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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C) SUNDAY 9th JANUARY 2022

"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.'" (LK 3: 22)

The final feast of the Christmas season is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Having celebrated his birth and his manifestation as the Messiah for all nations, it is appropriate to conclude the season with the event which begins his public ministry. Our gospel reading contains two verses about the work of John the Baptist. John was a major figure during Advent, for it was he who prepared the way for the coming of Christ. Now we see him as the one who offered baptism to Christ in the Jordan. John clarifies that he himself is not the Christ. He knew he was a servant, one who would point the way to someone 'more powerful'. John was a strong and effective preacher of forgiveness and new life. Jesus will show his power above all by his mighty works of healing. John alludes to the Spirit who will accompany the work of Jesus and to his new kind of baptism. The evangelist Luke presents the baptism of Jesus in a unique way. Jesus, who is in no need of conversion himself, shows solidarity with all those coming to John for baptism. Luke hardly mentions the baptism itself but concentrates on the manifestation of the Spirit and on the voice heard. Why did Jesus seek baptism from John? How similar is John's baptism to that of Jesus? Let us seek a renewal of the grace of our own baptism. Let us prepare to accompany Jesus in Luke's story of his ministry throughout the coming weeks.



JESUS' BAPTISM

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 Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

‘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 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

Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Titus

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 you.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to Alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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 your 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.

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: *Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free. .*

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

TENTH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF FR ANTHONY: Fr Anthony's ordination anniversary Mass is **Sunday 9th January at 12:00**. All are invited.

FIRST COMMUNION: The First Holy Communion classes starts on **SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY AT 10:15 IN THE CHURCH**. Parents meeting is on **Tuesday 1st February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall**.



CONFIRMATION: Parents meeting on **Friday 11th March at 7pm**. The first session for candidates starts on **SATURDAY 12TH MARCH AT 10:45AM** in the Parish Hall.

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS & YOUTH DAY: Is on **Saturday 23rd April 5pm**.

HELP AND ADVICE ON APPRENTICESHIPS : St Boniface Youth and 20's & 30's group invite year 11 & Year 12 & parents (or anyone who interested) on **Saturday 5th March 3-4pm** to Help and advice sessions on Apprenticeship.

HIGHER EDUCATION DAY: Year 11 & Year 12 Pupil & Parents are invited to Higher Education Day (advice and support to choose higher education) in the parish Hall organised by St Boniface Youth & 20's & 30's Group. Date: **Saturday 12th March 3-4.30pm**.

PASSION PLAY: St Boniface Youth and 20's & 30's Group will perform a **Passion Play on Sunday 10th April at 7.30pm in the Hall**.

PARISH EVANGELISATION PROGRAMME: We are preparing for a three year Evangelisation Programme in the parish. Starting from Sunday 13th March. Please keep our parish in your prayers as we are preparing for it. More information to come in the coming weeks.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you to all who are volunteering to keep our Church clean. One of the teams invites more member- **Monday 7pm once in a month**. If you can, please speak to priest or contact the parish office. Many thanks.

PARISH EVANGELISATION UNDER FIVE SUNDAY LITURGY: As part of the parish Evangelisation programme, we need help for Sunday liturgy activities at 10:30am Mass on Sunday for under fives. If anyone can volunteer, please come for a meeting in the hall on **this Sunday 9th January after 10:30am Mass**.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Will meet on **Tuesday 15th February at 7pm**.

PARISH EVANGELISATION TEAM: Will meet on **Thursday 10th February at 7pm in the Café**.

OFFERINGS by CARD & GIFT AID: *YOU CAN FIND THE CARD TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS and also AT THE EMERGENCY EXIT LEADING TO THE GARDEN. You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. You can use card for Sunday offering/ Offering to the Poor/Second collection/ Shop etc. Please follow the instruction on the welcoming screen. Thanks for using the facility.*

SANTO NINO FEAST: Is on next Sunday 16th January, Mass 3.30pm followed by dinner in Main Hall from 5.30pm-8pm. Bishop Patrick Lynch will be the main celebrant. For more info pls contact Mericel 07802799371.

NEW ROTA FOR READERS: Please collect a copy of the rota from the Church Notice Board.

ELECTRONIC VERSION OF NEWSLETTER: *If you wish to receive a copy of the newsletter electronically by Friday, please go to st Boniface parish website and put your email Id and click subscribe.*

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTISE: *On Saturdays at 4pm. Youth Choir will sing at 9am Mass on every other Sundays.*

SUNDAY CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN: At 10:30am Mass. Resumes from Sunday 9th January 10:30am Mass.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES: *On Thursdays at 7.15pm in the Café. Resumes on Thursday 13th January.*

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: On Fridays 4-6pm.

