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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year C) SUNDAY 13th JANUARY 2019



The baptism of Jesus is an important event in each of the gospels, heralding as it does the beginning of Jesus' public life and marking him out as the beloved of God. Luke's account of the baptism does not focus on the event itself but on its aftermath, i.e. the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus while he was at prayer. In describing it in this way, the evangelist is highlighting two themes that are central to his gospel. These are the role of the Spirit and the importance of prayer in Jesus' life. For Luke the fact that they are important in the life of Jesus means that they must also be important in the lives of his followers.

Jesus' baptism reminds us also of our mission: a) to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them and serving them in all humility; b) to live as the children of God in thought, word and action; c) to lead holy and transparent Christian lives and not to desecrate our bodies by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy or hatred; d) to accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness; and e) to grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by meditative reading of the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.'



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30

R. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!

You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servant. **R**

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. **R**

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. **R**

You hide your face, they are dismayed;
you take back your spirit, they die.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to *set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own* and would have no ambition except to do good.

But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:15-16,21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.✠For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.*

COMMUNION RITE

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever

Behold the Lamb of God...

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

PARISH HALL BOOKING: Halls will be available for bookings from 1st February. If you wish to book the hall, please contact the parish office.



FIRST COMMUNION: The First Holy Communion classes starts on **SATURDAY 19TH JANUARY AT 9.50AM** in the Parish Hall. The children and parents should attend this first session.

CONFIRMATION: parents meeting on Saturday 19th January at 11.15am and the classes for candidates starts on **SATURDAY 26th JANUARY AT 11.15AM** in the Parish Hall.

RCIA: next session is on Saturday 19th January at 1.30pm.

SERVERS PARENTS TEA/COFFEE AFTRENOON : Parents of the Altar Servers are invited to come for a tea/coffee afternoon and a meeting on *Saturday 26th January at 4pm.*

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Congratulations to all those who won a prize! *A big thanks to all those who kindly donated the winning prize back to the parish towards the restoration fund. Many God bless your generosity.* Thank you very much for supporting the fund raising for the restorations works through the raffle. The winning ticket numbers: 1st (ticket number 1409), 2nd (8517), 3rd (3053), 4th (10778), 5th (10486), 6th (5320), 7th (4705), 8th (4872), 9th (4612) and 10th (9170).

COFFEE SHOP IN THE HALL: will open by the weekend of 26/27 January.

COFFEE AFTER MASS: even though we have closed the parish halls for renovation, tea and coffee will be available after Sunday morning masses in the garden where we have put up a marquee. Please join the Parish for a cup of tea or coffee. Thank you.

LITURGY FOR INFANTS: as we have now facility of live Mass in the new Room, we are making arrangements to teach infants our faith. It is our responsibility to pass our faith to our children. May I request the parents of the infants (up to age five) to come for *a cup of tea/coffee on Saturday 26th January at 3pm to discuss the ways we can make available this facility.*

THE ORDER OF MASS: those who are not sure of the parts & responses of the Mass, please make use of the **ORDER OF MASS** card leaflet from the back of the Church. Please do not take home this card leaflet but please put it back in the holder for the next person. Thank you.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Once again we join with other Christians of the area to celebrate the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity from *January 18th-25th*. All our efforts are in vain if they are not founded on the will of Christ, and so in his name we pray: God our Father, you bring many nations together to unite in praising your name. Make us able and willing to do what you ask. May the people you call to your kingdom be one in faith and love.



NEW ROOM: there will be live Mass in the New Room which is accessible through the emergency exit on Our Lady's Isle. This room is handy for parents who come with small children. Parents can take their children to the room when they are restless.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD: All parents who wish to get the supplementary school form signed by a priest, should fill in a Mass attendance card after Mass.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY: resumed from last Sunday. At the beginning of 10.30am Mass on Sunday, all children, 5-10 years are requested to come forward towards the Sanctuary to join for the liturgy procession. Catechists will lead them out to the Parish Meeting Room.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: As Fr Shaju is travelling to India for a wedding, no Parish Open house on **Friday 18 January**. Next open house is on **Friday 25 January 4.30pm-6pm**. No appointment needed.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you very much to those people who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is week 2(Team 2) at 7pm.

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or a wedding or a private matter, please come to the **Parish Open House**.

BE YOURSELF: *Most of us are much nicer once we stop trying to be someone else. We have all sorts of masks, various types of roles we play in public, and numerous faces we adopt according to the circumstances. Yet people always say, "Oh, he/she is really nice once you get to know him/her." As a New Year's resolution for 2019 why not just be yourself? Here are a few wise words to get you started:*

He who knows does not talk much and he who talks much does not know. (Lao Tze)
If we meet no gods, it is because we harbour none. If there is grandeur in you, you will find grandeur in porters and sweeps. (Ralph Waldo Emerson) *The mind is its own place, and in itself Can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven. (John Milton)* *If you practise virtue you will have many neighbours. (Gareth Lloyd)*

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



Wish you all a Blessed Week!

