

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Having concluded our celebrations of Christmas with its beautiful images of light and hope, we celebrate today the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by John the Baptist. When the Israelites crossed the Jordan to take possession of the Land promised to Abraham and Moses, their sense of being a chosen people resonates deeply with their souls, minds and hearts. Celebrating the love of God will continue to grow in their lives and history.

John the Baptist invites the people to be baptised in the Jordan, inviting the people to be reminded of this sacred rite that heals, sustains and brings light to their hearts.

‘And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved;
with You I am well pleased.” (Luke 3: 22, 23)

The Baptism received is an immersion in the life, death, resurrection and Spirit of Jesus the Christ. We model our lives in this Sacrament, building upon the perspective of Jesus:

‘You are a light to the nations, to open the eyes of the blind,

To bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prisons those who sit in darkness.’ (Isaiah 42: 6, 7)

Journeying through this new Holy Year, may our lives bring Hope and Light.

Blessings to all! Fr. Don