



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year A)

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD		
11 Sat Vigil	18.30	Gracie Webb – WB (<i>Hoey Family</i>)
12 Sun	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.00	Reginald Muzariri - WB
	18.00	

WEEKDAY MASSES

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

13 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Peggy McDonagh – RIP (<i>M. Tett</i>)
	11.00	Funeral – Paul Joseph - RIP
14 Tues <i>Feria</i> New Term School Mass	9.30	Dec'd Mems of the Punter Family (<i>M. Radford</i>)
	19.00	
15 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Mary Clifford (<i>D. Clifford</i>)
	19.00	
16 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Walter Sice (FM)
	9.30 12.00	Funeral – Una Midford - RIP
17 Fri <i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i>	7.00	
	9.30	Seamus Conmey (<i>S. Mills</i>)
18 Sat <i>Beginning of Octave of Prayer for the Unity of the Church</i> <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

18 Sat Vigil	18.30	John Morello – RIP 21 st Anni (<i>Mum & Dad</i>)
19 Sun <i>Peace Sunday</i>	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.00	Florence & Ethel Eales – RIP (FM)
	13.00 18.00	Baptisms – Josiah Dekyi & Amelia Fearon - Buchanan

OTHER SERVICES

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
St Anthony of Padua	Tuesday: after AM & PM Masses
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesday: after PM Mass
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Christmas season, celebrating the self-revelation of God through Jesus, comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Christmas is the feast of God's self-revelation to the Jews, and Epiphany celebrates God's self-revelation to the Gentiles. At his Baptism in the Jordan, Christ reveals himself to repentant sinners. The Baptism of the Lord Jesus is the great event celebrated by the Eastern Churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. It is also an event described by all four Gospels, and it marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord...

Life messages: The Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity and mission. First, it reminds us of who we are and Whose we are. By Baptism we become the adoptive sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. We become incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made sharers in the priesthood of Christ [CCC 1279]. Hence, "Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1213). Most of us dip the fingers of our right hand into the holy water font and bless ourselves when enter the Church. Why? This blessing is supposed to remind us of our Baptism. And so when we bless ourselves with Holy Water, we should be thinking of the fact that we are children of God; that we have been redeemed by the Cross of Christ; that we have been made a member of God's family and that we have been washed, forgiven, cleansed and purified by the Blood of the Lamb.

Jesus' Baptism reminds us of our mission: To experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honouring them, loving them and serving them in all humility.

To live as the children of God in thought, word and action so that our Heavenly Father may say to each one of us what He said to Jesus: "You are my beloved son/daughter with whom I am well pleased"

To lead a holy and transparent Christian life and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus' Body) by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy or hatred.

To accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness.

To grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by reading the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To be co-creators with God in building up the "Kingdom of God" on earth, a Kingdom of compassion, justice and love, and to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

This is the day for us to remember the graces we have received in Baptism and to renew our Baptismal promises: On the day of our Baptism, as Pope John Paul II explains, "We were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, the sign of Christ's gentle strength, to fight against evil. Blessed water was poured over us, an effective sign of interior purification through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We were then anointed with Chrism to show that we were thus consecrated in the image of Jesus, the Father's Anointed One. The candle lit from the Paschal Candle was a symbol of the light of Faith which our parents and godparents must have continually safeguarded and nourished with the life-giving grace of the Spirit." This is also a day for us to renew our Baptismal promises, consecrating ourselves to the Holy Trinity and "rejecting Satan and all his empty promises," which our profane world is constantly offering us through its mass-media of communication. Let us ask Our Lord today to make us faithful to our Baptismal promises. Let us thank Him for the privilege of being joined to His mission of preaching the "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.

www.vaticannews.va/en/news A Reflection by Fr. Antony Kadavil

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6
2ND READING	First Corinthians 1: 1-3
GOSPEL	John 1: 29-34

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died Janaki Jebamalai, Paul Joseph, Una Midford, Peggy McDonagh and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time; and all those who mourn the loss of loved ones. May they rest in peace. Amen



Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, Heather & George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Sharon Kelly, Irene Keane, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Michael Emmett, Frances Sullivan, Michael Pearson, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Angelica D'Agostino Jan Leightley, Elizabeth Saunders, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Ron Malone, and Rosemarie Butcher.

