



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

09 JANUARY 2022

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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>**

08 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Mary & Francis Leonards (<i>Seamus & Irene</i>)
09 Sun	9.00	Richard Grodzik – RIP
	11.00	Dennis Peiris (<i>Dinak Peiris</i>)
	18.00	Holy Souls

WEEKDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME II

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

10 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Rosemary Okoro – RIP
	14.30	Requiem Mass: A Wiczorek – RIP
11 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Mary & P. Hosey – RIP
	19.00	Gerald More – WB (<i>F Amanpour</i>)
12 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Pat Single – RIP (<i>T Rutter</i>)
	19.00	Bernie – WB (<i>F Amanpour</i>)
13 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	John Griffin – RIP (<i>Joan & Family</i>)
	9.30	Bernie & Tommy Maguire
	11.00	Requiem Mass: R Devarajan – RIP
14 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Edward Tsui – RIP (<i>J Wong</i>)
	9.30	Jane Daly – RIP (<i>T Rutter</i>)
15 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Holy Souls (<i>J Fevri</i>)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

15 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Violet & Laurence Seager & Gwen & Kenneth Batty (<i>Sandra & Bev</i>)
16 Sun <i>Peace Sunday</i>	9.00	Fr Gerald Abuchi – BD (<i>D'Silva</i>)
	11.00	
	18.00	Walter Sice – RIP (<i>FM</i>)

OTHER SERVICES

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

SUNDAY OBLIGATION / LIVESTREAMING

The dispensation from Sunday obligation granted by the Bishops Conference has been restored.

The livestreaming of all our weekday and Sunday Masses will continue so that those who may not yet consider it safe for them to attend Mass in person, especially over the weekend, can continue to participate virtually.

REFLECTING ON OUR BAPTISMAL MISSION

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It marks the end of the Christmas time and the beginning of the Ordinary Time of the Year before Lent. That the three synoptic Gospels (see Mt 3:13-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:21-23), all narrate this event, underscores its significance for the first followers of Jesus and the early Church. It is notable that the three evangelists agree on the fact that Jesus was baptised by John at the Jordan, the descent of the spirit in form of a dove on him, and the witness by a voice from heaven to his identity as God's Beloved Son. Understandably, however, they also highlight different aspects of the episode.

Strikingly, Luke from whom we read this year and Mark do not contain the discussion between Jesus and John before John finally agreed to baptise him, "to fulfil all righteousness." Also, in both Luke and Mark, the voice from heaven that speaks after his baptism, is directed personally to Jesus ("You are my Beloved Son..."), and not to the people ("This is my Beloved Son ...") as in Matthew. Again, significantly, unlike Matthew and Mark, Luke situates the descent of the Spirit and the testimony of the Father outside the rite itself, namely, "while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer." Perhaps this is to emphasise the fact that the Holy Spirit could not be given as such through the baptism of John since it was mainly a rite of outward repentance, the main goal of which was to prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah, the One who, indeed, would baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. Notwithstanding, from the three evangelists, the baptism of Jesus was significant not only for Jesus, but also for John the Baptist and for the early Church.

For John the Baptist, the baptism of Jesus was a concrete endorsement of him and his ministry as his forerunner (see Mt 11:7-14; Lk 7:24-30). Being God-and-man, his baptism had implications for both his divinity and humanity. From the perspective of his divinity, it was another occasion for the manifestation of his glory as the Son of God, thanks to the witness of the Father and the Holy Spirit, and, by extension, a revelation of the three Divine Persons (the Holy Trinity). Regarding his humanity, as the evangelist Matthew in his account highlights through his dialogue with John, it shows his humility. Besides, it apparently launched him into his public ministry, equipping him as it were by virtue of the Spirit that descended upon him, to resist the devil's temptations and remain steadfast to the will of the Father (see Mt 4:1-11; Mk 1:12-13; Lk 4:1-13).

These two perspectives have huge implications for Christian baptism and for all who have been baptised into Christ. As proclaimed in the Preface of today's Mass, through his baptism, Jesus "revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism." As a result, through baptism believers are cleansed of both original sin and personal sins, configured to Christ who is Priest, Prophet, and King, adopted as God's beloved sons and daughters, and constituted into members of Christ's body, which is the Church. They are anointed with the Holy Spirit and deputed to the service of God. As Paul explains in the second reading (Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7), this is a gift of God's compassion, given freely to all by virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, and not from "any righteous actions we might have done ourselves."

