

**January 4th 2026 2nd Sunday of Christmas – Year A – John 1:1 - 18**

<sup>1-1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
<sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life; and the life was the light of men.  
<sup>5</sup>And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. <sup>8</sup>He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. <sup>9</sup>That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. <sup>11</sup>He came unto his own, and his own received him not. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: <sup>13</sup>Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.  
<sup>15</sup>John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. <sup>16</sup>And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</li><li>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</li><li>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</li></ul> |
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This week's gospel is a very deep teaching on the Incarnation. We read about the vocation of John the Baptist who came as a witness to speak for the light so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The word was the true light that enlightens all men and he was coming into the world.

In our lives what kind of witness to Jesus do we give to those around us?

Would our lives encourage people to want to find out more about Jesus and why he means so much to us?

**Prayer:**

**Thank You Lord** for the deep moments when we realised through our meditation of your word in the Bible that our lives are better when we try to live with you as our guide.

**Forgive us Lord** for the times when we did not listen to your word and looked in other places for the answer to our problems even though you have told us "You are the way, the truth and the light."

**Help us Lord** to live and believe the message of the Incarnation. Because God became human he knows what it is to be human and shows us the way to become like him. He tells us "Do not be afraid, I am with you always."