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am & 5.45pm-6.15pm

50PLUS CLUB: On Mondays from 12:30-2.30pm in the Café. All are welcome.

PADRE PIO GROUP: Will meet every 1st and 4th Monday of month after evening Mass. Resumes on Monday 1st February 2022.

ROSARY GROUP: On Wednesdays after evening Mass, resumes on 19th January 2022.

LEGION OF MARY: On Thursdays every week after evening Mass.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Due to Covid-19 situation, the date to resume the prayer group will be given later.

PARENT AND BABY : If you are a parent and have a baby 0-6 months old and looking for a support group for walks, coffees and play dates please contact Lisa on 07930479208

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: 9.30am on Mon-Sat and Sun at 12:00.

HALL BOOKINGS: Please call 0208 672 2345 opt 1, Mobile 07456 514037 Hall queries only. Follow us online @stbonifacehall

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you very much to those who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. *Cleaning Team is requested to inform the parish office before you leave the Church after cleaning so that the doors can be closed and turn off lights.* Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is Week1 (Team 1) at 10am.

RECENTLY DIED: David John Daniels, funeral is on Tuesday 18th January at 12:00 and Mary Rafferty, funeral is on Wednesday 26th January at 12:00

TO BAPTISE A BABY: Please discuss with a priest during Parish Open House which is every Friday 4pm – 6pm in the Parish Office.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: Is on Monday 31st January at 7.15pm in the Presbytery.

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 on FRIDAYS. No appointment needed.

HOSPITAL VISITS: If you or a family member are admitted to St George's Hospital and 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.

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



PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

The Sick: Carmel Sammonds, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Anastasia Ogbonna, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly, Paric Burke, Eli Lee Roberts, Daniel Bird, Anne Doyle, Mark Sharkey, Tess Hill, Sheena Tighe, Carmel Sammons, Margaret Wood, Peter Hardy, Barbara Kelly, Mella Washington, Colleen Bowen, Lorraine & Herman Mendonca.

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, Martha Pinto & Ellen Bolger. **May they rest in peace – Amen**

	8th & 9th January 2022	15th & 16th January 2022
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Merichel Austria Altea Charlez M Altea	Matchel Bibat Ethna Power
09.00	Robin Thomas Ann Mary Kuriakose	Angel Babu Mary Donoghue
10.30	Rebekka Prabakaran Frances Akah	Lola Lawrence Mary Sagoe
12.00	Doris Cubero Stephen Callus	Matthewson Matthews Deuwayne Ikpoh
13:15	Ian Johnston Chisom Aghaji	Pam Fernandes Callum Fernandes
18:30	Padraig Cronin Susan Daniel	Sally Canizo Bernadette Rose
Cleaning Rota:	Wk1: 10th January @ 10am	Wk2: 17th January @ 7pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£2877.47)
 Bag collection £1,265.97 Card collection: 465.00 & S/O: £1146.50



<u>Sunday 9th January (C)</u> THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	09:00	Ints Valerie/ Thanksgiving Robin famly
	10:30	Dhanraj Harrilal/ Michael & Delia Hogan RIP
	12:00	Kieran Ruane RIP/ Paul Ng, RIP Francoise Stephens, RIP
	13:15	Asher, Neelam & Khuram Sheldon RIP
	18:30	A Private Intention
Monday 10th January Feria	09:30	Daisy Jhugroo & Pierre Numa RIP
	18:30	Brigid Kearney Ints
Tuesday 11th January Feria	09:30	Pro Populo
	18:30	The Holy Souls
Wednesday 12th January Saint Aelred of Rievaulx	09:30	Maureen Cafferty
	18:30	Rose McDonagh
Thursday 13th January Saint Hilary	09:30	Martin Creighton
	18:30	Souls of A.J, T.A & S.C
Friday 14th January Feria	09:30	Robin Hunte RIP
	18:30	Gerry Lydon RIP
Saturday 15th January The Blessed Virgin Mary	09:30	Agnes Moszuti
	18:30	Pedro Santana Fernandes
<u>Sunday 16th January (C)</u> SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09:00	Michael O'Donnell RIP
	10:30	Shanta Ramnath RIP
	12:00	Calisto Pinto RIP
	13.15	Peter Fernandes RIP
	15:30	Mass: Santo Nina Feast
	18.30	Jim Coyne RIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 10th January</u> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel-Return 1st Feb</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday 11th January</u> Charismatic Prayer Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday 12th January</u> Rosary Prayer Group Cry Chapel- Return 19th Jan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 13th January</u> Knit & Natter Group 3pm Cry Chapel Legion of Mary 7.15pm Cry Chapel Tamil Mass 7.30pm Church <u>Friday 14th January</u> Parish Open House (4.00pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)</p>
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<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm</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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