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord today, we are reminded of our baptism and its significance for our life and mission as missionary disciples of Christ.

Reflect: What does being baptised mean for me, personally? What does it mean to be called an adopted child of God through baptism? Do I always remember and try to keep the promises I made (or that were made on my behalf) at my baptism? **Pray:** For the renewal of the grace of divine adoption and new life that you received at baptism. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Isaiah 62:1-5
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 12:4-11
GOSPEL	John 2:1-11

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Peggy Spicer, Toni Wieczorek, Roger Morton, Raj Devarajan, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. 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, George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, James & Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Shirlene A., Ida Rebello, Kathleen McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, Christine Howey, Hazel D'Aguiar, Mary O'Mara, Eileen Cullen, Monica Tett, Elizabeth Jones, and Ray Lewry.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £608.01

Gift-aid: £371.01 Total: **£925.02***

**Excluding standing orders & online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on the first weekend of every new month.*

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Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook: tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or 0208 8399 4368

INFANT BAPTISM

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

Next course: TBA

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



For those children who are currently in Years 9/10. Registration will be available in the New Year.

CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS

Contactless payment machines are available in the narthex whenever the Church doors are open:

Select the amount you wish to give, tap your payment card on the reader, and the payment will come through to the parish.

You can also Gift-Aid your donation directly on it.

Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

In response to some of the suggestions made during our synodal consultation in November, a Mass for young people will be celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass, starting 30 January.

Parents are passionately requested to encourage and support the young people of our parish to take active part in this initiative. If you would like to help to facilitate this programme, please contact Fr Ignatius through the parish office. Thank you.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS: 23 JANUARY 9AM

Forty-six young people of our parish will be making their First Holy Communion at the 9am Mass on Sunday, 24 January. Kindly keep them, their parents and family, and catechists in prayers in these final weeks of their preparations.

11AM MASS ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The Common of the Mass (Kyrie, Gloria, the Creed, etc.) will be led by the choir in Latin at the 11am Mass on the last Sunday of the month.

CRIB OFFERING

Our parish Crib Offering this year will go to support the Catholic Children's Society's (CCS) Southwark Crisis Fund, which provides help for local families who are facing real hardship and have nowhere else to run to. You can donate at the Crib or via the CCS website www.cathchild.org.uk/crib.

2022 DIRECTORY & ORDO

2022 Diocesan Directory and Liturgical Ordo is available in the Repository / Parish Office at £4 each. Few copies left.

4TH TOLWORTH AIR SCOUTS – AUTUMN TERM 2021

We were delighted to be able to fully return to Our Lady Immaculate Parish Hall in September, with enhanced Covid precautions in place. We have welcomed 12 Beavers and 18 Cubs to our Wednesday evening meetings, and the Scouting Section is held on Thursday.

The young people have enjoyed learning new scouting skills, working together as a team to solve problems, participate in games and gain Achievement Badges.

We are now on a well-deserved Christmas Break and the new term will begin on WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY.

If you are aged 6-14 years old and would like to join our Parish Group, contact Mrs Pat Askey at pataskey@outlook.com or 077952962930, for more information.

We also welcome adult helpers to assist our young people. Please contact us for an informal chat.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Kingston foodbank at present is particularly short of rice, instant mash, fruit squash, household cleaning items, bleach, washing tablets etc., razors, shaving cream, shower gel and toothbrushes. Thank you for your generosity.

† TONI WIECZOREK – RIP

Kindly pray for Toni Wieczorek who passed on suddenly at home on 4 December, Aged 76 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Angela, and the family.

Requiem Mass: Monday, 10 January at 2.30pm.

Committal: Kingston Crematorium at 3.40pm.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

† ROGER MORTON – RIP

Kindly remember Roger Morton who passed on peacefully on Wednesday, 22 December at Princess Alice Hospice. He was a long-standing member of the parish. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Rosemary, and the family.

Requiem Mass: Friday, 21 January, at 11am. May he rest in peace. Amen.