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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A) SUNDAY 12th JANUARY 2020

"As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him". (Matthew 3: 16)

Jesus needed to be baptised. He was aware that the Father was calling him to a special mission and he was set aside for this task by water and the Holy Spirit. Our baptism is not simply a religious ceremony dating from when we were babies. It is the reminder of our own calling, our own mission, and it is the guarantee that the Spirit is with us when we speak and act for Christ.



A YEAR OF THE WORD

In this new liturgical year, Year A, we reflect and ponder of Matthews' Gospel. This year is a special Year in England & Wales– "A Year of the Word" we commit ourselves to make use this year to spend more time to deepen our understand of the scripture.

FEAST DAY OF SENIOR SANTO NINO

The Feast of Santo Nino is held on the second Sunday in January. Devotion to the Santo Niño (Holy Child), an image of Jesus as a small boy typically dressed as a king, is a mainstay of Philippine Catholic life. *Bishop Patrick Lynch will join us to celebrate the feast day Mass here at St Boniface on Sunday 19th January at 4.30pm* followed by refreshments in the café. Adoration begins at 4pm. All are invited. For more details please contact at 07775742435 or 07876023683.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.



The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 28(29):1-4,9-10

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God,
Give the Lord glory and power;
Give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
The Lord on the immensity of waters;
The voice of the Lord, full of power,
The voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R**

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
The Lord sits as king for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Acts of Apostles 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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



**A DAY
WITH JESUS**

The next one is on SATURDAY 11th JANUARY starting at 9.15am with MORNING PRAYER, adoration, devotions, talk, confessions, and a SPECIAL MASS at 11am followed by anointing of the sick and prayer over people. It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in prayer and reflection. If you know anyone who is ill in your family or among friends please bring them with you.

HOLY LAND TRIP MARCH & MAY

Please kindly make your final payments in instalment or one time. *Please make full payment for the March trip by 8th March and for the May trip by 9th May.* Many thanks. Please contact the parish office if any queries.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE THIS FRIDAY

No Open House on Friday 17th January. Next one is on Friday 24th January 4-6pm & 7.15-8pm. If anyone wants to see Fr Shaju urgently, he is very happy to see you on this Sunday(12th) after 9am Mass, 10.15-10.45am.

CHOIR PARTY

Parish wishes to say a big thank to our Choir for leading us through Carols, Christmas and New Year celebrations. All the members of the Choir are invited to a party on Tuesday 4th February at 7pm in the Café.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Next meeting is on Wednesday 29th January at 7.15pm in the Presbytery.

PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting is on Thursday 30th January at 7.15pm in the presbytery.

ORGAN

Thank you for your generosity and hard work towards our new organ project. We also grateful to Kathleen O'Regan who left a legacy of her estate for the parish. We will make use this money together with the money we raised for the organ. We are hoping to install the organ in February.

NEW YEAR EVE COLLECTION

Thank you for making your first money given is for the orphanage through new year's collection. The collection was £1,653.43

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD

Now onwards the parents of the children who are seeking school admission in Catholic School and also First Holy Communion & Confirmation should fill in a Mass attendance card which will be available from priests after weekend Masses. Many thanks

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please receive the blessed sacrament with reverence and consume the body of Christ before you walk away from communion place.

FIRST FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTIONS

Next one is on Saturday 1st February beginning with Adoration at 8.45am followed by morning prayers, Mass at 9.30am, Novena and Rosary. You all are invited

Baptism is the first and foundational Christian sacrament, a prerequisite for receiving the eucharist. By baptism, an individual becomes one of the "faithful" and participates in the priesthood of the laity.

THANK YOU

Fr Peter would like to thank all of you joining him for his birthday celebrations, for all the cards and gifts.

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.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS

Thank you to all of you who serve our parish as readers & Eucharistic ministers. Please follow the Rota. Normally, two weeks Rota is given in the newsletter and please take note of the date and time of your duty.

