



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B)**

10 JANUARY 2021

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**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

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**YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE  
 LIVESTREAMING AT <https://www.olionline.co.uk>**

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| 9 Sat<br><i>Vigil</i> | 18.30 | Anna Szymanska – WB ( <i>Maria</i> )      |
| 10 Sun                | 09.00 | Verna Hutchinson–RIP ( <i>Jankowski</i> ) |
|                       | 11.00 | Gisela Daum – RIP ( <i>Hatt Family</i> )  |
|                       | 18.00 | <i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish  |

**WEEKDAY OF THE YEAR (I)**

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:** Monday – Friday at 8.30am

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| 11 Mon<br><i>Feria</i>    | 9.30  | Private Intention ( <i>Mrs A Ireland</i> )   |
| 12 Tues<br><i>Feria</i>   | 9.30  | John Neal – BD ( <i>T Rutter</i> )           |
|                           | 19.00 | Holy Souls                                   |
| 13 Wed<br><i>Feria</i>    | 9.30  | Phillip, Alex & Family – WB ( <i>Maria</i> ) |
|                           | 19.00 |  |
| 14 Thurs<br><i>Feria</i>  | 7.00  |  |
|                           | 9.30  | Dan, Alex & Dinan Family – WB                |
| 15 Friday<br><i>Feria</i> | 7.00  |  |
|                           | 9.30  | Mary Clifford – RIP ( <i>D Clifford</i> )    |
| 16 Sat<br><i>Our Lady</i> | 9.00  | Walter Sice – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )              |

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

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| 16 Sat<br><i>Vigil</i>                                    | 18.30 | John Morello – RIP ( <i>Morello</i> )      |
| 17 Sun<br><i>Day of Prayer<br/>for Peace on<br/>Earth</i> | 9.00  | David Hull – RIP                           |
|   | 11.00 | Heather Trutwein – RIP ( <i>T Rutter</i> ) |
|   | 18.00 | <i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish   |

**OTHER SERVICES**

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| <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> | Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm                  |
| <b>St Anthony of Padua</b>         | <b>Tuesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses   |
| <b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>  | <b>Wednesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses |
| <b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>          | 1st Saturday of the month                          |

**LIVESTREAMING CONTINUES**

The dispensation from Sunday obligation granted by the Bishops at the onset of the lockdown is still in place till further notice. Livestreaming of all weekday and Sunday Masses will also continue so that those who may not yet consider it safe for them to attend Mass in person, especially over the weekend, can participate virtually.

**YOU ARE MY SON, THE BELOVED**

The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist at the Jordan River marked a turning point in the life and ministry of both Jesus and the Baptist. Beyond marking the end of John's mission of preparing the people of Israel for Jesus' coming, it ushered in the inauguration of Jesus' public ministry.

For the Baptist, it was clearly the climax of his mission as the precursor who came "as a witness to speak for the Light" (Jn 1:7-8). John the Baptist was always crystal clear about his own identity and mission, as a forerunner to "someone more powerful" than him, who "will baptise you with the Holy Spirit" (Mk 1:7-8). By eventually baptising Jesus, he understood his mission to be fully accomplished. That is why he said unequivocally, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn 3:30). Besides, the divine approval of Jesus at his baptism is also a divine endorsement of John's person and mission. It is, therefore, not surprising that the four evangelists situate their respective account of the baptism of Jesus within the context – indeed, as the apex – of his ministry at the Jordan River (Matt 3:1-12; Mk 1:1-8; Lk 3:1-20; Jn 1:19-28).

Based on the intimately connected twofold purpose of John's baptism (repentance and preparation of the people of Israel for the coming of the messiah), it is important to ask why Jesus was baptised since, as the Incarnate Word, he was without sin (see Hb 4:15) and, as the messiah, he was the one being awaited. The evangelist Mark provides an answer to this question in the Gospel by highlighting the mysterious experience of Jesus as soon as he was baptised: "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'" (Mk 1:10-11). His baptism was therefore, first and foremost, a moment of epiphany, of unveiling of the identity of Jesus as the *Beloved Son*, the God-man – and, by extension, the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Second, the endorsement by the Father together with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon him symbolises the empowerment of Jesus for his salvific mission. It is through this empowerment that he would overcome the test by the devil in the desert (see Matt 4:1-11), then "went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil" (Acts 10:38). Besides, Jesus' baptism has huge theological and pastoral significance for us as well. His baptism was not merely "fulfilling all righteousness" (Matt 3:15). It was also, as St Thomas Aquinas, explains, "so that he might sanctify the waters...wash away our stains, and ...demonstrate what it was necessary for us to do." In other words, it reveals a *new Baptism* (see *Mass Preface*) and its necessity for salvation (see Jn 3:5). It is through this *new Baptism* that we have received new birth as sons and daughters of God, configured to Christ in a special way and given a share in his priestly, prophetic and kingly identity and mission, made members of his Body, the Church, his holy people, with a mission to serve God who called us "out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Pe 2:9).

