



Sunday 10th January 2021

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# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Sunday Cycle  
Readings Year B

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Year 1

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Week 1

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## THIS WEEK

<b>Sun 10 Jan</b> 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> The People of the Parish Baptiste Fernandes Ints Paddy McGuinness RIP Joseph & Lorraine Wright RIP Max Perera RIP
<b>Mon 11 Jan</b> 9.30am	<b>feria</b> Fr Clement Russell RIP (First Parish Priest) Michael Griffin RIP
<b>Tues 12 Jan</b> 9.30am	<b>feria</b> Tony Foster RIP
<b>Weds 13 Jan</b> 9.30am	<b>feria</b> Denis Heaslip RIP
<b>Thurs 14 Jan</b> 9.30am	<b>feria</b> Timothy Crowley RIP
<b>Fri 15 Jan</b> 9.30am	<b>Christmas feria</b> Intentions of Dorothy Colin Brook
<b>Sat 16 Jan</b> 9.30am	<b>Of Our Lady</b> Dave Geaney RIP
<b>Sun 17 Jan</b> 6.15pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	<b>2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> NO EVENING MASS Eileen & Toni Haugh RIP Babs Wheatley Anastasia Johnston RIP NO EVENING MASS

## TODAY'S MASS



The baptism of Jesus is considered an important manifestation of God in the person of Jesus, another epiphany. Jesus' baptism inaugurates his mission. Mark's Gospel moves quickly from the report of Jesus' baptism to Jesus' temptations in the desert to his ministry in Galilee after John's arrest. The end of the ministry of John the Baptist is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11**

Isaiah calls upon the people to return to the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3,4-6**

A prayer of praise for God's salvation.

**Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9**

The Spirit of Truth testifies on behalf of Jesus, God's Son.

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1:7-11**

Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"No one can begin a new life, unless he repent of the old."* -  
St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church

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# GOSPEL REFLECTION

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Theresa Isaccs,

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** , George Graham, Bernard Welikala, Richard Carroll, Jozefa Girac, Teresa Murphy, Esterline Fernandes, Nancy Quinn, Marie Argent.

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:** Fr Clement Russell, Joseph Wright, Lorraine Wright, Timothy Crowley

### INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JANUARY

*Intention for evangelization* - Human fraternity  
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

### SANCTUARY LAMP / A private intention

### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

*In memory of Fr Clement Russell RIP*

## A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

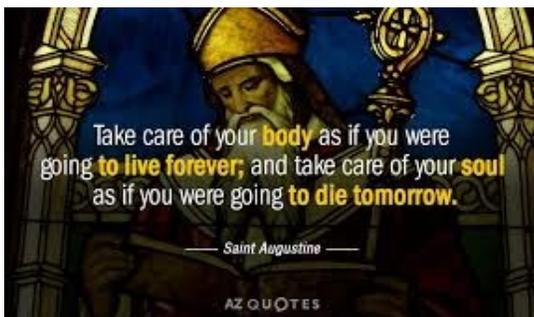
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father

and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the season of Christmas. Precisely on Christmas Day we celebrated the Birth of Jesus, the Emmanuel (God is with us), as the manifestation of Jesus to His own people Israel, presented in the person of Joseph, Mary and the shepherds. Few days ago, we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany, which celebrates the manifestation of the Lord to rest of the nations, represented in the Magi.

However, in the early centuries, the feast of Epiphany celebrated three biblical events as one feast. The first, as it has been pointed out, was the manifestation to the Magi. The second was the Wedding at Cana, where Jesus performed his first miracle, as a sign of his messiahship. The third was that of his Baptism, which celebrates the manifestation of the Holy Trinity: God the Son who is presents in the person of Jesus; God the Father, presents in the voice from heaven; and God the Holy Spirit, descending like a dove. It then comes as a no surprise that today the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated close to that of the Epiphany, since it used to be celebrated a one feast.

