic realities linked to Consecrated Life, as well as associations, movements and new communities.

So, the Synod keeps moving forward, as the Church endeavours to implement and experiment with its findings, as it ventures on its path of building up our Church into and for the future.

** Pray, Reflect, Grow with the Sunday Readings at www.livingtheword.org.nz



CALENDAR

MONDAY
January 12
Weekday
1 Sm 1:1-8
Mk 1:14-20

TUESDAY
January 13
Weekday
1 Sm 1:9-20
Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY
January 14
Weekday
1 Sm 3:1-10,
19-20
Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY
January 15
Weekday
1 Sm 4:1-11
Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY
January 16
Weekday
1 Sm 8:4-7,
10-22a
Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY
January 17
St. Anthony, Abbot
1 Sm 9:1-4,
17-19, 10:1a
Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY
January 18
Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5-6
1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri	:	Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat	:	Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by mass
Sun	:	Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs. English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai	:	First Sunday during 8:30 am mass.
English	:	Second Sunday during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESION:

Sundays	:	Before all masses (Thai). English before 10:00 am mass.
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CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri	:	08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun	:	08:30 – noon
Public holidays	:	Closed

PRAYER SEEKING THE INTERCESSION OF THE EIGHT BLESSED MARTYRS OF THAILAND AND THEIR CANONISATION

Almighty God, You called the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, as priest, religious and lay people, laity leading as young disciples, and as a catechist. These eight Blessed Martyrs responded faithfully to Your call, dedicating themselves to Your redemptive mission for all. For the sake of this mission and their faith in You, they followed Your Son, Jesus Christ, in sacrificing their lives.

May the example of these eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand inspire us to live our Christian faith today in the Catholic Church, ever giving witness to that faith in our daily life.

According to Your will, we pray that Your servants, the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand, may be canonised. We ask this as we seek to strengthen our own faith. So, if it is Your will, bless us with their canonisation, thus giving glory to Your Name.

Through the intercession of the eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand, grant what we now humbly request in prayer (*take a silent moment*). **Amen.**

Leader: The eight Blessed Martyrs of Thailand

Response: Pray for us

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS**OFFERTORY: COME TO THE WATER (No. 584)****PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND**

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**HOLY (No. 263) PLEASE KNEEL****MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)****DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND**

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 374)**COMMUNION RITE****THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD (No. 391) PLEASE KNEEL

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: BEHOLD THE LAMB (No. 939)**FINAL: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME (No. 615) PLEASE STAND****FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Sunday, 11 January 2026

ENTRANCE: WHEN JESUS COMES TO BE BAPTISED PLEASE STAND

1. When Jesus comes to be baptized, He leaves the hidden years behind,
The years of safety and of peace, To bear the sins of humankind.
2. The Spirit of the Lord comes down, Anoints the Christ to suffering.
To preach the word, to free the bound, And to the mourner, comfort bring.
3. He will not quench the dying flame, And what is bruised he will not break,
But heal the wound injustice dealt, And out of death his triumph make.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
— and, striking their breast, they say —

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)

FIRST READING: Is 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 29: THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE



1. Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise,
Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire. (R)
2. The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters.
The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic. (R)
3. The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever. (R)

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

GOSPEL: Mt 3:13-17

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: And with your spirit.

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES PLEASE STAND

The Priest addresses the Community, who make their responses together.

Priest: Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children? All: I do.
 Priest: Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin? All: I do.
 Priest: Do you reject Satan, father of sin and prince of darkness? All: I do.
 Priest: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth? All: I do.
 Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? All: I do.
 Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting? All: I do.

The Priest concludes:

Priest: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord. All: Amen.

SPRINKLING OF CONGREGATION WITH BAPTISMAL WATER: NEW LIFE

Refrain: New life! New life! You came to bring us new life.
New life! New life! We find such joy in your abundant life
 1. You are the source of our great joy, the fountain of all life.
You give us living water; you bid us come and drink.
We come to you; we bless you, Lord; we glorify your name!
We praise you, Lord; we worship you. We thank you for your gift of new life! (R)
 2. You are the source of our new life; in your light we see light.
You show to us your goodness; you bid us taste and see.
We come to you; we bless you Lord; we glorify your name!
We praise you, Lord; we worship you. We thank you for your gift of new life! (R)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Hear our prayer."

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST