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BAPTISM OF THE LORD, A — 8TH JANUARY, 2023

THEME: What about Our Baptism?



On this feast of Our Lord's Baptism the liturgy reminds us of our own baptism. At his baptism Jesus saw the mission ahead of him and committed himself to it. He received heaven's confirmation that the Father and the Holy Spirit were with him in his mission of saving people. At our baptism too the Father accepted us as his beloved sons and daughters and gave us the mission of living the life of Christ for all people to see. We ask the Lord to give us the insight and strength to accept our Christian mission in life.

MEDITATE: The Baptism of Jesus is a dramatic moment in his life and is also an important symbolic moment for us.

ACT: Pray over the many opportunities you have to continue Jesus' mission and your own baptismal call.

THANK YOU

very much for the many cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers; and to everyone for all the help and support over the Christmas period and throughout the year. [Fr. Anthony].

Thank you for your great generosity to "The Passage" and "The Larder" over Advent. As always thank you to those who contributed to the Crib Appeal which goes to the Catholic Children's Society.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY



For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses who help the youngest and most vulnerable. May they teach fraternity rather than competition.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next parents and children's session will take place on **Saturday 14th January** at 10.30am in the Parish Hall.

COMING TO MASS: COVID-19 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

[Please do NOT attend Mass if you are unwell or have any Covid symptoms]

As we have many vulnerable parishioners we ask that you **continue to wear your mask and sanistise your hands** when you come to Church.
Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS AND COLLECTION OF MONEY
IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT GIVING ON-LINE

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER [Preferred Method]: If you would like to support the parish we would ask you to consider setting up a regular donation in this way.

Offertory Envelopes and other donations can be placed in the Collection Box at the entrance or at the exit of the Church.
There are also a number of cashless methods now available:

Make a donation via our website:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wembleyprestonroad/donate/

Via Dona [the company who supply our card readers].
https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=268
Donations, Mass Intentions and Repository payments can also be made via the card readers in Church

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. *You can also opt-in for **Gift Aid** to increase your donation by 25%. [If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.]*

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.

[If you are a tax payer, please Gift Aid your donation]

THANK YOU

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you to all who have supported the Parish during the year, by making their offertory donation by the preferred methods of Standing Order, On-line, or by Card Reader. Thank you also to those who donate via the Planned Giving Envelopes.

As some parishioners are unable to use any of the above, and also for visitors, we will be introducing a retiring Offertory Collection at all weekend Masses.



THE LARDER

Thank you for your kind donations.
Please leave your donations in the box provided by the Lady Chapel.

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church closes for cleaning after the 9.30am Mass on Tuesdays.
If you have any spare time please come along and join us.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

the House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee has launched an inquiry into assisted suicide and is inviting individual members of the public and interested organisations to comment, and also to suggest what actions might be helpful for the debate. Options include a 'Citizens' Assembly', further independent research, or a referendum.

The Catholic Church is clear that we can never assist in taking the life of another, even if they request it. All life is sacred from conception until natural death, and we reiterate our call for investment in high quality palliative care. Our call is one for assistance in living and not assistance in committing suicide.

For more information please see notice on noticeboards, or visit:

Statements of the Bishops' Conference can be found at https://www.cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/life-issues/assisted-dying/

The Anscombe Centre can also help the response. They have produced a statement and resources about this Inquiry: https://bioethics.org.uk/news-events/news-from-the-centre/anscombe-centre-statement-on-commons-hsc-committee-inquiry-into-assisted-suicide/.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

will be celebrated on **22nd January**. During Mass we will be blessing the bibles, so please bring the Bible with you when you come to Mass or if you are following on-line please have the Bible near you.

APF/MISSIO

The *Missio* calendars are now available for collection as you leave the Church. Please, do not forget to keep the Missions in your prayers.

If you would like to donate, you can:

Send a cheque: payable to Missio-Mill Hill and post it to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU;

Give online or make a **bank transfer**: mission.org.uk/redbox



Call us: 020 7821 9755 during office hours to donate with your credit or debit card

Give via text: Text REDBOX 5 [to give £5] or REDBOX 10 [to give £10] to 70085 [this costs £5 or £10 plus your standard rate message]

PEACE SUNDAY – 15th JANUARY

The theme chosen by Pope Francis is

"No one can be saved alone. Combatting COVID-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace."

For more information please contact Pax Christi on www.paxchristi.org.uk

You can also donate online.

REPOSITORY

The last of the 2023 Church Art Calendars and Diaries are now available from the Repository.

LITURGY FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF YEAR 1

[All services can be followed online: **https://www.churchservices.tv/wembley3**
[Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.00am/11.30am Masses are recorded]

Sunday 8th January: Baptism of the Lord, A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Psalm: 28; 2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38; Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17.. **Intention:** 10.00am: Betty Sullivan [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish.

Monday 9th January: Feria: [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6; Psalm: 96; Gospel: Mark 1.14-20. **Intention:** Sylie Moriarty [RIP]

Tuesday 10th January: Feria: [10.00am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 2.5-12; Psalm: 8; Gospel: Mark 1.21-28. **Intention:** Brendan Fahy [RIP]

Wednesday 11th January - NO SERVICE

Thursday 12th January – NO SERVICE

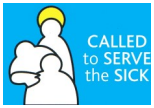
Friday 13th January: Feria: [9.30am] Readings: 1st Reading: Hebrews 4.1-5,11; Psalm: 77; Gospel: Mark 2.1-12. **Intention:** Jimmy [James] Fallon [RIP]

Saturday 14th January: Second Sunday of Year A: [5.30pm] Readings: 1st Reading: Isaiah 49.3.5-6; Psalm: 39; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.1-3; Gospel: John 1.29-34. **Intention:** Margaret & Tony McGrath [RIP]

Sunday 15th January: Second Sunday of Year A: [10.00/11.30am] **Readings:** 1st Reading: Isaiah 49.3.5-6; Psalm: 39; 2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 1.1-3; Gospel: John 1.29-34. **Intention:** 10.00am:Weigan Wilson [RIP, A]
11.30am: People of the Parish

This Liturgical year we will be recalling the mystery of Jesus our Saviour through the listening to the gospel of Matthew - Year A.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



We keep in our thoughts and prayers: Margaret Beeby, Yves Remedios, Patrick Carmody, Denton Allen, and Radwan Naffa.
We remember also those in Kenbrook, Birchwood Grange and Brook House.

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

Please indicate *on entering hospital* that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain, and that you would like a visit from the RC Chaplain.
Sunday - Thursday 9.00am – 4:30pm 020 8967 5130. Kindly leave a voicemail including patient's name and ward or e-mail: LNWH-TR.CHAPLAINCY@NHS.NET

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.
[*based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori]*