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus comes from Nazareth in Galilee to be baptised in the river Jordan by John. Please note that at the time of Jesus the name of places were used by the Rabbis to highlight certain aspect of the faith. For instance, Jordan is a Hebrew word which means 'to go down', this refers to the fact that the River Jordan flows into the Dead Sea. Now the River Jordan receives its waters from the Sea of Galilee, which was seen as the sign of the just: because it receives its waters from the founts of Mounts Hermon in Lebanon, and immediately shares it with the River Jordan, it receives life and give it back, and is always alive! On the contrary, the Dead Sea is an image of the wicked: because it receives waters from the River Jordan, but its waters do not flow anywhere else, it receives life and keeps it for itself. Jesus is the Just One, who has descended from Divine origins, and without ever losing it, has assumed our condition and in doing so gives us life!

In our life we can choose to be either like the Sea of Galilee or the Dead Sea. However, only one is really alive.

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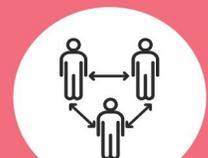
TO KEEP ON PROTECTING EACH OTHER



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

# NEWS UPDATE



**Thank You  
So Much!**

**Mgr Jeremy, Fr Jullo and Peter thank everyone for their cards and kind gifts for Christmas. These mean a lot to us and help us as we minister especially in this difficult time.**

**Mgr Jeremy would also like to thank all those who so kindly sent cards and gifts for his 60th Birthday on Boxing Day.**

**Sorry we cant reply to everyone individually but we are very, very grateful.**

**MASS TIMES: We are now keeping again our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Sat 6.15 (Vigil), Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am & 5.30pm.**

**The church will open on:**

**Saturday Vigil: Open at 5.45pm close at 6.45pm**

**Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am**

**Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am**

**Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am**

**Open at 5.00pm close at 6.00pm**

**Weekdays: Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am**

After each closure the church must be cleaned. Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

**CONFESSIONS on Saturdays from 5.45pm-6.15pm**  
**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am**  
Mass at the usual time of 9.30pm.

**THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY falls on Wednesday 6th January** Due to the present crisis there will be **no evening Mass.**

**STAYING COVID SAFE IN CHURCH** Please make sure you follow the one way system both in and out, that you wear a mask and that you **social distance** on the way in and especially leaving after Mass. It is very important we all stay safe during this current difficult period. Many thanks!

**THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN AND THE CHURCH:** Currently, we are permitted to continue our Masses at St George's with Covid restrictions in place. We will therefore be open for public Mass at 9.30am on Monday - Saturday. **However, there will be no Saturday Vigil Mass and no Sunday evening Mass. As of 16<sup>th</sup> January.** All Mass intentions will be offered as usual, be that at the public Mass or when Mass is said in private.

Please be assured, the obligation to attend the Mass has been suspended. If you or a member of

your household is vulnerable or clinically compromised, it is important that you do not come. It is also most important, that if you are unwell, even if it's just the common cold, that you remain at home and get better before attending Mass again. Thank you for wearing a face covering, they are compulsory in our buildings at all times - even outside of the Mass.

Home Communion for the sick continues to be suspended for the time being. The Sacrament of the Sick, for the gravely ill, at home, including Holy Anointing (commonly called the Last Rites of the Church) will still be administered to those who are dying. Please let us know if someone is gravely ill so we can see them. If a parishioner is in hospital, the Catholic hospital Chaplain can be advised via the nurses station on each ward. Parish clergy are not permitted on to the wards during the pandemic.

It would be a great kindness to look out for other parishioners and neighbours who live nearby, especially those who live alone. If you know someone who is feeling particularly isolated and would value a chat over the phone.

Many people are naturally feeling anxious at the moment about the spread of Covid. But we have hope, with the roll out of the new vaccines. Please pray at home for the end to the spread of the virus and for the safe distribution of the vaccine. Please also pray for all who are in hospital and those who are sick at home, who have tested positive, including members of the clergy across our Diocese.

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:** The end of year accounts are in the final stages of preparation. Thank you Toni our Bookkeeper for preparing these accounts and to our Finance Committee for their time, effort, support and scrutiny. We hope to give you some indication soon as to how we have managed during 2020 and the impact that Covid has had (and continues to have) on our finances. Thank to all those who have continued their weekly giving during this difficult time. It really makes all the difference.

