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The Baptism of the Lord (Year C) 9th January 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8th January	Vigil: Baptism of the Lord	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 9th January	Baptism of the Lord	8.30am	Billy Ferguson RIP
		10.30am	Andrew Charles RIP
Thursday 13th January	Feria	9.15am	Kathleen Stokes RIP
Friday 14th January	Feria	9.15am	Eileen Wade RIP
Saturday 15th January	Vigil: 2nd Sunday of the year	6.00pm	Pat O'Neill RIP

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

Mass intentions, please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word

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: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: "This is my son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-11

Fr John writes:

"And the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all people will see it." (Isaiah 40:5)

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings Christmas Time to a conclusion and we will begin Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar – so called because we "order" our weeks as we count them on the journey towards Lent. The Baptism of Jesus was traditionally celebrated on the same day as Epiphany, but over time the appearance of the Magi to worship the infant Jesus became the principal focus of that Feast and the Lord's Baptism began to be celebrated the following weekend. The Feast was instituted as a separate liturgical celebration in 1955. In Jesus' first manifestation or appearance, the star led the Magi to Bethlehem and these representatives of the wider gentile world paid their homage to the new born King of the Jews. In his second manifestation, Jesus "in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" (Col 1:19) lays aside his divinity and offers himself for baptism in the Jordan by his cousin, John the Baptist. After his baptism, the Incarnate Word, in perfect humility, Himself prays and an extraordinary manifestation occurs: the heavens open and the Holy Spirit descends upon him. The voice of the Father is heard announcing His Son. The beginning of Jesus' public ministry is sanctified by an epiphany or appearance of the Trinity. The same Holy Spirit who descended on the River Jordan at Jesus' baptism hovered over the waters at creation (Gen 1:2). In the Jordan Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second Adam who comes to reconcile the world to God: the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. As we bid farewell to Christmas for another year, we hear the Father's voice telling us "This is my beloved Son" and commit ourselves to spreading the Good News which Jesus brings into the world.

Our prayers are asked for Helen Birch and Tom O'Connor for the success of their hospital treatment.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY At the 6pm Mass Children from Reception up to Year 3 (who have not yet received their First Holy Communion).



Primary School Places

Applications for admission to St Joseph's Reception Class are now open. If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, please contact St Joseph's School on 0208 428 5371 or email admin@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk. Closing date 17th January.

Nursery School Places

Applications for admission to St Joseph's Nursery Class are now open. If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, please contact St Joseph's School on 0208 428 5371 or email admin@stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk. Closing date 25th February.

For more information, please visit the school website at www.stjosephs775.herts.sch.uk

ARE YOU GIFT AIDING YOUR DONATIONS TO ST JOSEPH'S ?



The Gift Aid scheme allows a UK charity to claim back the tax that you pay, as a donor, when you earn the money from which you make the donation. Eligible donations from UK taxpayers attract Gift Aid at a rate calculated in accordance with the basic rate of income tax. So with basic rate income tax at 20%, an eligible £10.00 gift from a UK taxpaying donor is worth £12.50 in the hands of a charity after Gift Aid is reclaimed.

Last year we were able to claim back £4698.46 to benefit the parish.

Peace Sunday

Peace Sunday, the day when the Pope's message for World Peace Day is celebrated in our parishes, will take place on 16th January 2022. The theme of the Pope's message for this year is 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.

For further information, please visit Pax Christi's website at <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022/>

Safe in Faith Counselling Network Launched

A new Caritas Westminster Project - Safe in Faith, with the ultimate aim of providing victims of domestic abuse, who are part of a faith community, with safe, faith-based support and counselling that is tailored to their needs as believers.

Safe in Faith is creating a network of professionals such as counsellors and psychotherapists, who come from a Faith background and want to develop their skills to offer counselling that can reflect a survivor's spiritual beliefs. Eventually there will be a directory of counsellors and pastoral workers who can support victims of domestic abuse. · Read the full story on our website here

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/launch-of-new-safe-in-faith-counselling-network-1279.php>

· If you know someone who might be interested in joining the network or receiving training please contact safeinfaith@rcdow.org.uk

· There are useful links on this page for anyone experiencing domestic abuse and needing help

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/useful-links.php>

· And a useful booklet on responding to domestic abuse from the National Board of Catholic Women here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U29ZeNc1EO_EB55APf_Ja60uF2adMtp/view.

The Financials....

Total offertory for the month of December

Envelopes £1197.51

Loose Plate £828.84

Last Year's offertory for December

Envelopes £919.95 Loose plate £936.75

Standing Orders £819.50

Claimed Gift Aid Tax for 2020 /21 £4698.46