



# CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

*Baptism of The Lord*

*Page 118 in the Parish Mass Book*

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well and recovered from your Christmas and New Year Festivities. I will be taking my Christmas break in 2 parts, starting with the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> January and then Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and returning to say the evening Mass on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>.

Last week we received the sad news of the death of his Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, he was an inspirational man and had been gifted with great intellect and deep spirituality and yet he was an extremely shy and private man. The last thing he would ever have wanted was to be elected Pope, during the final years of St John Paul II's Pontificate he asked the Holy Father if he would allow him to retire on three separate occasions, as he wished to spend his last years in Prayer, Writing and Reflection. Unfortunately for him he was told that he was needed by the Church and obedient as ever he did what he was told.

After the death of John Paul, in one of the shortest elections of a Pope in history Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected and chose the name Benedict. Unlike John Paul who was a very Outgoing and Charismatic figure, Pope Benedict was a shy intellectual man and knew how difficult it would be to succeed his predecessor. But again, in obedience to the Church he accepted the decision of his brother Cardinals. One can only imagine how he must have felt being thrust into the public eye with little or no time to read and reflect, and yet he went on to gather a huge following particularly amongst the young. Young men training for the Priesthood were so enthusiastic and vocations increased greatly, at last we had a Pope interested in the tradition and beauty of Liturgy. He reminded us that everything that was pre-Vatican Council II especially regarding the Liturgy was not wrong and encouraged a revival in the traditional Latin Mass. New Religious orders who used the Latin Mass exclusively were founded and vocations to these orders flourished, he reminded us of the importance of silence in our Liturgy, and the beauty of our Churches and the Liturgy which should be a glimpse of Heaven. For many of the younger clergy and new seminarians Benedict was an inspiration and a guiding light. He told us to take from the great store cupboard of the Church things both old and new which led to a revival in Liturgical practice. It could only get better! Then came that fatal day I remember so well when for the first time in centuries a Pope resigned from office. I must admit I was broken hearted as were so many others. Benedict was regarded by some as a Conservative, but showed them in this radical discussion how wrong they were. Although his mind was as bright and active as ever he knew his physical health was deteriorating and thought the Chair of St Peter should be filled by someone physically capable. He went on to live a Monastic existence and do what he always wanted to do Reflect, Pray and Write. I thank God for the gift of this man to the Church and hope and pray that his legacy will not be lost. May he Rest in Peace.

*You may wish to consider the following for 2023:*

### *Catechism in a year with Fr Mike Schmitz:*

Search in Spotify, YouTube, Apple Podcasts etc. and for a reading plan go to [Ascensionpress.com](http://Ascensionpress.com). Daily episodes started on 1st Jan 2023 but you could start whenever you like and go at your own pace.

Why do this? Grow in faith and love: The goal is not to learn facts or win arguments 'The whole concern of doctrine and teaching must be directed to the love that never ends.'

We plan to have prayerful discussion weekly after Friday eve mass 6.30-7.30pm for approx. 1 hour to discuss and reflect upon just 1 passage from the catechism (read/listen beforehand or just come along). Start date to be confirmed.

### *Choir*

Tom Dewey who is our new Organist is hoping to start a Choir, please can you let me know if you would be interested. Both male and female voices would be very welcomed.

**CAFOD:** The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to join us in our mission here in the Westminster diocese. Could you volunteer and help us raise awareness in either parishes or schools about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out more by joining one of our volunteer meetings in Lambeth London on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January or Oakwood, North London on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or 0208 449 6970

### *Sick List*

*The Sick and the Housebound in our parish -*

We pray especially for: Winifred Winstone, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Dhoon Casstells, Patrick Rice, Alison Marshall, Laurence Sherwood, Phyllis Edwards, John Tilcock, Michael Glencross, Nora Proctor, Alice Perry and Paul Donnelly

### *Anniversaries*

We pray for all who are recently deceased especially Dudley Joseph Vincent and his grieving family.

If you wish to add a name to our sick list or the deceased list, please let Annabelle know

### *Mass Intentions for January*

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm	Thanksgiving
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Mary Gregory (Anni)
	10.30 am	Margaret Demidecki
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Eileen Scotland Special Int.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Tony Garnell Special Int
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Amy DeSouza Int
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Charlotte Anderson Int
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm	Thanksgiving
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Eileen Gallagher
	10.30 am	Felicity & Elizabeth Anderson (Private Int.)

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***Church Offerings***

If you are a weekly plate giver, would you please consider setting up a Standing Order.

Our bank details are as follows. Please do include your name as your reference. Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish, it is greatly appreciated.

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Standing Order Forms are at the back of the Church, if setting one up please remember to tick the Gift Aid box.

***Ministries for the weekend of Saturday/Sunday***

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

5.00 pm

Reader: Lucy Hutt

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Todd

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

9.00 am

Reader: W. Everitt

Eucharistic Minister:

10.30 am

Reader: Anderson



***Children's liturgy***

Children's liturgy will be held in the hall during the Sunday 9 am Mass. The children listen to a reading, have a discussion and do a related craft activity. We go from the church to the hall before the start of mass and return for the offertory. Suitable for ages up to eight years old. Thank you, Ide Powell.

***Mass Intentions:***

If you would like to book a Mass intention, please call the parish, e-mail, or see Annabelle. The Diocesan suggested offering is £10. Many thanks.

Mass envelopes are at the back of the church, please make sure your phone number is on the envelope. Many thanks.

***The date below is free for a Mass Intention for January 2023***

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm

***TON-UP CLUB***

The 2022 winners were Mike Sherratt, Rose Murphy, Simon Whitehead, Priscilla Milton, Tricia Apps, Eamonn Cassidy, Janet Graves, Francesca Long, Shena Moynihan, Bernie Darnell, Michael Demidecki, Paul Wright and Joanne Rigby.

There are still numbers available for an annual subscription of just £20 which gives you the chance to win a monthly prize. This year there will be two £25 prizes each month and two Christmas bonus prizes of £50. For more information please email Heather - [h.houston@ntlworld.com](mailto:h.houston@ntlworld.com)

***Social Club***

There is a questionnaire from the Social Club which will be at the back of the church or attached if you receive the newsletter by e-mail. Please take one or print it out and fill it in & hand it to the member of the Social Club who will be standing at the back of the Church after Mass. This will give them an idea of what to add to their Social Calander.

***Articles for the Newsletter*** - Please send any pieces for the Newsletter by Wednesday to [tring@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:tring@rcdow.org.uk)

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