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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12th/13th January 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1: Page 118: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-38;

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Weekdays from Monday: Weekday Lectionary: Year 1, Week 1

Next Week: 2nd Sunday of the Year: Page: 127: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11



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John the Baptist spoke very clearly "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone Who is more powerful than I am... He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire." In other words, it is somebody else, full of the Spirit of God that you must listen to and follow, not me.

Jesus moves away from the environment that John the Baptist had created in the desert, it wasn't wrong of course but things had to move on, the focus would now be different. The focus would not be on preparing ourselves for the imminent judgment of God but rather on welcoming God as Father, a Father who seeks to make of our humanity a more just and fraternal family.

Moved by this conviction Jesus proceeds to Galilee so as to get closer to the people and their sufferings. It is precisely here, touching the cruelties and realities of life that we must feel God's fatherly presence that seeks to draw all people together and move towards a more humane and dignified existence.

Jesus also abandons the threatening language of the Baptist and begins to tell parables that would never have occurred to John. The world must know of God's goodness, how he seeks out his lost sons and daughters because he only wants to save and 'make new', not condemn.

On leaving the austere lifestyle of the desert Jesus dedicates himself to "good works" the Baptist had never done. He cures the sick, defends the poor, touches lepers, welcomes sinners and prostitutes, and embraces street children. People need to feel the goodness of God in their own flesh. Let us remember that a Christian who speaks about a "good God" and doesn't do any "good works" discredits Jesus' his message.

Fr Peter

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May this year the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

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

SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School commences again this **Sunday 13th January** at 10am in the School Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy begins again this **Sunday 13th January**.

SUNDAY AND TUESDAY GROUPS

The Sunday Group will meet on **Sunday 13th January** at 10am in St Lawrence's School for their First Holy Communion preparation.

The next class for the Tuesday Group will be on **Tuesday 15th January** at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

CONFIRMATION

The first preparation Class for Confirmation will take place on **Thursday 17th January** at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. Parents are also expected to attend this first meeting.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion programme begins again on **Saturday 19th January** at 4.30pm in the School Hall followed by Mass at 6pm.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 16th January** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will meet on **Monday 14th January** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. As the first meeting of the New Year come with any new ideas for future programmes. Tell your friends about us.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 15th January** at 7pm in the Presbytery.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

The children from St Lawrence's School will be joining us for their start of term Mass on **Wednesday 16th January** at 9.30am.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 29th January** at 7pm in the Presbytery.

YOUTH EVENT

We are excited to announce that CYMFED Flame Conference is returning to Wembley Arena on **2nd March 2019**. This is the biggest Catholic Youth Event in the UK and as such we are hoping it will be a fantastic day! Many exciting speakers have already been announced such as Pastor Robert Madu, Tim Hughes, Guvna B and Girl's got Faith's Emma Borquaye to name a few. The day is expected to be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our shared faith on a grand scale. If you are interested in joining thousands of other young people, tickets will be £20.00 per person. Please pay your money in an envelope marked "Flame 2019" with your name and contact details to the Parish Office no later than 1st February 2019. Thank you. Lloyd Gashu

COUNTERS LISTS AND FLOWER ARRANGERS LISTS

The new lists are available in the porch ready for collection (pinned to the notice board)

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK – SEPTEMBER 2019

There are a few spaces still available for this pilgrimage. If anyone is interested, please call Florie in the parish office.

CAR PARKING

Please note that there is **NO PARKING** on the Church premises except for a few disabled bays. The two spaces in front of the house are for Fr John and Fr Peter. **ALL CAR USERS** are asked to find alternative parking as parking at the weekends and weekdays is becoming a nuisance. We now have a barrier installed and this will be put down during busy times. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE CHURCH CAR PARK OR THE GREEN FOR SCHOOL RUNS.**

There is to be absolutely **no double parking** in the school car park.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ANYWHERE ON THE GREEN AS IT IS FOR RESIDENTS' PRIVATE USE ONLY

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Joseph Ballantyne, Eugenia Chappory RIP, Baby Roque Estrochio Pacheco RIP and Christopher Chasteau who died recently. Please also remember in your prayers their families and all who mourn them.

CHRISTOPHER CHASTEAU RIP

His funeral will take place here on **Friday 18th January** at 11.15am.

BABY ROQUE ESTROCIO PACHECO RIP

His funeral will take place here on **Wednesday 23rd January** at 9.30am.

We are awaiting funeral arrangements for Joseph Ballantyne RIP and Eugenia Chappory RIP

OTHER

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL CAR PARK

Currently the car park is strictly for use for those coming to Mass at the weekend. Please do not linger in the school grounds or allow your children to run around. The car park will be locked outside of Mass times. This is for Health and Safety reasons and to prevent any serious breaches on the property.

VOLUNTEERING FOR CAFOD

If you would like to be a Volunteer for CAFOD there is an opportunity to learn all you want to know on **Saturday 19th January** from 10am-3.00pm at CAFOD Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. Nearest Tube: Lambeth North. See poster on notice board in porch.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – 20-27 January

This annual gathering of Churches Together in Feltham, Hanworth and Bedfont to celebrate the end of the Week of prayer for Christian Unity takes place at St Mary's Church, Bedfont TW14 8JR on **Sunday 27th January at 4.00pm**. All are very welcome to come and worship together with our fellow Christians. The theme this year is based around Deuteronomy 16:18-20 – "Justice, and only justice you shall pursue..."

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Augustine Do Reis, Olga Ferreira and Jaime Vincent Mendez RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Steve Walsh RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 13 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Anne Webb RIP John Dennett RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) People of the Parish
Mon 14 th	09.30	Monte Carmelina Bragança RIP (Third Anniversary)
Tues 15 th	09.30	Gabriel D'Souza RIP
Wed 16 th	09.30	Mass with St Lawrence's School
Thurs 17 th	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Fri 18 th	09.30 11.15	Roger Jacobs RIP REQUIEM MASS – CHRISTOPHER CHASTEAU RIP
Sat 19 th	11.00 11.00 12.00 17.00 18.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Ray Palmer RIP (Anniversary) Sacrament of Reconciliation John Igboanugo Junior RIP (21 st Birthday Remembrance)
Sun 20 th	09.00 11.00 13.00 18.00	Diego D'Souza, Lily Coutinho and Janet D'Souza RIP In Thanksgiving Ndangang Family Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Fernando Cesar Soares RIP

Sanctuary Lamp: Lily Coutinho RIP

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

5-6 January: Envelopes £972.25 Loose £1,235.64

Standing Orders £888.25 **Total £3,096.14**

Parish Centre Building Fund December - £3,211.52

CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO DATE: £5,275.10

Crib Offering to date: £531.57