

Ministry District of Wendouree, Creswick & Daylesford



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Wednesday & Friday 11.30am - 4pm
Thursday 9am - 2pm

Our parishes are committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land on which our Parish communities meet: the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung people. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation of first peoples.

Staffing

Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

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Jackie Wrigglesworth

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MASS TIMES (This week) Wendouree

Saturday: **6:00 pm** Vigil
Wendouree

Sunday 9.00 am Creswick
10.30am Daylesford

Waubra

1st Sun of the month 8:30 am

Weekday Mass

Wed Hepburn House 11.00 am

Thurs Kelaston 11.00 am

Friday Creswick 10:30 am

Readings for Next Weekend:

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalms 95: 1-3, 7-10. R. v.3

2nd Reading: Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2: 1-11



Baptism of the Lord © ~ 12th January 2025

Focus on the Scripture

Today's gospel begins with a level of expectancy among the people that John the Baptist may be the Christ; the Messiah. This seemingly throw away introductory comment confirms the fact that the Jewish expectation of the Messiah was particularly heightened at the time of John and Jesus. At the time of the ministries of John and Jesus, the Romans had been the occupying force in Judaea for about 80 or 90 years. Throughout most of their lives the infamous Galilee area had been relatively peaceful and free of revolutionary activity but that changed from about 26 CE. With the anti-Roman sentiment on the rise, the ancient yearning for a Messiah resurfaced.

This Messianic expectation stretched back hundreds of years and was richly associated with the sovereign line of King David. The Davidic line ruled for more than 400 years until it was ended in the early 6th Century BCE by the Jewish people being exiled in Babylon for about 50 years.

The term, Messiah, literally means anointed one. In ancient Israel, the king was designated by being anointed with oil on his head. Following the exile in Babylon, the people longed for another great king, in the style and from the line of David. Over time, this expectation grew into an ideal that one day a perfect king would rise up again and be the anointed one; the Messiah. As the years grew into decades and centuries, this expectation took on more and more significance. When the Messiah came, the whole world would be put to right; a period of justice and peace would prevail; the oppressed would be liberated.

Whilst the people longed for the Messiah to appear, the gospels reveal that they had difficulty believing Jesus was the one for whom they hoped.

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Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East and have come to adore him. Alleluia!

Recently Deceased: Nancy Rodoni

Anniversaries: We remember: Mark Bradley, Dianne Artz, Patricia Blasiak

We pray: for all in areas of conflict, war and natural disasters, for the sick and all in need of our prayers.

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Parish office will be closed on Friday 20th December, and will re-open on Wednesday 29th January. Please contact the Cathedral in

case of an emergency 5331 2933. Email OLHC or leave a phone message.

**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.

Collections Last Weekend

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Volunteer please
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Lauren Rhodes & Vin Dillon
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Heen & Colin Feely
SACRISTAN	John & Sue Calistro
Waubra cleaning	January Anne Dalton & Brian Gallagher

Fr Robert McCulloch SSC
will speak on "Ballarat's Success in Pakistan"

When: Thursday January 23rd
Where: Nazareth House
Time: 6.30am Mass, followed by presentation in Nazareth House Hall.
Entry by donation: Envelopes provided.
Please bring a plate of supper to share.

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