TO BAPTISE A BABY: before filling a baptismal application form, please first discuss with a priest at the Parish Open House held on Fridays from 4.30pm – 6.00pm in the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: Next course will be on Monday 28th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

HOSPITAL VISITS: For any person admitted in St George's Hospital and who would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Mark Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Marie D'Silva, Nilojan Mariyathas, Jill Hart, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O'Connor, Cecil Adams, Pat Nolan, Pauline Kearney, Tony & Lenna McCormick, Victoria & Kwesi Yankson, Christina Wood, James & Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Raj Antonpillai and Gordon King.

Recently Deceased: Leila LEO & Michael GUILFOYLE

Anniversaries: Josie Kelly, Pedro Fernandes, Bessy Carrasco, Noel Mullarky, Theresa Oti, Monica McNamara, Thomas Lynch, John Cotter, Denis Keane, Michael O'Gorman, Ethel Lawrence, Caetano DeSouza Bento, Mary Heneghan, Pamela Besley, Ann Watson, Louisa Nwodo, Helen Magro, Ruth Coombes, Ann Murphy, Kathleen O'Regan, Sean O'Callaghan. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	12th & 13th January 2019	19th & 20th January 2019
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Jim Russell, Agnela Cabral	Daren Alfred, Adrian Alfred
09.00	Robin Thomas, Sandra Nyakudya	Pat Connors, Angus Xavier
10.30	Princess Ikpoh, Kieran Kelly	Christi Anoop, Cyrpian Rutkowski
12.00	Tara Butler, Charmaine Fernandes	Calynn Da Cunha, Callum Fernandez
18.30	Remija Mponzi, Emie Roberts	
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Agnela, David and Manuel Cabral	Lucinda & Mathew D'Souza, Ethna Power
09.00	Valrose Hayes, Coralee Hilton, Elizabeth Rodrigues	Mary Donoghue, Pat Willis, Monique Sinfailam
10.30	Edy Endoza, Virginia Francois Damian P Keeling	Carina Julao, Isabella Mitchell, Kasis Zuzewicz
12.00	Rosemary John, Marjorie Smith, Mary Mayne	Neves D'Souza, Tharma Kandiah Nellie de los Santos
18.30	Reya Mathai, Juliana De Souza, Barrie Ellis-Daley	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Agnes Babu, Juliana De Souza
Church Cleaning:	Wk2: Mon 14th Jan @ 7pm	Wk3: Mon 21st Jan @ 10am
Coffee Morning:	Marquee in the garden	Marquee in the garden

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection last weekend was £2,106.15 [Loose plate 53%; Gift Aid 47%]
Thank you for your generosity



Sunday 13th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year C)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	B Quinn Intentions Tommy Gilleran RIP/ Josie Kelly, RIP Barbara & Michael Connolly Leroy Duffus RIP
Monday 14th January Feria	09.30 18.30	For Victoria & Kwesi Yankson and Christina Wood Quinto Cecchetti RIP
Tuesday 15th January Feria	09.30 18.30	Anita Baptiste RIP Pedro Santana Fernandes
Wednesday 16th January Feria	09.30 18:30	Calisto Pinto RIP People of the Parish
Thursday 17th January St Anthony	09.30 18.30	Lesley Mayne RIP The Prendergast Family Deceased
Friday 18th January Feria	09.30 18.30	Fr John Mulligan RIP Doris May Intentions
Saturday 19th January St Wulstan	11.00 18.30	Souls in Purgatory Louis Rodrigues
Sunday 20th January SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)	09.00 10.30 12.00 15.00 16.00 18.30	Sapiencia Noronha RIP Reya & Babu 20th Wedding Anniversary Raymond Ashley RIP Baptisms [3rd Sunday] The Urdu Chaplaincy Mass Theresa Kelly RIP

<p><u>Monday 14th January</u> Padre Pio Group Meet 7.30pm 2nd&4th Monday each mth</p> <p><u>Tuesday 15th January 2019</u> Charismatic Prayer Group (7pm Church)</p> <p><u>Wednesday 16th January</u> Rosary Prayer Group (7pm Parish Meeting Room) SVP (Meet 8.15pm 2nd & 4th Wed in Jan in the Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 17th January</u> Knit & Natter Group (3pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p>Legion of Mary (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room)</p> <p>Tamil Mass (7.30pm Church)</p> <p><u>Friday 18th January</u> 50+ Club (Please check with St Anselm's for opening date)</p> <p><u>Parish Open House</u> (4.30pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery until further notice)</p>
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<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday</p>	<p>Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am</p>
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