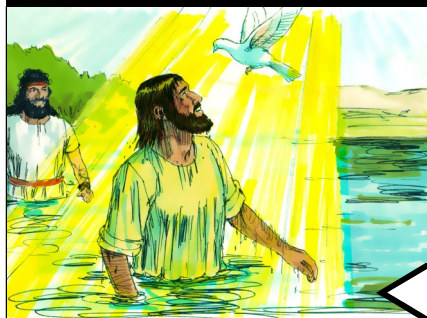


10th January 2021: The Baptism of the Lord (B)



YOU ARE MY SON, THE BELOVED

The Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus, the beloved Son of God, at his baptism in the River Jordan. The same Holy Spirit comes down on each one of us and helps us to live our lives so that we are faithful to our baptismal calling.

You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 09	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	Sr. Mary's Intention for the People of the Parish
Sun 10	✠ <i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B)</i>
09.30	Jerry Joyce RIP
11.00	Intention of the O'Driscoll and Murray families

ORDINARY TIME BEFORE LENT

Mon 11	
09.30	Patrick & Sheila O'Driscoll RIP
Tue 12	
09.30	Wellbeing of Aaron Francis
Wed 13	
10.00	Funeral Mass of Michael Bowden
Thu 14	
09.30	Intention of Kathleen & John Blunden and family
Fri 15	
09.30	Morris Huntley RIP
Sat 16	
09.30	People of the Parish
	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	Alice Marie-Stella RIP
Sun 17	✠ <i>SECOND SUNDAY</i>
09.30	The Wellbeing of the Chilaka family
11.00	Sheila & Patrick O'Driscoll RIP

Spiritual thought

He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

Jesus' baptism gives us a window into a powerful religious moment. Jesus knows his identity. The imprint of the Spirit has sealed his life. Lord remind me that I too bear your seal of approval. I am marked by your Spirit, called to participate in your mission as your beloved son or daughter.

John knows his identity and his place in the unfolding plan of God. He is the instrument who points people beyond himself towards Jesus. Who are the 'John the Baptist' figures in my own life.

Fr Regis

Fr Regis is away on his break until February.

We welcome Fr Felix Adiele, and Fr John Mudereri who will be celebrating Mass with us.

Parish Secretary

Please note that whilst we are within this current lockdown the parish secretary will only be available in the parish office on Friday mornings between 9am and 12 noon.

SECOND COLLECTION - This Week: SPUC White Flower Appeal

MASS COUNT LAST WEEK

Saturday: 18:30 (24), Sunday: 09.30 (36), 11.00 (77)

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

Gift Aid Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit www.olspn.church for details.

Tap to Donate Please use the Card Payment Machine in Church Foyer or donate via our website: www.olspn.church

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White Flower Appeal

This week's second collection will help fund the efforts of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Every year hundreds of churches across Britain take part in this appeal. SPUC supporters come from many backgrounds and walks of life. The success of the White Flower Appeal is founded on the compassion and generosity of faithful churchgoers in parishes across the UK. SPUC is grateful for the unapologetic defence of unborn babies and vulnerable people that the teaching of the Catholic Church provides.

If you would prefer to donate online please visit: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Donate>, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

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.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 55: 1-11

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Isaiah 12: 2-6

R. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

SECOND READING – 1 John 5: 1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping

his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth – so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Mark 1: 7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said: 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.