

NEWS AND VIEWS

Diocesan Guidelines On Covid (Latest): With respect to the current situation with the omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
 - That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
 - That there is a strong recommendation for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship.
 - That there is good ventilation and air throughout in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
 - That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS. There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of transmission is through breath and nasal aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient.

If these guidance points are supported, then the churches will continue to be safe places for people to gather for acts of public worship, including over the Christmas period.

Calling On All Young-Adult Catholics If you are between the ages of 18-45, join us at 7:00 pm in the St Gabriel's meeting room. Every Tuesday, from 11 January, there will be the chance to meet other young Catholics, pray together and grow in our faith. There will be refreshments available. If you would like to know more, contact John and Alessandra Knight on john.knight@rcm.ac.uk or on 07512781274.

First Holy Communion 2021/2022 diary dates: Jan. 9th at 10.15am. Please enter through the parish car park.

100 Club statistics for 2021: Donations to Parish funds: £3994.70, (after deductions for postage). Prize money £4004. Thank you for your continued, valuable support. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Christian Stewardship: (19th December 2021)

Envelopes: £278 **Loose:** £300.38. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

January Diary

Sun 9th 10:15am: First Holy Communion candidates meeting in the Meeting Room
Tues 11th 7pm in the Meeting Room: Young Adult Catholics meeting.

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JESUS	JORDAN	JOHN
BAPTISM	FITTING	DEMANDS
WATER	HEAVENS	SPIRIT
DOVE	VOICE	SON



We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



Doug was leaving church after Christmas services when Father McCarthy took him aside. "Douglas, my son," he said, "it's time you joined the Army of the Lord. We need to see you every Sunday." "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Father," Doug replied. "Then why do we only see you on Christmas and Easter?" Doug looked to the right and to the left, and then leaned over to whisper in Father McCarthy's ear. "I'm in the Secret Service."



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9th January 2022



We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

It is already the third Sunday after Christmas. Today the Church celebrates the great feast of the Baptism of the Lord which marks the end of the season of Christmas and signals the beginning of Jesus' public life. Thus, the ordinary time of the Church's liturgical year before the season of Lent begins this Monday. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the third manifestation of the new born Messiah and Light of the world before his public ministry. The first and second were the visits of the shepherds on Christmas night and of the Magi or the three wise men on the feast of Epiphany, both, to the Holy Family at the manger. On the feast of the Baptism of the Lord we recall the manifestation to the religious, professionals and experts thirty years later. After the celebration of Christmas, we come to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, which began with the baptism of John, as expressed by St. Paul in the second reading. The first reading described the call and the mission of the "Servant of God." The Gospel tells us that the faithful "Servant," beloved of the Father, is Jesus. The Word of God today invites us to look at Christ to discover the Father. He is about to begin a journey that will take him to his death and resurrection. We are invited to follow him.

Mass Intentions

9th - 15th January 2022

Sat 8th Vigil Mass: Mullee family, Brady family, Paul Brosnan (RIP), Mullee family (INT)

Sun 9th 9:00am: Mary & Andy Brady, Karen Brennan, Alan Mullee (RIP), Paulette Guérin (ANN), Oliver Mullee & family, Pauline Mullee, Damien Mullee, Joseph & family, Christie Brady & family, Aherne family, Felicity Harrison, Beryl Tamsett, Carol Belsten, Essien-Oku family (thanksgiving), Amy & Patricia Essien-Oku (INT)

11:30am: Alan Mullee (RIP), Theresa, PJ & family, Eddie & Marian Gallagher, Sarah Chryel, Bernie & family, Teresa Reilly (INT)

6:30pm: Erlene Prescott, Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family, Eyo & Theresa (INT)

Mon 10th 12 noon: Caroline Early, Deborah Mee Chong, Una McNamara (RIP), Alan & Felicity Harrison, Erlene Prescott, Julia Ruica (birthday) (INT)

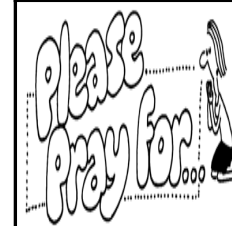
Tue 11th 12 noon: Inyang Nyong Inyang (RIP), John & Lucie Thompson, Special intentions (INT)

Wed 12th St Aelred of Rievaulx 12 noon: Chris Parker, Tom Mehmet (RIP), Merlyn Munro (ANN), Kelly Humphreys, Private Intentions (INT)

Thur 13th St Hilary 12 noon: People of the parish (INT)

Fri 14th 12 noon: Ernest Bennetts (ANN), Nsikan Udoh (INT)

Sat 15th 12 noon: Spiritans Archway & Marist Sisters Archway (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Cornelia Henshaw, Rebecca Ononogbo, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Maria Cecile Perine, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Fr Kevin, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Fr. Aodh, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Debbie Whitehead, Emo Paddy Essang

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat 11am, 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am

Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays (New time) 12noon Legion of Mary: First Wed. 6.30pm Monday

Prayer Group: 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm

Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, whom I am well pleased.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty, ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and Holy Spirit, may always be pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 103)

**R. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are!**

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servant. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

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. 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.

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. 21-21

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.’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified

that this is the Son of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm
Sun. 9.00am
Sun. 11.30am
Sun. 6.30pm

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Ann Waldron
Mark Renner
Tracey Mullett

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Bernie Shevlin/Jeanette Fayers
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh
Joseph Ogbonna

The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory 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, the almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, the 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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,

the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell;

on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Catholic Church,

the communion of Saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen.

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- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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