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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7th/8th January 2023



Year A, Volume 1 (Page 118): Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

(Weekday Lectionary: Week 1, Year 1; Morning Prayer: Week 1)

Sunday 15th January – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 125): Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34



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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on

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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 Mass: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am

Monday to Friday Mass: 9.30am; Saturday Morning: 11.00am

Saturday Morning: Confessions: 9.30am to 10.45am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

Saturday Evening: 5.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Ethnic Chaplaincies: Polish Mass every Sunday 1.00pm, Ukrainian Mass 2nd Sunday 2.30pm & 4th Saturday 7.00pm; Malayalam Mass 3rd Sunday 2.30pm; Mass in Tagalog 4th Saturday 3pm; Mass led by Nigerian Chaplaincy 4th Sunday 2.30pm.

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

Dear Friends,

Last Thursday we witnessed the funeral of Pope Benedict XVI. I suspect that theologians and commentators will argue for many years to come about Benedict's legacy. Some will talk of his teachings, others about his successful visit to the UK in 2010, and who could forget the "Gods Rottweiler" description, but for me the relationship he had with Pope Francis would be amongst his greatest achievements. There are certainly some who would seek to exploit the relationship between the "two men in white" but I believe that Benedict was loyal to Francis and that Francis valued Benedict's succinct wisdom. Indeed, I understand Francis once said that having Benedict around was like having a grandfather living with you.

Today is the feast of The Baptism of the Lord. I'm sure that most of you who are reading this won't remember your own baptisms because, of course, you were baptised as infants. But in His baptism, Jesus revealed to us His divinity, and in a similar way our divine lives began with our baptisms, the day when we were born as sons and daughters of God.

Our baptisms brought us many gifts. God marked our souls as belonging to him as his beloved son or daughter, He cleansed 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.

At our baptisms God placed divine life in our souls, and everything that is required for that divine life - virtue, faith, hope and charity, prudence, justice and fortitude. Additionally, God gave us the gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, knowledge, counsel, piety and fear of the Lord, in fact everything we need for our divine lives 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. Having divine life in our souls we become living members of the Body of Christ, so baptism is so much more than joining a club or a group. The group that we have joined is our Church, with Christ as its head and with us as the living members.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Colin

THANK YOU

Thank you for all that you do. Thank you for your generosity, your gifts and cards to Fr David, myself and the Pastoral Team. So much work is done behind the scenes, around the church – the cleaning, the flowers, the crib, the Christmas trees, lighting. 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.

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

FR JOHN

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

NOTICE FOR CONFIRMATION 2023

The closing date for applications is this Sunday (8th January 2023) please email Cathy Early cathythecatechist@outlook.com.
The Confirmation Preparation starts on Thursday 12th January.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The programme starts this Sunday (8th January). Please meet in Church and parents are advised to stay as it will be a short session.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We require additional volunteers for Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass. Please speak to Cathy Early or email her (address on front page) if you are able to help. Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 15th January.

NURSERY SCHOOL FORM SIGNING

Fr John will be available for School Form signing in the coming weeks. Please **put your name down** (on the church porch notice board) on the **relevant sheet for the date you can attend**. There are 15 slots for each date. Please wait in Church. Please bring your child with you and all the forms you need, including their Baptism Certificate.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCH

The Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch takes place this **Sunday 8th January** from 12noon.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2023

Now available in the repository. £5.00 for a bound copy or £6.00 for a ring bound copy.

CHURCH CLEANERS

The Church is cleaned on a Thursday morning after Mass. If you are able to spare half an hour or so, please come along and join the existing group of cleaners.

UCM

The UCM Ladies meet after the holidays on **Monday 9th January 2023** at 12noon

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Vacancies for

- Teacher of Maths (September 2023)
- Teacher of History (September 2023)

For more information please to: <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2/>

GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL

are seeking to appoint a Catholic School Chaplain to play a leading role in the spiritual development of the school community, make links with parishes and is able to work alongside the governors, priests and staff in enabling students to continue on their spiritual journey. The role is full time (36 hours), term time only. For further details please contact Donna Godwin on 0208 568 8692 or by email dgodwin@gumleyhouse.com

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – VOLUNTEERING FOR CAFOD

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking people join us in our mission here in the Westminster diocese. Could you volunteer and help us raise awareness in either parishes or schools about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out more by joining one of our volunteer meetings in Lambeth London on Saturday 21st January or Oakwood, North London on Wed 1st February. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970

THE WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL INTERFAITH GROUP

meet on **Wed Jan 18 at 2 p.m.** in the Hinsley room. We will be studying *Fratelli tutti*. Copies can be bought at St Paul's bookshop or found at [Fratelli tutti \(3 October 2020\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](http://Fratelli tutti (3 October 2020) | Francis (vatican.va)). All are welcome and there is no charge.