**APOLOGIES:** our toilets and hall remain closed at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

**THE CATHOLIC CHILDRENS SOCIETY** would like to thank all those who gave so generously "Gifts under the tree" They have now been collected and will be welcome gifts to those who have had very little or none.

**O'GRADY FAMILY** Mrs Mary O'Grady and family wish to thank all those who supported the family during their recent bereavement with cards, mass offerings, flowers or messages of condolences.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021** - Due to new Government restrictions to keep us all as safe as possible, the FHC Programme will continue in the coming weeks **at home.** Parents/Carers should have received **information via email this week** with details of how things will proceed in the coming weeks (including the **Zoom Invitation** to the **Online Parent/Carer Session** taking place this coming **Tuesday 12th January at 7.00pm**). If, for any reason you have not received this email please check your spam/bin folder & ensure you add [peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk) to your contact list to ensure future information about the Pro-

gramme is safely received. Thank you for your understanding and support as the **children continue their preparation at home** in the coming weeks.

**CONFIRMATION 2021** - Due to the new Government restrictions, closing schools to keep us all as safe as possible & not overwhelm the NHS, **we will need to adjust the dates for this year's Confirmation Programme.** We shall be working on a new proposal this week and shall provide further details at our earliest convenience. The 2021 Confirmation Programme will, as ever, be open to **young people from our Parish In Year 10 & above.** Thank you for your support & patience as we strive to move things forward as constructively as possible within the current constraints.

**SVP** - During the current Pandemic, the **Parish SVP Group** is there to help the vulnerable of the Parish with tasks such as shopping, posting letters, urgent supplies and can provide telephone support if you are feeling isolated or lonely. If you need their help please call **0208 9000250, 0775 3654154 (Theresa)** or email [StGeorgeSVP@pm.me](mailto:StGeorgeSVP@pm.me)

**CHURCH LAMPS:** Both the Sanctuary Lamp and the lamp of Our Lady of Walsingham have been sent away for some minor restoration. Whilst the lamps are not in their holders they are burning in the relevant places and for the intentions given.

**DONA** is a new Diocesan scheme to make your weekly giving (and any one-off giving) much easier. Basically it is a card/contactless system. You'll see the machine as you enter by the door. Please do use it as you wish, especially if you choose to carry no cash.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

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**A CHALLENGING TIME FOR MANY MARRIAGES:**

During the pandemic there is so much uncertainty around, health, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing, the list is endless. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change and managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges. **Retrouvaille** is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about **Retrouvaille**, or to register for the next programme, a virtual weekend commencing on 25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Call or text 0788 7296983 Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Mt 3: 16-17*

After the Lord was baptized, 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.

## Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## First reading: *Isalah 42:1-4,6-7*

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
I have endowed him with my spirit  
that he may bring true justice to the nations.  
He does not cry out or shout aloud,  
or make his voice heard in the streets.  
He does not break the crushed reed,  
nor quench the wavering flame.  
Faithfully he brings true justice;  
he will neither waver, nor be crushed  
until true justice is established on earth,  
for the islands are awaiting his law.  
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;  
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;  
I have appointed you as covenant of the people  
and light of the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to free captives from prison,  
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

## Responsorial Canticle: *Isalah 12*

*The rejoicing of a redeemed people*

*R/. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

1. Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. *R/.*

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. *R/.*

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds;  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *R/.*

## Second reading: *Acts 10:34-38*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

## Gospel Acclamation: *cf. Jn 1:29*

*Allelula, allelula!*

*John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*

*Allelula!*

## Gospel: *Mark 1:7-11*

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

## Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the offerings  
we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that  
the oblation of your faithful  
may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world.  
Who lives and reigns for ever  
and ever.

## Communion Antiphon: *Jn 1: 32, 34*

Behold the One of whom John said:  
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

## Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly entreat your mercy,  
O Lord,  
that, faithfully listening to your  
Only Begotten Son,  
we may be your children in name  
and in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.