

# Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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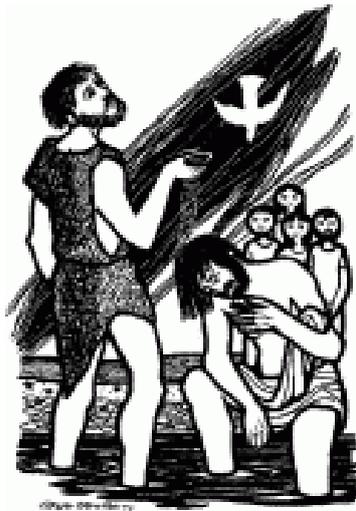
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## The Baptism of the Lord 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Today's Readings p.231 - 237 of the CTS Sunday Missal

Is 55:1-11; Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



### Service Times

**Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm, Sunday at 8.30 am, 10 am, 11.30 and 6pm**

**Sunday at 1 pm Syriac Rite, in Arabic and Aramaic**

**Mass daily 9.30 am & 6 pm Benediction: Sat. 5-5.40 pm**

**Rosary: prayed in church Mon-Fri at 6.30pm, after Mass**

**Confession: Saturday 10-10.30 am and 5.15-5.40pm**

**First Friday Adoration: 6.30-7.30pm**

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm**

**Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**, and the last day of the Christmas Season. It is in fact a continuation of the Epiphany – the revelation of the glory of Christ. This happened not only at the visit of the Magi as we celebrated on 6th January, but also on the day of his Baptism in the River Jordan when he was 30 years old, by John the Baptist, and on the brink of his public ministry and the call of his first disciples. John's baptism was one of repentance which people undertook in preparation for the coming of the Messiah, who was in fact Jesus himself. He had no sins to repent of, but by being baptised showed himself willing to bear the burden of human sin and suffering – to become the Lamb of God, as John recognised him to be, who through his passion and death would take away the sins of the world. His future death and burial were symbolised by his immersion in the waters of the River Jordan. But his coming up out of the water again was the first occasion of the revelation of the Holy Trinity: the Father's voice was heard from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you,' and the Spirit descended on him, like a dove, anointing him as a sign of this favour and in order to strengthen him for his ministry.

**During the present lockdown, unlike the previous lockdowns, churches may remain open for public worship.** This means that the Church will open for Mass each day at the advertised times. But this is entirely dependent on the kindness of our volunteer stewards, who ensure safe social distancing, record those who come into church, help us to observe all the guidelines, and sanitise the church after each service. We are tremendously grateful to them for their dedicated service. Please contact the parish office if you would like to find out about becoming a steward, as we do need to enlarge the team. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days remains suspended, as it is not always possible or safe to do so. You must not come to Mass if you are self-isolating, feel unwell, or show any symptoms of any kind of sickness. Unless you are medically exempt you must wear a mask in church; (does not apply to children.) Please do remember to keep in your bubble or family group at church, and to disperse quickly after leaving the church, and not to gather for sociability, as this could contribute to the spread of the virus. We keep especially in our prayers at all Masses the sick, their carers, all NHS staff and chaplains, those self-isolating, the bereaved and the departed.

**Today, White Flower Sunday, there is a collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.**

**The Christmas Crib** remains in place until Candlemas, 2nd February. Crib offerings go towards the work of the Catholic Children's Society with needy families and children in the Diocese of Westminster.

**Many thanks for your generous donations to the Christmas Offertory.**

**Fr Richard, Fr Rajiv and Sr Jenefer would like to thank** the many people who kindly sent greetings, cards and gifts to the presbytery over Christmas. We are most grateful for your kindness.

**Parish Readers** are invited to collect a copy of the 2021 Sunday Missal from the presbytery, to keep at home to prepare their readings, as we are unable to leave these out at the back of church during the pandemic. On Sunday 24th January, 3rd Sunday of the Year, the Sunday of the Word of God, there will be at all Masses a blessing of parish Readers as they are recommissioned for the year ahead. A fitting way to bring to its climax the Year of the Word, 'The God Who Speaks.'

## Altar Servers News

Due to the restrictions in place because of the Covid 19 pandemic, our altar servers have been unable to carry out their special ministry since last March, owing to the need to keep safe social distancing. However, early last month Fr Richard wrote to their parents to invite altar servers and their families to attend their annual Patronal Feast Day of St Stephen on 26th December, in order to encourage them and thank them for all they do. A large number were present, each seated with their own family in the pew.

During the Mass celebrated by Fr Richard and Fr Rajiv, Viktorija Zavacki was enrolled in the Guild. Five year framed certificates were presented to Evana Amanuel, Daniella Henao Ramirez, Leo Reeves and Julia Rogowicz. For ten years of loyal and regular service at the altar, the Guild silver medal was presented to Millena Amanuel and Stephanie Henao Ramirez. We offer them all many congratulations. May they and all our servers keep the promises they have made and renewed, to serve regularly with reverence and understanding, for the glory of God and their own eternal salvation. Fr Richard, Fr Rajiv and parishioners very much look forward to the day when all our altar servers can return safely to carry on their very important ministry in our church.