INQUIRY INTO ASSISTED SUICIDE (ASSISTED DYING)

The House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee has launched an inquiry into assisted suicide and is inviting individual members of the public to comment. A copy of the Inquiry is available in the church porch. Please put your comments, especially from asking those in healthcare and legal professions to respond from their expertise, in writing and hand their comments to one of the clergy. These comments will be forwarded to the Diocese

WANTED NOW!!

Play worker need for TEDDS afterschool club at St Lawrence's Parish Centre, Feltham, Monday to Friday 3-6pm when required. Training will be given. Need to like children, be enthusiastic, patient and have a good sense of humour. Ring 07971 994669 Sarah or Julie.

PARKING AT ST LAWRENCE'S

Parking is becoming an issue again. Please note that Parking in the Church ground is **restricted for Blue Badge holders and those with mobility issues only**. Parking is also not permitted on the sides along the fencing as this is a health and safety issue. The access way is for drop off only and not parking. This is applicable on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, Funerals, Weddings and other such special occasions. Parking is available at Tesco, Feltham Leisure West and on Sundays limited parking in the school. The two spaces in front of the presbytery are for the Priest and Pastoral Team.

FIRE WARDEN RECRUITMENT - if you would like to volunteer as a Fire Warden at Mass please speak to Deacon Rolly. We need wardens at each Mass including weekdays, weekends, ethnic chaplaincies & hall users. Training will be provided.

FLOWER ARRANGING

If anyone would like to help with flower arranging, please speak to Arlene Juriansz.

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REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP, Jeremiah Gorman RIP (brother of Sr Nora), Josie O'Keefe RIP (sister-in-law of Annie Burke), Bogden Kwiecinski RIP, Felicio Mendes RIP, Agnes Windsor (nee Nicol) RIP, Patricia Heagney RIP, Patrick Maple RIP, who have passed away recently.

- **Agnes Windsor (nee Nicol) RIP** – Her funeral will take place at 12.20pm on **Wednesday 18th January** at Hanworth Crematorium.

We also keep in our prayers all the family and friends who mourn them. May they rest in eternal peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat 7 | 11.00am 5.00pm | Pauline Cynthia O'Hanlon RIP Bernadette Doyle – Birthday Thanksgiving |
| * Sun 8 | 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm | Diego D'Souza RIP Sonny Rosario RIP Philip & Anne Sheridan RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Ukrainian |
| Mon 9 | 9.30am | Steve Walsh RIP (Anniversary) |
| Tues 10 | 9.30am 7.00pm | Peggy O'Driscoll RIP Chris & Pam Holland RIP |
| Wed 11 | 9.30am | In Thanksgiving to St Anthony |
| Thurs 12 | 9.30am | Michael Preston RIP |
| Fri 13 | 9.30am | Eileen Carroll RIP (Anniversary) |
| Sat 14 | 11.00am 5.00pm | Anne Bagnall (Intention) Glenda & Daniel Fernandes (Personal Intentions) |
| * Sun 15 | 8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm | Penny Gunney (Get Well) David Crawley RIP Regina Negredo RIP (Anniversary) Mass in Polish (Msza sw) Mass in Malayalam |
| Sanctuary Lamp: Jacob Buley in Thanksgiving | | |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

Christmas Collection 2022:

Loose: £5,784.50 Christmas Envelopes: £576.00
Envelopes: £273.60. Total: £6,634.10

Collection New Year 2023

Loose: £2,455.51 Christmas Envelopes: £157.00
Envelopes: £237.52 Total: £2,850.03

Christmas Crib Appeal to date: £396.26

<https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=262>

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