



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we return to the beginning of Jesus' mission. The humble witness of John the Baptist gave people a sense that something exciting was about to happen.

John the Baptist is one of the best known saints. He never pushed himself forward. He encouraged his own followers to leave him and become followers of Jesus. His life (and death) witnessed to the truth about Jesus and, because of him, many people came to know and follow Jesus.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Our schools and parishes are founded in the name of Jesus and they continue to share Jesus' message, giving witness to God's love for all people.

Today, we too can be great witnesses. Enjoy spending a special time together exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **WITNESS**.

*Dom Henry Wansbrough*



**A Word from the Saints**

*"Example makes a much greater impression on the mind and heart than just words." St John Baptist de la Salle*

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, "Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me.' I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water." John also declared, "I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.' Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God."

*Adapted from John 1:29-34*  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

**Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.**  
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Family Time Prayer & Share Overleaf ▶

**Good News for Everyone**

John the Baptist gave witness to what Jesus did and who Jesus really was. Now we too are called to be God's witnesses through living our lives the way Jesus shows us. Everywhere we go we can give witness to God's love - spreading joy and peace.