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Sunday, 9th January 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR C

Mass Intention: John Beattie RIP

Entrance Hymn: 172

Offertory Hymn: 161

Communion Hymn: 171

Recessional Hymn: 870

Kyrie: 480

Gloria: 481

Sanctus: 482

Acclamation: 484

Great Amen: Plainchant

Agnus Dei: 487

The obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation has been reinstated. Pastoral consideration for the vulnerable and those isolating is imperative and appropriate dispensations remain in place for them.

WELCOME EVERYONE

Please observe sensible precautions when entering and leaving the Cathedral by sanitising your hands, as well as leaving at least one seat between yourself and your household and another person or household. **Face coverings are mandatory (unless exempt) for services, but not when consuming refreshments afterwards.**

For our celebration today you will require a Mass Sheet, a hymn book and a copy of any Mass Settings that we are using, all of which are available from the Welcome Team.

The children will go to their liturgy with the Catechetical Team following the introduction to the Mass and return at the offertory. After Mass refreshments are served at the back of the Cathedral.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Welcome Team: Mrs E Gillham; Mrs L Okne

Readers: Mr C Endean; Mrs C Pritchard

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs P Ryan

THIS WEEK

The Cathedral is open every working day from **1000hrs - 1600hrs**

Mon 10th Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year II*

Tue 11th Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year II*

Wed 12th Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year II*

1145hrs – Midday Prayer: Psalter Week I

1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

Hedda Ward RIP

Thu 13th Jan: *St Hilary, bishop, doctor*

Fri 14th Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year II*

1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, together with all teachers and students returning to education at this time in your personal intercessions.

PONDERING EVENTS

The text of Cardinal Vincent Nichols' Reflections for New Year's Eve 2021 is available on the noticeboard and Bishopric website.

UNCOVERING HISTORY

Dr Michael Carter, Senior Properties Historian with English Heritage, will speak at St Mary's Church, Hampstead this afternoon Sunday, 9th January from 1600hrs – 1700hrs on the Dissolution of the Monasteries. The lecture will also be livestreamed at: www.churchservices.tv/hampstead

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details - ID: 813 4829 4939

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81348294939?pwd=ROJyMVFuMUF0dWVs2eDU5NmNWwCtndz09> Passcode: 285881

Wednesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details – ID: 858 8017 2040

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85880172040?pwd=TmthS28ydEVGU2FxUDQxMk40R2JBOT09> Passcode: 143598

TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

The Baptism of the Lord marks liturgically the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of his public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that it is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of his first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist. The manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father.

ENVIRONMENTAL REFLECTIONS

A new report by Christian Aid: '*Counting the cost 2021: a year of climate breakdown*' identifies fifteen of the most destructive climate disasters of the year. The full text of the report is available at: www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/our-work/counting-cost-2021-year-climate-breakdown

SACRAMENTAL INSTRUCTION

Our First Holy Communion classes will begin shortly, but there is still time to register. Please see one of the Children's Liturgy Team after Mass today. The parent/guardian meeting which begins the programme will take place on Tuesday, 25th January at 1900hrs in the coffee area of the Cathedral, and the first teaching session will be the next day Wednesday, 26th January at 1600hrs.

PROTECTING LIFE

Over the course of next weekend SPUC will be holding its annual White Flower Appeal. There will be a Special Collection next Sunday, 9th January for the appeal which will assist the Society to continue its work in upholding the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Further details may be found at the back of church and via: www.spuc.org.uk/whiteflower

AND FINALLY ...

... sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up.

With every blessing
Fr Nick