



NEWSLETTER



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

The Baptism of the Lord

Year A Week 1

THIS WEEK



8th January The Baptism of the Lord

6.00pm*: Bradnum Family (ints)

8.30am: Nina Marcangelo (ints)

10.30am: Mary Harris+

6.00pm: Tom Peane+

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6.00pm: Jodie O'Neill+

Tue 10th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Nina Gomes+

Wed 11th

No Mass

Thurs 12th St Aelred of Rievaulx

10.00am: Sr. Patricia Cronin+

10.30am: Tea & Coffee Morning (JP II Room)

Friday 13th St Hilary

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

10.00am: Tom & Mary Lloyd+

12.00pm: QUEST Soup Lunch (JP II Room)

2.00pm: Christian Mediation (Church)

6.00pm: Adoration (Church)

Sat 14th Blessed Virgin Mary

6.00pm*: Suzanne Burke+

15th 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Jacobus Van Dijk (ann+)

10.30am: Mary Harris+

6.00pm: Jan Agilada+

BELOVED SONS AND DAUGHTERS

And when Jesus was baptised, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan river. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

As a Parish, God wants us to enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and baptism. St Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389 AD), an early church father tells us: "Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him." The Lord Jesus Christ is ever ready to renew and refashion us in his likeness through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit - and he anoints us for mission as ambassadors of his new kingdom. We are called to be the "light" and salt" of his kingdom that radiates the beauty and aroma of his mercy and goodness to those around us. The Lord Jesus wants his love and truth to shine through us so that many others may find new life, freedom, and joy in the Holy Spirit. May we as the People of God, be filled with his Holy Spirit so that we may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around us.

Fr John

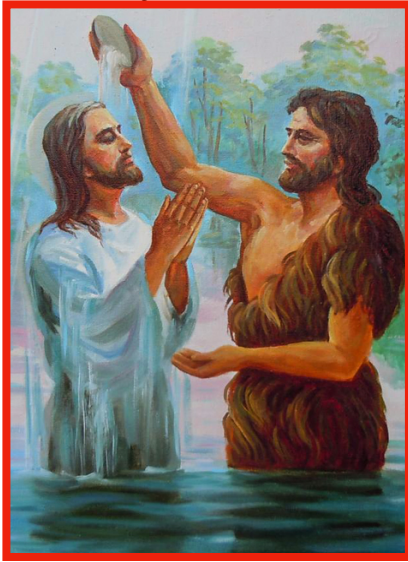
Christmas Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Jesus came to be baptised by John, by Chromatius (died 406 AD) "Jesus therefore descended to fulfil all the observances of the law, and in this context he was baptised by John in Galilee at the Jordan. But John, recognising the Lord as his God through the Holy Spirit, declared that he was unworthy to bear his sandals. He rather pleaded that he himself ought to be baptised by Christ, saying, 'It is I who should be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' It is as if he were saying, 'I am a man. You are God. I am a sinner because I am a man. You are sinless because you are God. Why do you want to be baptised by me? I do not refuse the respect you pay me, but I am ignorant of the mystery. I baptise sinners in repentance. But you have no taint of sin. So why do you want to be baptised? Why do you want to be baptised as a sinner, who came to forgive sins?' This is what John in effect was saying to the Lord."

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The Baptism of Jesus



NOTICES

WELCOME

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR PARISH? Please visit the parish website on parish.rcdow.org.uk/barnet where you will find information on the parish, parish groups and much more. Information is also available in the church porch. This is produced weekly with current news on what is happening in and around the parish - available at the back of the church or on the website under 'news' If you would like to register yourself and/or your family, please email the parish office with your details to barnet@rcdow.org.uk

NEED TO TALK? If you would like to speak to Anita pastorally and in confidence, Anita is available on Tuesdays after 10am mass. Please knock on the presbytery door or email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH DAY OF RENEWAL

SATURDAY JANUARY 21
10.30 AM - 4.00 PM
BARNET DAY OF RENEWAL
GUEST SPEAKER
SR HYACINTHE DEFOS DU RAU - OP

HOPE

HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT US, BECAUSE GOD'S LOVE HAS BEEN POURED INTO OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US.

MARY IMMACULATE & ST GREGORY THE GREAT
82 UNION STREET - BARNET - EN5 4HZ

TRANSFORMATION

ADAPTATION PRAYER ENCOURAGED HEARING
BRING YOUR OWN PACKED LUNCH - TEA & COFFEE SUPPLIED



Reopens 10th January 2023

TUESDAYS: 10am-11.30am. (Term time only) at Church Parish Hall

Age Range: Birth to 3rd Birthday

£1 per family per morning

Parents: tea, coffee, juice and biscuits

Toddlers: toys, books puzzles etc

Come join us!

Saturday RE Classes Spring Term 2023

Classes for children at non-Catholic primary schools are welcome to come and learn about their Catholic Faith. During the sessions we pray together, we talk, sing songs and make new friends.

Venue: The JP II Room

Time: From 9.30am to 10.45am

Dates: Saturday 14th & 28th January
Saturday 11th & 25th February
Saturday 11th & 25th March

RCIA

Are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Would you like to share your faith with those who are considering becoming Catholics?.

Starting on 10th January 2023

Sessions: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Where: JP II Room

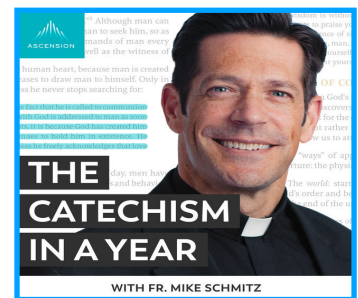
For more information contact:

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Westminster Year Book 2023

Now available in the porch, price £5.00 each. Please use envelopes marked "Repository"



Fr. Mike Schmitz podcasts can be found on the Hallow app, Apple, and Spotify, started on 1st January 2023 (daily)
<https://open.spotify.com/show/3CjutrIXszixdossjSkx72?si=VCJhkSijSV6d33qoFnBhwQ>

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Steven Hunt, Janine Kelly, Gabriel Dempsey, Suzanne Greig, Sinead Mayes, Monica Thompson, Rosemary Chester, Paul Reed, Marian Darby, Ken Quigley, Mary Geraghty, Edel O'Sullivan, Linda Quilter, Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Joe Connolly, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Paul and Nicola Dempsey

Recently deceased: Michelle Davies and James Lynch

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