



Ordariate 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

9th January 2022

In the gospel reading today, we hear the Father say “You are my beloved Son”. 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 one of us and helps us to live our Christian lives so that we are faithful to our Baptism.



Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Do you know that date of your Baptism? Renewal your baptism on the anniversary and anytime you like, just go to Confession and you'll be as clean as the day you were made Christ's.

Visit the Church and Font of your Baptism and recite the Creed thanking God for membership of his Catholic Church. And pray for the priest who baptised you.

Epiphany Chalk is available today.
20+C+M+B+22, *Christ Bless this House.*

Religious dates, moveable and fixed are traditionally proclaimed at Epiphany:

Sts Peter & Paul	29th June
Assumption	14th August
All Saints	1st November
Christmas	25th December
Ash Wednesday	2nd March
Palm Sunday	10th April
Good Friday	15th April
Easter Sunday	17th April
Ascension	26th May
Pentecost	5th June
Trinity Sunday	12th June
Corpus Christi	19th June
Christ the King	20th November
Advent	27th November

Mass times are back to normal now:. Why not make an effort to be at Mass at least once during the week in 2022.

Readers' Rota is now due for renewal. Would you like to read at Mass? See Lesley today. The annual commissioning is on *Word of God* Sunday.

St Joseph's School Open Morning, Tuesday this week 09:30-11:00 for prospective parents of children starting Reception in September 2022 and those interested in joining the Nursery. *All welcome.*

The Sacrament of Confirmation. A six session preparation course begins in February. Adults: Tuesday at 19.30; those at school, Saturday 10.30 See FrC or sign up on line.

First Holy Communion. If your child is 7years old or over, see FrC asap.

New year's resolutions? How about something to help in your Catholic Faith.

Help needed after Mass the 11am today with the removal of the Christmas decorations. Christmastide ends today.

Candles for the Year will be blessed the nearest Sunday to Candlemas. Sign up if you'd like to give particular candles for the year with a special intention. /candles

Mass on-line has been invaluable and brings many benefits, esp for the elderly and housebound. Our streaming service has morphed into quite a job. Would anyone be willing to take this on?



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.

The Holy Father said recently, that 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."

Many do not know the date when they were baptised, or indeed, where they were baptised, and yet it's the most important day of our lives: it's the date we began Eternal Life in Christ, a life which will never end. Find out where and when you were baptised, who baptised you; who were you Godparents or Sponsors?

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. 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 ...

Of all the things in the restoration at MPB, the thing for which we must give greatest thanks is the new Font. At last we again have one worthy of this great Sacrament, the Sacrament of Eternal Life.



Candlemass (2nd Feb) is the when we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple which closes the Nativity Season. Traditionally it's the day when all candles to be

used during the year in Church are blessed. There is a list on the parish website of all the candles which need to be bought for use this year at MPB and will be blessed on the nearest Sunday to 2nd Feb.

Would you like to offer some in memory of a loved one? Link on website



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ONE IN CHRIST

SUNDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2022
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL SOUTHWARK

MASS 10AM PLEASE BE SEATED BY 9.45AM
CELEBRANT: ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON

COME AND CELEBRATE RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY WITH THE DIOCESE

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This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	09.30 11.00	Zofia & Tadeusz Oberc ☩ Parishioners
<i>Mon 10th feria</i>		
<i>Tue 11th feria</i>	12.35	Pieadad Godinho ☩
<i>Wed 12th (St Aelred of Rievaulx)</i>	12.35	Margaret Wallace ☩ <i>recently</i>
<i>Thurs 13th (St Hilary)</i>	12.35	Virgin Godinho ☩
<i>Fri 14th feria</i>	12.35	A Wade, S Clarke & M Prokopczyk
<i>Sat 15th of Our Lady</i>	10.00†	Ordinariate OLW <i>foundation day</i>
Next Sunday 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Dorothy Barker ☩ Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 John 2:1-12

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.00-12.25

Evensong 4.00pm, & Benediction, 1st Sunday

† **Mass in the Ordinariate Use** of the Roman Rite

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 2022: *For true human fraternity.* We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

For your prayers:

In formation: for Ministry, Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes)

Those who are Sick: Mary, Monica, Betty, Lottie, Margaret, all those with Covid

Recently Departed: Lyall Cowell *priest*, Peter Clarke *priest*, Margaret Wallace

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