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## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



### *Beloved Son, Humble Servant, Courageous Prophet*

The Holy Spirit hovered over the waters before ... at the dawn of creation; after the Flood to make a New Creation; blew like a mighty wind across the Sea of Reeds to make a highway of Freedom and Salvation for the Hebrew slaves; over the Jordan river in flood to make a path to the Land of Promise; over the Virgin to create a New Humanity in Jesus, Word made of her flesh.

And now the Spirit hovers again, that this brother of ours, Jesus, might know as no-one has ever known that He is the Beloved Son of God. Being so loved he could abandon Himself to the Father's Will as Servant of the Kingdom, servant even unto a slave's death on the Cross, a servant of healing for the broken. Being so loved He could let the Word He carried, the Word He is so consume him that every fibre of His being is proclamation of a New Creation, of a New Humanity being born among - for He is courageous Prophet of Justice, of Liberation of New Beginning for all creation!

**SUNDAY:** PARISH MASS with Baptism at 10.00am (live-streamed: [Parish Website](http://www.tolentino.org.uk))

*ORDINARY TIME - SUNDAYS YEAR B - WEEKDAY CYCLE ONE*

**MONDAY:** Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

**TUESDAY:** *Feast of St Aelred of Rivaulx, Abbot (1110—1167)*  
Prayer and Reflection at 11.30am (live-streamed on Face Book)  
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

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**WEDNESDAY:** *Adoration* at 5.45-6.20pm    **Mass at 6.30pm (live-steamed: Parish Website)**

**THURSDAY:**    *Prayer and Reflection* at 11.30am (*live-streamed on Face Book*)  
*Adoration* at 6.00pm    **Mass at 6.30pm**

**FRIDAY:**    *Adoration* at 6.00pm    **Requiem Mass for Samuel Orock RIP at 6.30pm**  
**(live-steamed: Parish Website)**

**SATURDAY:** *Adoration* at 11.00am    **Mass at 12.00 noon**  
*Evening Prayer & Adoration* at 6.00pm (*live-streamed - Parish Face Book*)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass & 4.30-5.00pm**

**TODAY**    [1] The Christmas Season draws to a close with the celebration of **The Baptism of the Lord** - the emergence of Jesus from his hidden life of growing, maturing, working as a labourer with Joseph - a life of listening and share the lives, hopes, agonies of the poor and dispossessed of our world. And now, summoned by the Father, He brings Himself as an offering of Service to our world, to discover He is the Beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased - filled with the Holy Spirit - ready to be the Saviour-Servant to all.

[2]    We have the joy of **celebrating Baptism** on this Feast of all our baptisms!

**NEXT SUNDAY**    [1]    On the **Second Sunday of the Year** we celebrate Jesus who calls disciples - first Andrew then Peter - but down through the centuries to you and I. He invites you and I to 'come and see' what difference His love makes in our lives, liberating us to serve and for joy. Like Andrew, let us 'stay with Him' everyday of our lives - and like Andrew let us bring our sisters and brothers to the Lord to find new Life!

[2]    This is **Peace Sunday** when the Catholic Church in UK prays especially for the peace of our world. There is so much violence, terror attacks, civil conflicts around the world, some of which are motivated by diminishing resources (water, fertile land etc) caused by Global Warming. The 10am Mass will be a Mass for Peace. ***There will be a retiring collection for Pax Christi - the Church's International Peace organisation.***

[3]    We have **Mass with our LBGTQ+ community and friends** at 3.00pm (Live-streamed on Parish Website)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**    A New Year is a time for reflection upon the past, and commitment to the future. Our Faith is a faith in the future - the future God and ourselves will forge together for our own lives and for the world. Our Faith is a faith in God's New Beginnings, who always redeems and heals the mistakes and tragedies of the past and launches us confidently upon the paths of the future. Our Faith is faith in a God who walks with us through dark threatening valleys and light-filled joyous mountain tops - and helps us see the creativity and beauty of both! I wish you every blessing this new Year - let us together make it a Year of Mission, a Year of Contemplation, a Year of Friendship with our Emmanuel, our God who walks always at our side in our hearts. .

**CHURCHES OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP DURING THIS LOCKDOWN**

Gratefully we can continue to come to Mass during this current National Lockdown: **BUT** we must observe the necessary restrictions: People are to attend Mass only in their household or support bubble groups and **must not socialise/interact with people from outside of their household/support bubble inside or outside of the church.** Please note that by current Covid Laws passed by Parliament, a 'bubble' is one household and one other individual (either to support or who is supporting with childcare etc). If we do not observe these rules then we can be closed down for public worship! Your Priest can be fined up to £15,000!

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**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of St John's, and St Mary's, Bath, and Good Shepherd, Batheaston by Rev Christopher Whitehead, Mgr Canon Jeremy Rigden, Deacon Richard Hayward (retired) Parish Administrators Janet Flinn and Charlotte Boyall and all their communities.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week, pray God's Blessing and Guidance in the Holy Spirit for the **work of our Hospitality Teams** who in normal times welcome people to the church and provide refreshments after Mass. In these strange times, we have our **Stewards, ensuring compliance with necessary Covid Restrictions**. We are always in need of more reliable volunteers to the normal Hospitality Teams - but these days we need more volunteers to act as stewards - if you can volunteer than please contact Robert in the Parish Office.

