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Thu 6pm
Sat 8:15pm & Sun 9am & 11am

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"It is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness."

Matthew 3:15



Mass Schedule	
Sat 10 th Jan	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate
Sun 11 th Jan BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9am Pro Populo 11am Colie McDonagh RIP
Mon 12 th Jan	NO MASS
Tue 13 th Jan	12:30pm Nalishebo Nyambe RIP
Wed 14 th Jan	12:30pm Mr Thumwood
Thu 15 th Jan	12:30pm Francis McDowell wellbeing 6pm Mr Purvey
Fri 16 th Jan	12:30pm Rose Williams RIP

Preparing for Marriage at St Charles Borromeo: eight sessions at 8pm on Thursdays 22nd and 29th January, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th February, 5th and 12th March and an all-day retreat on Saturday 21st March. The course is free but we would like people to register their interest at oglestreet@rcdow.org.uk.



On Sunday 11 January there will be an appeal on behalf of **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** given by Eileen Murray, Community Fundraiser for the Archdiocese of Westminster.

The appeal will focus on projects in the Holy Land and Nigeria. There will also be a trade stall selling items after all Masses. If you wish to get involved in the work of ACN, please contact Eileen: Mob: 07939362478; Email: eileen.murray@acnuk.org or go to www.acnuk.org.

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026.

www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

"We were raised because He was lowered; shame to Him was glory to us. He, being God, made flesh His residence, and we in return are lifted anew from the flesh to God." St Hilary

Peace Sunday takes place next Sunday 18th January. You will find envelopes at the back of the Church to support **Pax Christi**, the Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales that works for peace through education in non-violence, campaigning for disarmament and promoting solidarity with peoples affected by war. Please consider donating to Pax Christi in next week's retiring collection.

Join our WhatsApp group to find the hymns to be sung on Sunday.



Homo Viator



Beloved,

The human being is a traveller (*Homo Viator*) towards the God who St Thomas Aquinas described as "the true light of the saints, fullness of satisfied desire, eternal gladness, consummate delight and perfect happiness."

The end of the Jubilee Year of Hope coincided with the celebration of the Epiphany which set all nations on a journey towards this God.

Life is a pilgrimage. Everyone is on a journey. There are those who are so afraid of anything or anyone who may unsettle them that they are ready to settle for things that can be easily manipulated like power, prestige, possessions or pleasure. Whenever we settle for these aspects of life as if they were the goal of the journey, we get stuck.

In his homily for the Solemnity of the Epiphany the Holy Father said, "The ancients referred to *homo viator*...All of our lives are a journey... God can unsettle us because he does not remain firmly in our hands like the idols of silver and gold; instead, he is alive and life-giving... Let us ask ourselves: is there life in our Church? Is there space for something new to be born? Do we love and proclaim a God who sets us on a journey?"*

The life of faith, hope and charity that is born in us and that grows in us as we journey with God is always new and always fragile and precarious. It requires us to trust always in the Lord along the journey. "The Jubilee reminds us that we can start anew, indeed, that we are still at the beginning and that the Lord wants his presence to grow among us as God-with-us."*

We are to welcome and cherish the new life that God gives us in Christ. "How important it is that those who pass through the doors of the Church perceive therein that the Messiah has just been born, that a community gathers in which hope springs forth and that a story of life is unfolding!"*

After the Jubilee, "will we be better able to recognise a pilgrim in the visitor, a seeker in the stranger, a neighbour in the foreigner and fellow travellers in those who are different?"*

The Jubilee was supposed to teach us this wonderful aspect of the Christian life: "It is wonderful to become pilgrims of hope. It is wonderful for us to continue to be pilgrims together!"*