*Michael Chute, Parish Master of Ceremonies*

## Times of Mass and Devotions for the Week beginning Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 21

*(Made possible due to the generosity of our volunteer stewards, who will ensure safe social distancing is maintained and that the hygienic cleaning of the seating etc takes place.)*

**Saturday 9th January** 6.00 pm Mass (church opens 5.45 pm)  
*Christmas feria* followed by Confessions

**Sunday 10th January** 8.30 am Mass (church opens 8.15 am)  
**BAPTISM OF THE LORD** 10.00 am Mass (church opens 9.45 am)  
11.30 am Mass (church opens 11.15 am)  
followed by Confessions

(End of the Christmas Season)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January** 6.00pm Mass (church opens 5.45 pm)  
*feria (Week 1, Yr 1)*

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January** 6.00pm Mass (church opens 5.45 pm)  
*St Aelred*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January** 9.00 am Mass (church opens at 8.45am)  
*St Hilary*

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January** 9.00 am Mass (church opens at 8.45am)  
*Feria* followed by Divine Mercy Prayers

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January** 9.00 am Mass (church opens at 8.45am)  
*Feria*

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January** 6.00pm Mass (church opens 5.45 pm)  
*feria - of BV Mary* followed by Confessions

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January**  
*2nd Sunday of the Year*

8.30 am Mass (church opens 8.15 am)  
10.00 am Mass (church opens 9.45 am)  
11.30 am Mass (church opens 11.15 am)  
followed by Confessions

***We are only allowed to open the church if volunteer stewards are kindly available to ensure the required hygienic and social distancing arrangements are observed, and to clean thoroughly or sanitise the church***

**Confirmation Candidates:** Thank you for your inspirational Advent Reflections and photos on the parish Facebook page.

**Looking forward to seeing all the candidates via zoom tomorrow Monday at 7.00pm, prompt.**

**First Holy Communion Meetings** are on hold until after Half Term.

**Meetings for those interested in the Catholic Faith** continue via zoom. For more details, email [srjenefer@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:srjenefer@rcdow.org.uk) All recently received Catholics and new enquirers are welcome.

**Children's Liturgy** resumes on the parish Facebook page every Sunday, thanks to our dedicated Children's Liturgy Team. View it with your young children & say if you 'like' it!

**Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism:** If you have a child for **Baptism** under 5 years old please email us for an application form. You will be contacted once the form has been received. A copy of one of the Catholic parents' baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms usually take place on Saturdays at 11am with special Covid safety measures in place, only 6 people including the baby are allowed.

### **Mass Intentions**

Mass Intentions can be booked by phone or email. It is customary to make an offering when requesting a Mass intention. This has always been a contribution to the support of the priests of the particular parish where the Mass is being said. The Diocese of Westminster suggests the figure of £10 as a guideline, but it is of course entirely the free choice of the donor to decide this

**Please pray for the sick, especially:** Fr Keith Stoakes, Peter Brincat, Maria Billson, Rosa Elena, Breeda Cleary, John O'Neill, Noeline Mooney, Peggy Gilroy, Hannah Gallis, Agnes Wallpole, Margaret Carney, Mary Scherer, Charley O'Neill, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Marie Duffy, Irene Macneil, Ethan Hollyman, Francis Brady, Heather Marcille, Breda Moloney, Ray Collins, Christina Sweeney, Jenny Majumdar, Claudia Jaksch, Lyda Franco and Eddie Hughes. **We commend to God those who died recently:** Wladyslaw Kopciowski, Nelly Pache Capdevila **and those with anniversaries around this time:** Alf O'Gorman.

## **Certificate of Catholic Practice for Nursery and Primary School Applications**

Due to lockdown restrictions no personal interviews with parents can take place. Please email the parish office in order to obtain and complete an information form and a certificate of Catholic practice:

[brookgreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:brookgreen@rcdow.org.uk).

**Thank you to all who have been able to continue giving** in these difficult times. If you wish to make a one-off donation, please use the link on our website: [holytrinityw6.org](http://holytrinityw6.org). We have installed a **Virgin Money Giving** button which allows you to donate by debit or credit card. This is a mobile friendly button. Please make sure to label your donation as Planned Giving (when you normally use envelopes) or simply donation (if not gift aiding).

Alternatively, you may make any offering via bank transfer to:

**HSBC**

**Acc Name:** Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee, Brook Green Holy Trinity

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**Thank you** for remembering that without your donations the parish cannot run. A lot of expenses remain whilst our income has been drastically reduced. We are very grateful for your continued support.