

The Announcer

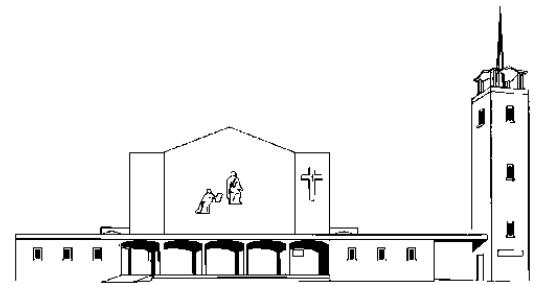
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Year C

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9TH JANUARY 2022

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.

Today is the Baptism of the Lord when we remember Jesus' baptism in the Jordan and it suitably comes shortly after our celebration of the Epiphany, a feast to which it is intimately related. Both are about revealing Jesus to the world, manifesting his credentials as the Christ. On the Epiphany Jesus is revealed as the anointed Messiah not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations. At Jesus' baptism, John the Baptist draws attention to Jesus' saving work, and that his ministry would be that of the anointed one (the Christ) who will baptise his followers in the Holy Spirit. 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who

is more powerful than I am ...he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire'. Reinforcing this is the voice of God declaring that Jesus is His beloved Son upon whom His favour rests. If this were not enough at Epiphany the Eastern Church celebrated a third manifestation of Jesus as the Christ, his changing of the water into wine at the marriage of Cana and the first of Jesus' messianic signs after he embarked upon his public ministry. These three historical events show that Jesus was acknowledged as the Christ from the first and not just after the Resurrection. Moreover, at his nativity the shepherds were told that a Saviour (Jesus) has been born to them who is (note not will be) Christ the Lord. Why is this important? Because there are some today, as in New Testament times, who would wish to drive a wedge between the historical Jesus and the Christ of faith, suggesting that you can believe in Christ without accepting the historicity of his birth and miraculous life. This is a very old heresy draped in modern clothes. Reject it! We cannot pick and choose the biblical account, for if we do this, we are believing in a Christ of our own imagination and not the Lord and Saviour who was born and lived among us, and who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

Fr Julian



PRAYER & LITURGY

CRIB APPEAL: At Christmas our Crib offerings are donated to the Catholic Children's Society. Throughout the pandemic the Society has provided mental health services and family support for thousands of vulnerable children and families. There are many more families in need of support. You can donate at the Crib or via the website www.cathchild.org.uk/crib.

SHEILA TURPIN of Meadway, died recently, aged 75. Her funeral will be on **Monday 10th January 2022 at 11am.**

NORMAN WAITE of Bourne Close, died recently aged 87. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 11am.** Our sympathies go out to their families.

JOANNE SMITH of Lampits, died recently, aged 44. Her funeral will be on **Friday 28th January at 1.30pm.**

May they rest in peace.

SYNODAL PATHWAY: Thank you very much to all those who filled in and returned the questionnaire. I have prepared a synthesis of the answers, along with all the questionnaires, for Fr Julian to read through. This will help inform the next stage of the process. Michel Jordan.

FR JULIAN'S FORMAL INDUCTION AS PARISH PRIEST will take place at the 6.30pm Mass on **Saturday 29th January.** Bishop Paul McAleenan will be the principal celebrant, and it will be followed by a celebration in the crypt. Please do put the date in your diary. **There will be a shared meal in the crypt after the Mass. If you can bring some finger food to share, please contact the presbytery to let us know what you can bring.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY HELPERS NEEDED at the 9.15am Mass. If you are available to assist, please do contact the presbytery.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE: We are hosting the Unity Service on behalf of Churches Together in Hoddesdon, Broxbourne and Wormley on the **23rd January at 6pm.** All parishioners are encouraged to attend, so as to welcome other local Christians to our church.

FINANCE

CONTACTLESS GIVING AT MASS: since many people now carry little or no cash on them,

there is now a device for giving your weekly offering to the parish for its upkeep contactlessly, by card. The device is at the **LEFT HAND** exit door from church as you leave Mass.

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. Please see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:

<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopstortford>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an *automatic* visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward,** so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.

Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently including Jo Smith, Roy Peacock, Sheila Turpin, Norman Waite and Costa Souraz and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Pellegrino Alfieri, Filippa Gaiteri, Mary O'Donovan, Vincenzo Papa, Vincenza Provenzano, Giuseppe Chiazza, Connie Murphy, Giovannina Minichello, Phyllis Lawlor, Antonio Riccardi and Biagio Cicchirillo. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

CATECHETICS

RCIA: 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Come and explore if you are considering becoming a Catholic or are an adult Catholic wishing to be confirmed. We will meet at the presbytery on **Tuesday 11th January at 7.30pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2022: The date for the first class will be on **Monday 17th January at 7.15pm for parents and candidates in the church.** Forms are now available to apply for the course from the presbytery during the week or please email the presbytery to request the form. **Please return the form to the presbytery by the 12th January 2022.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE: Application forms for children in year 3 are now available to collect from the presbytery during the week, except Tuesdays. You can also email the presbytery to request the form. A letter with all the information you need regarding the preparation will be provided with the form. Please return the form to the presbytery by the **9th February at the very latest.**

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Saturday 22nd January at 11.30am** in the church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

FOODBANK: Sadly, donations to the foodbank are currently not meeting the basic need, so the Foodbank is using its reserves to buy the necessary food. If you can donate, basic foods are needed of non-perishable foods: dry food, tins and long-life milk etc. FoodBank collection boxes are in the church porch.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the **15th/16th January.** SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Pro-life witness is being restricted now more than ever; we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

COVID UPDATE: With the daily news about the omicron variant, it is important to ensure the following:

- Anyone displaying symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person
- Please do use the hand sanitiser when you enter and leave the church

- Unless exempted, or in the sanctuary, please wear a face covering during the act of worship.

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of The Daniela Ruggiero Scholarship Fund has now been cancelled and will be rescheduled in the Spring.

200 CLUB WINNER for January is January's winner is no 136, Nina Traina. Congratulations!

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB will resume again on **Tuesday 11th January.**

BUDGETING COURSE: A 3 week course beginning on Friday 14th January at 10am will be held at Rosedale Community Church. For further info and to book a place, please contact Bethany at admin@rosedalechurch.org or call 01992 623835.

ST ELIZABETH'S CENTRE in Much Hadham have various job vacancies. Please visit <https://www.stelizabeths.org.uk/working-with-us/current-vacancies>.

CHURCH CLEANERS: At least two more cleaners are needed to help clean the church for one hour per month on a Wednesday. If you can help, please contact the presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Toni Iamarino, Penny Bengé and Assunta Iameo. Thank you for your help.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/dioocese/jobs>.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Catholic Baptism Prayer

Father in Heaven,
When the Spirit came down
upon Jesus at His Baptism in
the Jordan,
You revealed Him as Your
own Beloved Son.

Keep me, Your child, born of
water and the Spirit, faithful to my calling.
May I, who share in Your Life as Your child
through Baptism, follow in Christ's path of
service to people.

Let me become one in His Sacrifice and hear
His Word with faith. May I live as Your child,
following the example of Jesus. Amen



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 8th January 9.30am Exposition 10am Mass Giuseppe Corroccoli RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">Page 118 in the Mass books</p>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Eugene McCarthy RIP	1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 <i>The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it.</i>
Sun 9th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9.15am Mass Kevin O'Bryan RIP & Baby William 11.15am Mass For the Parish	Ps 103— Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are!
Mon 10th January 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Hannah Hopkins RIP 11am Funeral Sheila Turpin RIP 6pm Exposition	2nd Reading: Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7 <i>He saved us by the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit.</i>
Tues 11th January 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Holy Souls 6pm Exposition	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'</i> Alleluia!
Wed 12th January ST AELRED OF RIEVAULX 8.30am Exposition 9.15am Mass Patricia Sparrow RIP anniv— followed by coffee in the crypt 11am Funeral Norman Waite RIP 6pm Exposition	Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22 <i>While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.</i>
Thurs 13th January ST HILARY, BISHOP & DR 9.15am Mass Finbarr O'Connor RIP	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR C)
Fri 14th January <i>(Abstinence from meat today for those aged 14+)</i> 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Sheila Turpin RIP 6pm Exposition	1st Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 Gospel: John 2: 1-11
Sat 15th Jan BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass Pietro Di Leto RIP	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Mary O'Donovan RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sun 16th January 2ND SUNDAY IN ORD TIME 9.15am Mass For the Parish 11.15am Mass Decd members of Soldano & Dinato Families	SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Any parishioner frail through illness or old age, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 11th 1pm lunch club, crypt	Tues 11th 7.30pm RCIA, presbytery

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** *Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.*