



Ordinariate and Parish Church

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*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12th January 2020



In the gospel reading today, we hear the voice of the Father say to Jesus, 'You are my Son, the beloved...' The Holy Spirit of God came down upon Jesus, the beloved Son of God at his baptism in the Jordan. The Spirit comes down on each of us and helps us to live our christian lives so that we are faithful to our Baptism.

Christmas Time ends today. Help would be appreciated to remove the decorations from Church. And, if you haven't already, you may now remove your decorations at home. It's a nice tradition, if you'd like to, to leave the Crib for the forty days, until Candlemas.

The Week of Prayer for Christian begins on Saturday this week.

Christmas Crib offering, a retiring collection today. We are supporting the Catholic Children's Society

White Flower Appeal next Sunday

Joy - the infallible sign of God's presence. The liberating virtue of joy is much needed in our world today. Learn about it, reflect upon it, and pray for it. Friday 17th January 7-9pm, Jesuit Centre. David Wells, Booking on Eventbrite ('London Jesuit Centre').

Headteacher sought for St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School, Mortlake, Info at st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk

The Candles, to be blessed at Candlemas became available last week. Donations can be made by cash, or using the Card Reader, see Patricia. Sign up and return the signed envelope asap.

This Newsletter is emailed each week. There was a glitch last week and some recipients might not have received it. If you haven't had it for a few weeks, please re-register on line. If you've never received it by email, sign up just the same.

The Parish Website is kept up to date with all the latest parish news and information. Have you seen it? It's surprising what you can find out! www.preciousblood.org.uk

20+C+B+M+20 Epiphany Chalk was blessed last week, there is still some left if you didn't get some to mark the entrance of your home.

Your home, has it been blessed?

Coughs & Colds seem an inevitable part of this time of the year. Please be considerate when receiving Holy Communion. Remember that you do *not have to* receive from the chalice. 'Dunking' is not an option!

New Years' resolutions, how are they going so far? Never mind, start again with one to support or re-awaken your Catholic living? Commit to regular prayer, a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, giving to a charity, an extra Mass in the week, visit a neighbour who lives alone.....

Fr Christopher thanks all those who sent cards and gifts. *Thank you!*

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Constructed: 1892

Consecrated: 1st July 2019



The Holy Father said we might ask, "Is Baptism truly necessary for us to live as Christians and to follow Jesus? Is it not fundamentally a simple rite, a formal act of the Church, for naming a child?" In answer, he repeated the words of the Apostle Paul: "Don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

"Therefore, it is not a mere formality! A baptised child is not the same as a child who is not baptised; a baptised person is not the same as one who has not received baptism. It is an act that touches the depth of our existence. We are immersed in that inexhaustible font of life that is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love of all history; and thanks to this love we are able to live a new life, no longer at the mercy of evil, sin and death, but rather in communion with God and with our brothers."

The Pope again commented that many of us do not know the date when we were baptised and, as he has done before, asked, those present in St. Peter's Square to find out the date of their baptism, as "it is a happy date."

Another characteristic of Baptism, is that no-one can baptise himself; we can ask for baptism, wish for it, but we always need someone to confer this Sacrament in the name of the Lord. This is because baptism is a gift that is given in a context of care and fraternal sharing. Throughout history, one person baptises another, who baptises another, and another ... it is a chain. A chain of grace. But I cannot baptise myself; I have to ask another person to baptise me. It is an act of brotherhood, an act of affiliation to the Church.

We all celebrate our birthdays, as Pope Francis recently reminded us that we should also celebrate our baptismal day. Find out about yours, and mark the date in your diary, and celebrate it! Keep the light of faith burning in your life!

The Baptism of the Lord.

When we celebrate Christ's baptism in the Jordan, we naturally think about baptism in general. How much do you know about your own baptism? It was the most important day of your life. Do you have a baptismal certificate kept somewhere? You may also have photographs, or family memories of the day.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1214) tells us that the word "baptism" comes from the Greek word for "to plunge" or to immerse. We are "plunged" into water, symbolising dying with Christ, from which we arise with new life. The Catechism reminds us that "*The essential rite of Baptism consists in immersing the candidate in water or pouring water on his head, while pronouncing the invocation of the Most Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*" (1278)

Every Catholic parish keeps a record of baptisms - when your name is entered into the baptismal register, it is a record of something infinitely precious - your name being entered in the Book of Life.

Candlemas, 2nd February, a Sunday this year, is the when we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple which closes the Nativity Season. It is the day when the candles used during the year in Church are to be blessed. Would you like to offer some in memory of someone? Or perhaps for a thanksgiving? or maybe just to be associated with that devotion, like Our Lady or St John Henry? Sign up today



Poetry

Love bade me welcome:
yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love,
observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
 If I lacked anything.

"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here":
 Love said, "You shall be he."
"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
 I cannot look on thee."
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
 "Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord; but I have marred them;
let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve."
"And know you not," says Love,
"who bore the blame?"
 "My dear, then I will serve."
"You must sit down," says Love,
"and taste my meat."
 So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert - 1593-1633

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

❁ Cities of London ❁
and Westminster ❁

Westminster, Tuesday 14th January
Parliament, the Abbey, and more.
Meet 3pm, steps of Westminster Cathedral

Candlemas, Sunday 2nd February 2nd,
Along the Thames river to Tower of London.
Meet 3.30pm, MPB

Westminster, Tuesday 9th February
Parliament, the Abbey, and more.
Meet 3.30pm steps of Westminster Cath

Newman, Friday 21st February
to mark the Birthday of St JHN
Meet 5pm MPB. Walk to Newman's birth-
place near the Bank of England.

London Bridge Saturday 22nd Feb
Viking Battles and the City of London
Meet 2pm OL of La Salette, Melior St, SE1

Tip: sensible shoes, suggested donation £10

Christmas Offerings for the Clergy

can be made using these envelopes.

Thank you for your generosity

CHRISTMAS OFFERING



The Diocese of London
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Be considerate and don't chatter before or during Holy Mass. And keep the *Sacred Silence* - after the Homily and after Holy Communion. Some want to pray.



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Today <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Holy Souls ✕ Parishioners
Mon 13th (<i>St Hilary</i>)	1.05pm	Guy Arnold
Tues 14th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	Geoffrey Kirk
Wed 15th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm	The Ordinariate of OLW <i>9th anniv today</i>
Thurs 16th <i>feria</i>	1.05pm 6.30pm	Holy Souls ✕ The Manchester Oratory
Fri 17th <i>St Anthony Abbott</i>	1.05pm	Dominican Sister of St Joseph
Sat 18th <i>feria</i>		
Next Sunday <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Fr Michael Carey <i>foundation</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 49:3.5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

Sacrament of Confession. Sunday 10.30-10.50; Mon-Fri 12.30-12.55

Evensong 6pm Thursday during term time.

Last week: £1,386.45 inc Standing Orders and Cashless Card payments
£1,038.59 Christmas offering for the clergy in total
£95.29 Crib Offering

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Kate Pope, Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 0800 0935063

Holy Father's Intention for January *Evangelisation* - Promotion of World Peace
We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

For your prayers:

Those in formation for Ministry, Br Philip novOP (Jeff Gerlomes)

The Sick & Housebound: Dora, Mary, Ada, Fr John, Geoffrey, Mark, Christopher

Recently Departed: David Pierson, Mila Espinoza, Baby Louison,
Graham Francis, Anthony Stark *priest*

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