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The Baptism of the Lord

8th/9th January 2022



Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: (Page 118): Isaiah 42:1-4, 5-7; Palm 28; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
Next Week: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 127): Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11



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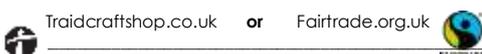
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Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at www.churchservices.tv

MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday: 10am Mass

Saturday Morning: 11.00am Mass

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 10.00am to 10.45am
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

JESUS' MISSION – OUR MISSION

Up to now Jesus has been living a quiet life, a hidden life, with his family. Today he joins the queue of people to be baptised by John in the river Jordan. Today he steps out into public life so that he can identify himself with us.

St Luke's Gospel tells us that the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus while he is at prayer. A voice from heaven proclaims that he is the beloved Son of God. Jesus is anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Jesus' identity is made known to the world. He is the Promised One, the humble Servant foretold by Isaiah, the beloved Son with whom the Father is well pleased. Jesus begins his public Mission of healing and preaching God's message of love.

St Lawrence's parish is a large vibrant worshipping and loving community of faith. This is evident in how you participate in the life of the parish.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all that you do. Thank you for your generosity, your gifts and cards. So much work is done behind the scenes, around the church – the cleaning, the flowers, the crib, the Christmas tree. Thanks to each and every one of you who are involved in the Liturgies to make them so meaningful during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

The story of the Baptism of Jesus is a lesson on what baptism means for us. What happened at the baptism of Jesus happens at our baptism too. God calls us by name, we are identified as his children. He says to each one of us, 'you are my beloved daughter, you are my beloved son'.

The Holy Spirit descends on us, because we too are given a mission, that is, to participate in the work of Jesus, in the life of our parish, our family and in the world around us.

Happy New Year to you all. May God continue to Bless you and all your family and all whom you love.

FR. JOHN

THANK YOU FROM SISTER MARY

Thank you to all my friends at St Lawrence's for your greetings, cards, Mass Offerings and gifts for which I am very grateful and touched. I will keep you in my prayers and I hope you will keep me in yours. I am settling in my new home. You are welcome to visit me when the situation with Covid is better. God Bless. Sr Mary

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FORM SIGNING

Please contact Fr John on 0787 905 8732 for an appointment for signing of the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Reception or Nursery.

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS SCHOOL..

...are looking for outstanding practitioners who can teach GCSE and A-level to join us from September 2022 to deliver high-quality lessons to ensure great learning. *Current vacancies:*

- Deputy Subject Leader of Maths
- Teacher of RE
- Subject Leader of Physics
- Teacher of Economics

Also looking for a Lunchtime Supervisor to join as soon as possible, Monday to Friday 11.30am to 1pm.

Please also get in touch if you would like to talk in more detail about the roles. <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/work-at-srr>

Sixth Form at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College (SRCC)

The deadline for SRCC Sixth Form applications is **Friday 14th**

January. Apply by visiting our website:

<https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-admissions>.

We welcome applications from all faiths and none. If you have any questions, we would be really pleased to help. Feel free to email sixthformadmissions@srrcc.org.uk.

REFLECTION BY DEACON COLIN

Just for a moment could I ask each of you to ponder this question. *What would you consider to be the most important day of your life?* Forgive me for being a bit presumptuous but I suspect some of you would say "The day I was born", others might say "The day I got married" or "graduated" or "became a parent". There are of course many answers to my question (all of them valid) but my answer would be "The day I was baptised".

Now, why would I say that? Quite simply because without receiving the sacrament of baptism I wouldn't have received the sacraments of reconciliation, First Holy Communion, marriage or ordination to the Permanent Diaconate.

Baptism is the beginning of divine life, the day when we were born as sons and daughters of God. Additionally, our baptisms brought us many gifts God enters our soul - He marks our soul as belonging to him as his beloved son or daughter.

God cleanses our souls of sin - original sin if we were baptised as infants and personal sin if we were baptised after reaching the age of reason. God puts divine life in our souls - sanctifying grace - (The life of God in our souls) God gives us everything we need for our divine life - virtue, faith, hope and charity, prudence, justice and fortitude. God gives us the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Wisdom, knowledge, counsel, piety and fear of the Lord, in fact everything we need for divine life has been given to us in "seed form" to be nourished and protected so we can all come to the fullness of life in Christ.

Today is, of course, The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and now is a good time to ask ourselves why was Jesus baptised? He had no sins to be forgiven. As he was the second person of the Blessed Trinity he already had divine life. He is showing us through his baptism, what happened to us in our baptism. Or, to put it another way he didn't go into those waters of the River Jordan to be sanctified but to sanctify those waters. And in doing so he made those waters an instrument for our baptism, our salvation and our divine adoption

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Patricia (Pat) Jayawardena RIP** and **Lawrence Murray RIP**, who died recently. Please also keep their families and loved ones in your prayers at this time.

Pat Jayawardena's funeral arrangements will be announced when we get them.

NEW COVID GUIDANCE

With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our church:

- **It is now mandatory for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship unless you are exempt.**
- When in Church please use our phone app or sign in for track and trace
- People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 or Omicron should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- Please continue to use the hand sanitiser when attending Church.
- Please adhere to government and local guidelines and maintain social distancing. Do not linger outside or mix with people outside of your group after Mass. Go straight home
- Masses continue to be available online for those who are vulnerable or shielding or self-isolating. The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 8	11am 5.00pm	Steve Walsh RIP Ramon Villegas RIP
Sun 9	8am 9.30am 11am	Regina Negredo RIP Keith & Rose Marie Calmiano (Intentions) In Thanksgiving Philomena Henry and Family
Mon 10 Yr 2, Wk 1 D. Off Wk 1	10am	Sr Geraldine Lawlor and Team (Intentions)
Tues 11	10am	Deceased members of the Pham Family RIP
Wed 12	10am	Steve Walsh RIP (Anniversary)
Thurs 13	10am	Doreen & John Hanrahan in Thanksgiving - 60 th Wedding Anniversary
Fri 14	10am	Sr Nora O'Gorman and Friends (Intentions)
Sat 15	11am 5.00pm	Mary Jane & Michael O'Carroll RIP Deceased members of the McCormack Family RIP
Sun 16	8am 9.30am 11am	Anastasia De Araujo RIP (2 nd Ann) Dave Crawley RIP (Birthday Remembrance) Margaret Krowicki RIP
Sanctuary Lamp: For the intentions of all St Lawrence's parishioners		

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