

And so we come to the end of our journey through Christmas for another year. Today our focus is not on the crib or the wise men or shepherds rather it is on the Baptismal font and the entry into the Church which each one of us has been through or for some are hoping to go through.

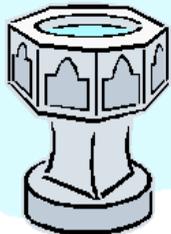
When we listen to the Gospel we see that we are now dealing with an adult Jesus who comes from within a crowd and approaches John the Baptist, who has been this great voice crying in the wilderness a Charismatic figure who has been preparing the way for the Light or the Word to come into the world and continue the mission that God has given him. It must have been a dramatic sight for John the Baptist to baptise Jesus and then for a voice to have come from heaven saying "you are my son, the beloved". And then for the dove to come to rest on Jesus' head as a symbol of him receiving the Holy Spirit.

When we are baptised we too receive that same mission that Jesus received from God and continued from John. We take on the mission for our generation and then hand it on to the next.

With Baptism comes a duty to carry on the Faith into the future. At every Baptism one is always reminded of the responsibility that the parents and God parents take on by agreeing to bring the baby up in the practice of the faith.

Adults, when they receive full initiation into the Church also take on the same responsibility and mission.

With baptism we are baptised into the promise of everlasting life, it is our duty to make others have that opportunity, by being a voice for our world today, a voice which proclaims the love of God, so in many ways we now take on the mission started by John when he Baptised Jesus and showed us that Jesus truly was one like us. In Christ, God really had become man.



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10th JAN – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Entrance Antiphon:

After the Lord was baptised, 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."

Responsorial Psalm:

"Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are."

Gospel Acclamation: Sung

Communion Antiphon:

"Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God".

