

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR C, 8TH & 9TH JANUARY 2022

### DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

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#### The Cycle of Prayer

Ordinary Time (Winter)

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; the Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed.**

### SUNDAY REFLECTION

When the Holy Spirit descends on our Lord after his Baptism, the Trinity is celebrated. God the Father proclaims the Sonship of our Lord, followed by the Spirit, which comes to him in the form of a dove. The outcome is that Jesus accepts and it becomes the start of his ministry. Our job is to live out the promises made at our own baptism. We accept the gift of the Holy Spirit in the knowledge that the spirit is within, enabling us to witness to the world. It is the strength and power of the Holy Spirit which is at the heart of our Christian life. Every day we need make our Baptism a living reality in our lives so that it becomes a part of us. **Deacon Terry**

### TOWARDS A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION – PARTICIPATION – MISSION

In his October pastoral letter, Bishop Robert announced our part as a Diocese in the Synod called by Pope Francis. The core questions Pope Francis asks are: 'How do we journey together as a local church?', and 'What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together"?' These are good questions to reflect on as we emerge as the Church from the Pandemic. For guidance, we are offered questions framed within the account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We need time to prayerfully reflect on them. A gathering for reflection for parishioners from the Partnership's parishes will take place on Saturday, 29 January 2022. More details will follow, but that date is not the end of the process.

To help us reflect as a parish, there will be a fortnightly series of Zoom meetings at 7.00pm on Tuesday evenings for an hour to focus on the questions. The dates are: **January 11th, Questions 1 & 6.** Who are our 'Journeying Companions' as individuals and as community or society? **January 25th, Questions 2 & 7.** How can we truly make ourselves present to listen to one another, within our own Church and in conversation with other Christian traditions? **February 8th, Questions 3 & 8.** How can we speak out and collaborate in responsibility in our Church and in our community?

**February 22nd, Questions 4 & 9.** What fruits do our prayer and worship produce? How does this affect us as citizens?

**March 8th, Questions 5 & 10.** How can we become more effective as individuals and as Church in journeying together and passing on the faith?

The link to the zoom meeting is

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89990593963?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89990593963?pwd=SFRuK2xsd3VGQ2VBbUNpMTh4RnhRZz09)

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Meeting ID: 899 9059 3963

Passcode: 901900

### DIOCESAN YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST & SYNOD

Resources and points for reflection on the Year of the Eucharist and the Synod are available on the new diocesan website: <https://diocesahn.org.uk>.

### WEEKEND MASSES

Parishioners are still required to book places for weekend Masses. Please phone **07340 169249** on Thursdays only, 10.00am - 12.00 Noon or 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

### FOOD BANK

Food Bank are very grateful for all of the help, support and donations we receive every week. This week the need is for long life milk, sweet snacks, soup and toilet rolls please. Many thanks.

### DIOCESAN COVID CONTROLS – BISHOP ROBERT BYRNE

Bishop Byrne has issued the following statement. *As people begin returning to more regular patterns of parish life, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement about the importance of honouring Sunday. To facilitate this return to church I have taken both clergy and lay advice and offer some simple clarifications of our Diocesan COVID controls. These may allow our church capacities to increase, whilst still protecting the health of our clergy and congregations.*

**Hand Sanitiser:** use of hand sanitiser on entering and leaving church should continue.

**Face coverings:** all in church are recommended to wear a face covering unless they are exempt. Priests in the sanctuary, providing they are sufficiently distant (2m or more) from the congregation, do not need to wear a face covering except when distributing Holy Communion.

**Social Distancing and Capacity of Churches:** it is now possible for each row of pews to be used providing there is at a minimum 1M spacing between households in the same pew.



MASSES & OTHER SERVICES	
DAY & DATE	CHURCH
Saturday 8th January	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 9th January <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Joan Campbell (DC)
Monday 10th January	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 11th January	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Michael Wilson
Wednesday 12th January <b>ST BENET BISCOP</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Hilda Valentine (TM)
Thursday 13th January	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 9.30am Terence Donachy (LD)
Friday 14th January	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 9.30am Mary Joseph (SR)
Saturday 15th January	<b>IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH</b> 6pm People of the Parish
Sunday 16th January <b>2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S CHURCH</b> 10.00am Malcolm Louvre (LL)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Sunday 16th January 11.30am (Father Andrew)	Daisy Heppell

**Please remember in your prayers:**

Layton Jay Newton, David Johnson, Ann Stroud, Eileen Scott and Win Foley who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for those who have died recently, especially Albert Whiting, Mary Dalby and Florence Lipinski. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**G**lory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**I** believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible  
and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten  
Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true  
God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the  
Father; through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down  
from heaven,  
**(At these words, all bow)**  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on  
the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS**

**North Tyneside General Hospital & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Cramlington:** Contact Deacon Stephen Boulter on 07768 387393.

**RVI, Freeman and Walkergate Hospitals:** Contact Fr Arockia Mariadass Pagyasamy OCD, at English Martyrs, Newcastle on 0191 2733903. **Newcastle General Hospital:** Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465.

**PRIESTS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Mgr Andrew Faley 0191 2528021, Canon Martin Stempczyk 0191 2513770, Fr Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, Fr David Smith 0191 2623882. Deacon Terry McGann - contact via the Parish Office: 0191 2527066.

**READINGS AT MASS**  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR C, 8TH & 9TH JANUARY 2022**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11**

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30**

*We say the Psalm together*

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| 1. Lord God, how great you are,<br>clothed in majesty and glory,<br>wrapped in light as in a robe!<br>You stretch out the heavens like a tent.   | 2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.<br>You make the clouds your chariot,<br>you walk on the wings of the wind,<br>you make the winds your messengers<br>and flashing fire your servant. |
| 3. How many are your works, O Lord!<br>In wisdom you have made them all.<br>The earth is full of your riches.<br>There is the sea, vast and wide,<br>with its moving swarms past counting,<br>living things great and small. | 4. All of these look to you<br>to give them their food in due season.<br>You give it, they gather it up:<br>you open your hand, they have their fill.   |
| 5. You hide your face, they are dismayed;<br>you take back your spirit, they die.<br>You send forth your spirit, they are created;<br>and you renew the face of the earth.   |   |

**Second Reading**

**Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7**

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to *set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own* and would have no ambition except to do good. But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Luke 3:15-16,21-22**

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**