WEEKLY COLLECTION



LAST WEEKEND

Cash: £851.34

Gift-aid: £731.49

Total: £1,582.83

2nd Collection today – SPUC White Flower Appeal

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

INFANT BAPTISM



Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course.

Next course: 1 and 8 March 2020 at 10am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



1. **Next Children's Session:** Saturday, 25 January 2020 - 10.30-11.30am
2. **Next Parents' Session:** Monday, 3 February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020



Candidates Meeting: Tuesday 14 January at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall.

MORNING PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH 9.00AM – MONDAY TO FRIDAY



Please join us every morning at 9.00am, from Monday to Friday, to pray the Morning Prayer of the Church, from the Divine Office, during the daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction before Mass.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2020

The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual White Flower Appeal in our parish this weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers.

THE NEW VOTIVE LIGHT STANDS

1. Please **FOLLOW** the instructions posted beside the stands.
2. Kindly make use of the candles provided
3. Use the **lighters** provided to light the candles after placing them in the glass socket
4. **DO NOT** move the glassware for any reason.
5. **DO NOT** place any other candles or votive lights on them.

PARISH LIBRARY AND COFFEE MORNING

Sunday 19 January after 9am Mass. Refreshments offered by SVP

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals will come to the Parish on 26 January to collect any unwanted clothing and bedding (**no duvets or pillows please**).

Over the next few weeks please collect your unwanted clothes and put them into tied sacks. Then before 11.00am on **Sunday 26 January** bring them with you when you come to Mass. Not only will you be getting rid of un-wanted clothes/bedding and giving yourself a little more space, but you will also benefit a really worthwhile charity.

Mary's Meals feeds children one good meal every day at school in over 18 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £13.90 per child per year!

FORTHCOMING PARISH LENTEN PROJECT EVENT

Sri Lankan Evening

There will be a Sri Lankan evening in aid of the Parish Lenten Project on **Sat. 15 February 7.30-11.30pm**. The evening includes Sri Lankan food & entertainment. **Tickets:** Adult £10 each. £5.00 for children 7-12 years old. Contact Joe or Antoinette: 0208 399 6491 or 07956891504

SOLL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Are you sick, disabled, or frail and elderly and would like to offer your disabilities to Our Lady in a pilgrimage to Lourdes?

Are you a doctor, nurse, carer, or simply someone prepared to be a general helper? The Society of Our Lady of Lourdes (SOLL) invites you to join its annual Pilgrimage of the Sick. Other pilgrims, not seeking to be helpers, are also welcome.

Flights from Stansted to Lourdes: Friday 22 – Friday 29 May

Subsidies available for the sick and limited grants for helpers

There is also a more leisurely option by rail from St Pancras to Lourdes via Paris: Thursday 21 – Saturday 30 May.

Costs vary according to accommodation chosen.

Enquiries to the Society Office 020 8848 9833, enquiries@soll-lourdes.com or to Allan Cook 020 8399 4368. See also poster in narthex for information on the programme for the week.

CHURCH CLEANERS

More volunteers are needed to keep the church looking its best. If you feel you can help please contact macvick@gmail.com or 07958683304 for more information.

FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEER ROLE

Location: Finance Office, 59 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JE

Hours: Ideally 2 days per week for 6 months – can be flexible

This role will involve tasks such as organising the legacy gifts files, inputting data onto a CRM database, mail-merging thank you letters, general administration, scanning and filing, helping to organise events, printing and mailing materials, etc. The role brings opportunities for someone to get a good idea on how a fundraising department works and its various component parts. If you would like to apply please send your CV with a cover note explaining you are interested in this role to Sarah Wood, HR Manager, via email sarahwood@rcaos.org.uk

† PAUL JOSEPH - RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Joseph who died on 29 December. His funeral will take place on 13 January, 11.00am. Our heartfelt condolences to Stella and family.

† UNA MIDFORD - RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Una Midford who died on 5 January. Her funeral will take place on 16 January, 12.00pm. Our heartfelt condolences to her family.