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## The Baptism of the Lord (Year C) 9th January 2022

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**FIRE SAFETY NOTICE:** *If anyone has difficulty in hearing, walking or anything else that may slow down safe exit in the event of a fire, please let us know before the service starts, so that we can arrange for assistance for you.*

Saturday 8th January	Vigil: Baptism of the Lord	6pm (SSJFTM)	Bernadette Harkness RIP)
Sunday 9th January	Baptism of the Lord	8.30am (SSJFTM)	Bridie Clogher (Int)
		10am (St T)	Ana Cristina Trindade RIP (Bday)
		Noon (St T)	Amy Moriarty McCarthy (Int)
Monday 10th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	John Maguire RIP
Tuesday 11th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Mary McKenna RIP (Ann)
Wednesday 12th January	No Mass		
Thursday 13th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Tom O'Sullivan RIP
Friday 14th January	Feria	9.15am (St T)	John Smeaton (Int)
Saturday 15th January	Vigil: 2nd Sunday Ord	6pm (SSJFTM)	Bernadette Harkness RIP

### Liturgy of the Word: 9th January 2022

**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.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:*

*"This is my son, the Beloved. Listen to him."*

*Alleluia!*

**Next week's Readings:**

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10, R. v3, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, John 2:1-11

Fr John writes:

*"And the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all people will see it." (Isaiah 40:5)*

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings Christmas Time to a conclusion and we will begin Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar – so called because we "order" our weeks as we count them on the journey towards Lent. The Baptism of Jesus was traditionally celebrated on the same day as Epiphany, but over time the appearance of the Magi to worship the infant Jesus became the principal focus of that Feast and the Lord's Baptism began to be celebrated the following weekend. The Feast was instituted as a separate liturgical celebration in 1955.

In Jesus' first manifestation or appearance, the star led the Magi to Bethlehem and these representatives of the wider gentile world paid their homage to the new born King of the Jews. In his second manifestation, Jesus "in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" (Col 1:19) lays aside his divinity and offers himself for baptism in the Jordan by his cousin, John the Baptist.

After his baptism, the Incarnate Word, in perfect humility, Himself prays and an extraordinary manifestation occurs: the heavens open and the Holy Spirit descends upon him. The voice of the Father is heard announcing His Son. The beginning of Jesus' public ministry is sanctified by an epiphany or appearance of the Trinity. The same Holy Spirit who descended on the River Jordan at Jesus' baptism hovered over the waters at creation (Gen 1:2). In the Jordan Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second Adam who comes to reconcile the world to God: the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

As we bid farewell to Christmas for another year, we hear the Father's voice telling us "This is my beloved Son" and commit ourselves to spreading the Good News which Jesus brings into the world.

**The Financials....**

**Monthly Standing Orders: £3,106**

**Last week's Offertory**

**Envelopes £ 313**

**Loose Plate £ 296**

**Contactless donations £ 350**

**Total weekly income for weekend 1st & 2nd January  
£ 959.00**



Would you like to be received into the Catholic faith? Maybe you were baptised Catholic but didn't go on to have your Confirmation? Programmes starting in the New Year with Receptions/ Adult Confirmations taking place at the Easter Vigil next year. If you are interested give us a call or fill in the appropriate form online (under "Sacraments" tab).



**Confirmation, NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 25TH JANUARY 6.30PM CANDIDATES & PARENTS IN ST TERESA'S CHURCH** Please make sure that your work is returned to us by **16th January** to allow plenty of time for the Catechists to review and plan their session.



**First Holy Communion -NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 20TH JANUARY 6.15PM PARENTS & CHILDREN IN ST TERESAS CHURCH.** Please bring your child's "I Belong" book with you so that the Catechists can go through the chapters completed with the children. FHC dates have been allocated & emailed out to everyone. **Please get in touch if you haven't received anything**

**Volunteers needed!!** We need to get a handle on what Readers / Eucharistic Ministers / Helpers / Choir members that we will have at what masses. If you are one of our kind volunteers and you wish to continue, please can you let us know what Mass you will be attending so that we can make sure we are fully covered - the rotas are proving a challenge! Of course if you would like to start volunteering in any way - please let us know.



**BAPTISMS:** Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon, at either Noon, 1pm or 2pm, with a Rite of Welcome at your usual Mass the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website (under Sacraments) & Sue will get in touch once she receives it. You can have up to four Godparents - no more as we don't have space in the register! - one of whom must be a practising Catholic We are not holding preparation courses for Baptisms at the moment but we will send you a link to a short video course for you to watch instead.



**Change to Confessions - From 22nd January,** Confessions will be as follows: 11am-11.40am at St Teresa's Church & 5pm-5.40pm at SS Fisher & More Church. They can also be arranged via appointment with the Parish office.



We are pleased to advise that there will be a Syro Malabar Catholic Mass held at St Teresa's on a monthly basis. This will be on the 2nd Saturday of each month at St Teresa's Church from 4.30pm-7pm. The first Mass is this Saturday 8th January



**Premises Updates:** The leaks at St T have been fixed, the flat roofs at SSJFTM have all been made good & there is now scaffolding at the Presbytery at St T to investigate the leak in Fr Dominic's attic! The fire doors for the presbytery should finally be fitted next week and our annual gas services have taken place and we passed! So we are starting the new year, and the colder weather on a good footing. Thank you for your kind donations to the Building Contingency Fund, it really makes a difference as I'm sure you realise how much upkeep is needed in maintaining the church sites. Ever hopeful, we have left envelopes for the fund in both churches, if you are able, please do pick up an envelope and donate, if you Gift Aid your donation - even better! You can also give by bank transfer (40 05 20 91095714 WRCDT St Teresa). You can also contactless a donation, just let us know if you do, to make sure that we allocate it to the correct pot! We know that times are tough so if you can't help , please don't worry.



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**Please remember that Face Masks must be worn in church at all times. You also still need to book spaces for the weekend masses so that we can manage the numbers in the churches.**