Celebrating the Baptism of the Lord, therefore, offers us a unique opportunity to remember and give thanks for the wondrous mystery of our baptism into Christ and his holy Church. It would be worthwhile if we could all find time and space today or this week to reflect a bit on the deep meaning of our own baptism, and the mission we received through it as missionary disciples of Christ today and always. © IAE

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

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| <b>1ST READING</b> | 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19          |
| <b>2ND READING</b> | 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20 |
| <b>GOSPEL</b>      | John 1:35-42                |

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| <b>PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE</b>   |   |
|   | <b>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died</b> , especially Heather Trutwein, Jimmy Costello, Verna Hutchinson, Fr. Mike Gwinnell and Canon Frank O'Sullivan, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.   |
|    | <b>Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community:</b> Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Sharon Kelly, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Elizabeth Saunders, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Ron Malone, Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Ann-Marie Deasy, Shirlene A., Ida Rebello, Kathleen & Chris McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, and Claire Pender.  |
| <b>WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</b>  |   |
|    | <i>Due to current social distancing measures at Mass, the weekly collection will be taken as you leave the church or in an envelope through the Presbytery door or through bank transfer. I am grateful to those of you who have started to make your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at <a href="http://olionline.co.uk">olionline.co.uk</a>), or by online banking: <b>RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.</b></i><br><b>IMPORTANT:</b> If you would normally have given by Gift Aid envelopes, please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. If you are not in the Gift Aid scheme, please include the letters NGA in the instruction to the bank.<br>Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook, email: <a href="mailto:tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk">tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk</a> or phone: 020 8399 4368<br><b>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</b> |
| <b>INFANT BAPTISM</b>  |   |
|    | Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course.<br><b>Next course:</b> TBA  |
| <b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>  |   |
|    | Please, watch this space for information for the next programme.  |
| <b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020</b>  |   |
|    | <b>Candidates Meeting:</b> Next date TBA  |
| <b>CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS</b>  |   |
| Who carries cash these days? Most retailers don't take it anymore! Yet for many, we come to Church and get "caught out" by the collection bags at the end of Mass. Great news! You will find contactless payment machines from this week in the narthex: select the amount you wish to give, tap your payment card on the reader, and the payment will come through to the parish. This will be available for use at any time the Church doors are open. Thank you for your generosity.  |   |
| <b>PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS</b>  |   |
| <b>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS</b>  |   |
| <b>Sunday (10/01):</b> 2pm – 3.30pm  |   |
| <b>Monday (11/01):</b> 5pm – 6pm   |   |
| <b>Tuesday (12/01):</b> 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm  |   |
| <b>Wednesday (13/01):</b> 10.30am – 1pm  |   |
| <b>Thursday (14/01):</b> 10.30am – 12pm  |   |
| <b>Friday (15/01):</b> 10.00am – 12pm  |   |
| <b>Saturday (16/01):</b> 9.30am – 10am ( <i>During Confessions</i> )   |   |
| <b>THANK YOU AND NEW YEAR WISHES</b>   |   |
| On behalf of Father Joseph and myself, I want to thank all parishioners and visitors to our parish during this holy season for your kind Christmas wishes and gifts.<br>Thank you for all your invaluable support and collaboration in the pastoral ministry of the parish and pastoral care of our people and community in 2020 especially during the deadly Covid-19 pandemic.<br>Finally, may I also use this opportunity to wish you all and your families and loved ones a happy, joyful, safe, successful and prosperous New Year – 2021.<br><span style="float: right;"><i>Fr. Ignatius</i></span>  |   |
| <b>COVID-19 ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING SUPPORT</b>   |   |
| With Volunteering Kingston: Please see the detail of this volunteer role which you may be interested in. <a href="#">Find out more about this opportunity and sign up now with Volunteering Kingston</a>   |   |
| <b>54TH WORLD DAY OF PEACE – 1 JANUARY 2021</b>  |   |
| In the wake of the current Covid-19 pandemic and its manifold impacts, both positive and negative and/or challenging, Pope Francis has emphasised in his message to mark the 54th World Day of Peace, "a culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time." Full text of "A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace" at <a href="http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20201208_messaggio-54giornatamondiale-pace2021.html">http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20201208_messaggio-54giornatamondiale-pace2021.html</a> |   |
| <b>DONATIONS TO FOODBANK</b>   |   |
| Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the <b>Old Chapel</b> (9am – 6pm). <b>Urgently Needed Food Items:</b> cereals, instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Thanks.  |   |
| <b>SUBSCRIBE TO THE TABLET</b>   |   |
| Only £30 for 12 issues and you will also receive a free Tablet 2021 calendar worth £9.99. For more details, email: <a href="mailto:ifarrar@thetablet.co.uk">ifarrar@thetablet.co.uk</a>  |   |
| <b>† Leslie Feast – RIP †</b>  |   |
| Former Headmaster of OLI Primary School from 1976 to 1988, who died peacefully in his sleep aged 94 years, at Kingston Hospital on Monday 21st December. Please remember him in your prayers.  |   |
| <b>† Verna Hutchinson – RIP</b>  |   |
| A devoted parishioner who died on Christmas Day, aged 87 years. <b>Funeral:</b> TBA. Please, remember her in your prayers.   |   |
| <b>† James (Jim) Thomas Costello – RIP †</b>   |   |
| A devoted parishioner who died peacefully on Sunday, 3 January, aged 72 years. <b>Funeral:</b> TBA. Please, remember him in your prayers.  |   |
| <b>† Heather Trutwein – RIP</b>  |   |
| Please, remember in your prayers Heather Trutwein of 177 Hamilton Avenue, a devoted parishioner who died on Tuesday, 12 January at Kingston Hospital, aged 81. <b>Funeral:</b> TBA. Our condolences to George (her husband) and family.  |   |