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*Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025*

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR C**

*1100hrs Mass Intention: The People of God*

*Preface: Baptism of the Lord Eucharistic Prayer III*

**Entrance Hymn: 94**

**Offertory Hymn: 161 Kyrie: New People's Mass Acclamation: New People's Mass (B)**

**Communion Hymn: 171 Gloria: New People's Mass Great Amen: New People's Mass**

**Recessional Hymn: 172 Sanctus: New People's Mass Agnus Dei: New People's Mass**

**WELCOME EVERYONE**

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.

Children over four years old are invited to go to their liturgy with the Catechetical Team following the introduction to the Mass and return at the offertory. Activity bags, containing appropriate books and other materials, hanging on the chairs at the back of church may be borrowed to keep children engaged during Mass. Please replace them after use and before leaving the building. After Mass refreshments are served at the back of church.

*Welcome Team:* Mrs P Ward; Mrs P Rossiter  
*Readers:* Mr C Endean; Mrs P Powell  
*Extraordinary Ministers:* Mrs N Francis-Crerar; Mrs P Ward  
*Children's Liturgy Lead:* Mrs R Nash

**THIS WEEK**

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

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Jan: *St Hilary, bishop, doctor*  
 1200hrs – Funeral Mass (Zoom available)  
***Teresa Thompson RIP***

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year 1*

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year 1*  
 1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week I)  
 1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)  
***Maj Gen Aidan Smyth RIP***

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year 1*

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year 1*  
 1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 1545hrs – Holy Communion outside of Mass

**NEXT SUNDAY**

*Welcome Team:* Mrs M Casey; Mrs E Gillham  
*Readers:* Mrs S Cole; Col P Rossiter  
*Extraordinary Ministers:* Mrs P Powell;  
*Children's Liturgy Lead:* Mrs Y Spreadborough

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff, together with all involved in supporting those affected by war and want, in your personal intercessions.

**CELEBRATING FAITH**

We welcome the family and friends of Luna Betty Herrington as she becomes the newest members of the Church by receiving the sacrament of baptism today after Mass.

**LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES**

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 882 3933 5646

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88239335646?pwd=cL2tSFfYs1moBTtIGqrTKH1cHB8F2L1> Passcode: 506890

Monday's Funeral Mass Zoom details – ID: 862 2713 9565

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86227139565?pwd=8H0j09IjJam70CbmbbvyCdNc3EP9y7.1> Passcode: 976729

Wednesday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 895 5822 7057

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89558227057?pwd=RM4otv6bngEYPk2laYLaDZ8MXfVA69.1> Passcode: 658127

**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.

**PAPAL COMMUNICATION**

The text of the Holy Father's Prayer Video for January 2025 is available on the noticeboard and Bishopric website. The film itself may be viewed at: [www.thepopevideo.org/category/videos-2025/](http://www.thepopevideo.org/category/videos-2025/)

**IMAGO DEI**

Over the course of next weekend SPUC will be holding its annual White Flower Appeal. There will be a Special Collection next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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: [www.spuc.org.uk/whiteflower](http://www.spuc.org.uk/whiteflower)

**SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY**

A compulsory training session for all current and prospective Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place in the Cathedral beginning at 1100hrs on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> January. Please complete your details on the form at the back of church if you are able to attend and plan on doing so.

**AND FINALLY ...**

... it's said that people generally fall into three categories: those who learn by reading, those who learn by observation and those who have to touch the electric fence for themselves to make sure.

*With every blessing*  
**Fr Nick**