**WORD OF GOD FOR FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Sunday</b>	Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 / Psalm 28 / Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-38 / Mark 1: 7-11
<b>Monday</b>	Hebrews 1: 1-6 / Psalm 96 / Mark 1: 14-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	Hebrews 2: 5-12 / Psalm 8 / Mark 1: 21-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	Hebrews 2: 14-18 / Psalm 104 / Mark 1: 29-39
<b>Thursday</b>	Hebrews 3: 7-14 / Ps 94 / Mark 1: 40-45
<b>Friday</b>	Hebrews 4: 1-5, 11 / Psalm 77 / Mark 2: 1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	Hebrews 4: 12-16 / Psalm 18 / Mark 2: 13-17

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK**

Env £90.00 + Loose £85.00 + PayPal £ ?? + S/O £111.05 = TOTAL: £286.05 thanks!

**Food Bank donation £30.00 CAFOD £20.00 - many thanks!**

Thank you to all who were able to give your Christmas Offering, contributing to Fr Richard's 'stipend' - with no special envelopes, please place your gift in envelope 'Christmas Offering' *I wish also to thank all who give great and small amounts to the work and mission of the parish. Every gift and every giver is equally valued and these gifts are used to serve the growth of the Kingdom of God. Thank you!*

**Our Caritas Fund is supporting so many people as those unemployed are increasing. Special thanks to all who contributed to giving Christmas Vouchers to the poorest families through our Food Bank - St Patrick's and the Anglican St Nicks helped greatly - we gave £3600 worth of vouchers over Christmas and New Year!**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

10th Jan	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - Baptismal Sunday</b>
17th Jan	Mass with LGBTQ community at 3.00pm - all welcome
19th Jan	Parish Finance Committee at 7.00pm (on Zoom)
21st Jan	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.00pm (on Zoom)
27th Jan	Diocesan Safeguarding meeting (on Teams)
28th Jan	Borderlands Trustees Meeting (on Zoom)
2nd Feb	<b>Feast of Candlemas (Presentation of the Lord in the Temple)</b>
3rd Feb	Anti-Slavery Partnership meeting (on Teams)
14th Feb	<b>Baptismal Sunday</b>
17th Feb	<b>ASH-WEDNESDAY - LENT BEGINS</b>
21st Feb	Mass with LGBTQ community at 3.00pm - all welcome

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN HOSPITAL:** Can I remind everyone that when a Catholic goes into hospital, **the patient or their family MUST request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain** - data protection and confidentiality rules in hospitals prohibit the passing on of information to chaplaincies otherwise. The Chaplain will not know of your presence in hospital and cannot visit a patient without the patient's prior request and permission.

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**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION FOR PARENTS** I am so glad we are able to celebrate Baptism once more. All those parents whose children we were not able to baptise this year, please come forward now and contact Eustace Tameh to join the preparation sessions on:

**Friday 8th Jan 2021 at 6.00pm (via Zoom) - Session TWO**

These sessions are for those parents wishing to celebrate their child's baptism on either:

**Next Baptismal Sundays: 14th February at 10am Mass and Easter Masses April 4th**

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES - CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** [1] **First Eucharist and First Reconciliation Programmes:** In the light of the current Lockdown and the dangers associated with this New Variant Covid 19, it has been decided to postpone Preparation until we can safely gather the children together around the table in the Assisi Centre which hopefully might be after half-term (mid to late February). It will be too difficult to commence the programme on Zoom. If the restrictions still prohibit meeting together after that February we will reconsider this decision.

[2] **Young Peoples Journey of Faith (16-19+), preparing for Baptism and/or Confirmation:** we will begin this programme on Zoom on Friday 15th January at 5.00pm. I will need an email address in order to send the Zoom 'invitation' to the meeting.

[3] **Confirmation Programme for young people 13-15+** This would need to be a separate group and at the moment we have only 2 youngsters of that age. Unless significantly more young people of this age apply, we will not commence the Programme until late 2021/early 2022. To apply, please see Richard or Mary.

**GLOBAL HEALING - a national faith response to Pope Francis Letter 'Laudato Si'** Being launched on 'Creation Day' (1st September), resources will be released by our Bishops to encourage us to reflect upon the urgency of changing direction and life-style in order to heal our planet of the damage we have done through the careless exploitation of our environment. How do we live in communion with creation? Watch this space for opportunities to discuss together what we can do as individuals and as a parish to contribute to 'Global Healing'.

**POPE FRANCIS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS** Pope Francis stated the following last November: *'Now is the time to affirm not only the immorality of the use of nuclear weapons, but the immorality of their possession... genuinely concerned by the catastrophic humanitarian effects of any employment of nuclear devices and the risk of accidental detonation as a result of any kind of error, the threat of their use, as well as their very possession, is to be firmly condemned. They exist in the service of a mentality of fear.'*

**EMERGENCY CARE ASSISTANT WITH THE AMBULANCE SERVICE - VACANCIES**

*Members of the congregation who are caring, calm under pressure, like variety and enjoy working with people, should consider working as an Emergency Care Assistant for South Western Ambulance Service. Working in the ambulance service is a job like no other. You will be attending cases of accident and sudden illness as well as mental health and social needs, no shift is ever the same. You will be trained to drive on blue lights and to assist the paramedic delivering high quality clinical care. You will be part of a great team of caring professionals. Salary is NHS band 3; £19,737 plus unsocial hours making it around 23-26K per year. After 2 years ECA's can apply to train as paramedics completing after 3 years on NHS band 6. Entry requirements are 4 GCSE's A-C or a functional skills certificate, and a full driving licence including category C1. Previous experience in a clinical or caring role is desirable but not essential. To know more google ambulance eca. They are seeking to recruit people of more ethnic diversity (BAME) into the service. For more info contact Richard who can put you in touch with the husband of a parishioner who works in the service.*

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