INFANTS BAPTISM

Any parents who wish to baptise their children should register in the parish and attend the Mass regularly for at least six months. Those who moved recently to the parish should get evidence of the catholic practice. Fr Shaju will be happy to talk to you during Parish Open house if you have any queries.

NEXT BAPTISM PROGRAMME

On Monday 27th January at 7.30pm

LITURGY FOR CHILDREN

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. *Resume on this Sunday after Christmas Break.*

RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION

The next two Sessions are on Monday 13th & 27th January at 7.15pm in the Parish Meeting Room (in the Presbytery).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Next two sessions are on *11th & 18th January at 9.50am* in the main hall.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Next two sessions are on *11th & 18th January at 11.15am* in the main hall.

FOOD BANK

The box for Food Bank contributions is in the Coffee Shop.

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.



NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House every Friday from 4pm–6pm. No appointment needed

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: Rosario Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastatsia Ogbonna, Agnelo Fernades, Nilojan Mariyathas, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O’Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Maria Fatima, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams , Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Baby Archie

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.**

	11th & 12th January	18th & 19th January
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Jim Russell, Doris Cubero	Daren Alfred, Milosz Woitowicz
09.00	Jeanet Leyton, Ansshakila Manoharadas	Luiza Lobo, Pat Willis
10.30	Anastasia Ogbonna, Mary Sagoe	Ada Ikpoh, Rose Adroa
12.00	Cecilia Francis, Finnuala Lynch	Ian Johnson, Mikhaela Dayaday
18.30	Susan Daniel, Sally Canizo	Angel Babu, Liza Asante
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Ethna Power, Lucinda D’Souza, Mathew D’Souza	Juliana De Souza, Ethna Power Michael Soupraya
09.00	Mary Donoghue, Monique Sinfailam, Pat Willis	Kuriakose Antony, Farrah Jacob Angus Xavier
10.30	Carina Jualo, Isabella Mitchell Ana Maria Da Silva	Ann Lusena , Srikanth Lusena Therese Onyebalu
12.00	Jessy Roy, Nellie De Santos Meves John D’Souza	Angelo Aningalan, Rosemary Kanagaratnam, David Lobo
18.30	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Juliana De Souza Rose Adroa	Reya Mathai, Isabella Mitchell Thiviya Robenet

Church Cleaning:	Wk2: Mon 13th Dec @ 7pm	Wk3: Mon 20th Jan @ 10am
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£2925.23)

Gift aided: 50% Loose Plate: 50%



<u>Sunday 12th January</u>	09:00	Anastatia Prendergast
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year A)	10:30	Pauline O'Rielly, RIP
	12:00	Charles Corcoran
	18:30	Agnes Mitchell, RIP
	Monday 13th January	09:30
Saint Hilary	12:00	Funeral Maria El-Habash
	18:30	Livinus Audu RIP
Tuesday 14th January	09:30	Emily Guillen Family Ints
	18:30	November Deceased
Wednesday 15th January	09:30	Pro Populo
Feria	18:30	Pedro Santana Fernandes RIP
Thursday 16th January	09:30	Calisto Pinto RIP
Feria	18:30	Tom Lynch RIP
Friday 17th January	09:30	Yacinta Subramanyam RIP
Saint Anthony, Abbot	18:30	Maureen O'Sullivan
Saturday 18th January	11:00	Verhoeff Family Ints
Our Lady	18:30	Mary Sagoe Thanksgiving
<u>Sunday 19th January</u>	09:00	Mary Judge RIP
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Peace Sunday	10:30	Winifred Claxton RIP
	12:00	Raymond Ashley RIP
	18:30	Theresa Martino Birthday Ints

<p><u>Monday 13th January</u> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p> <p><u>Tuesday 14th January</u> Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p> <p><u>Wednesday 15th January</u> Rosary Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p>	<p><u>Thursday 16th January</u> Knit & Natter Group 3pm Cry Chapel Legion of Mary 7.15pm Cry Chapel Tamil Mass 7.30pm Church</p> <p><u>Friday 17th January</u> 50+ Club 2pm Function Suite Parish Open House 4-6pm</p>
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<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	<p>Holy Hour First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm</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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