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Sunday, 8th January 2023

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR A

1100hrs Mass Intention: John Joseph Tynan RIP

Entrance Hymn: 102

Offertory Hymn: 512

Communion Hymn: 161

Recessional Hymn: 172

Kyrie: 480

Gloria: 481

Sanctus: 482

Acclamation: 483

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

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. 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. After Mass refreshments are served at the back of church.

MINISTRIES TODAY

Welcome Team:

Mr T Booth; Mrs L Orme

Readers:

Mr C Endean; Mrs O Beattie

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs Y Spreadborough

THIS WEEK

The Cathedral will open each weekday from **1000hrs to 1600hrs**

Mon 9th Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year I*

Tue 10th Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year I*

Wed 11th Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year I*
1145hrs – Midday Prayer (Psalter Week I)
1200hrs – Holy Mass (Zoom available)

John Beattie RIP

Thu 12th Jan: *St Aelred of Rievaulx, religious*

Fri 13th Jan: *St Hilary, bishop, doctor*
1400hrs – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
1545hrs – Holy Communion Outside of Mass

NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Team: Mrs P Ward; Mrs P Rossiter

Readers: Mrs B Brunning; Mrs C Pritchard

Children's Liturgy Lead: Mrs R Nash

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, especially those on operations at home and abroad during this festive season, together with their families, in your personal intercessions.

SACRAMENTAL INSTRUCTION

Our First Holy Communion classes will commence shortly, with registration closing today. Completed forms should be handed to one of the Children's Liturgy Team. The parent/guardian meeting which begins the programme will be on Tuesday, 17th January at 1900hrs and the first teaching session will be the following day on Wednesday, 18th January at 1600hrs.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom details – ID: 889 0906 1167

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88909061167?pwd=UURhcGJWWUFjNVdvdkp6eGJaL3Q0dz09> Passcode: 252131

Wednesday's Mass Invitation Zoom details – ID: 818 9541 5513

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81895415513?pwd=bitzaHVUb092WUpINERVY3JoNXJwQT09> Passcode: 748388

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 CELEBRATION

The Vatican News video of the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's Funeral Mass is at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4c46fv8pRQ

CHARITABLE COMMITMENT

Prizes will be in view, and tickets on sale, for our new year raffle next Sunday, 15th January. The draw will take place after Mass on Sunday, 22nd January, with all proceeds going to support the work of the Sisters of Nazareth in South Africa.

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

A monthly reflection series on St John of the Cross, is set to begin on 31st January. Full details at: www.carmelite.uk.net/online-talks-retreats/sayings-of-light-and-love-series/

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, 15th 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

AND FINALLY ...

... it usually takes less time for someone to do a thing right, than it does for them to have to explain why they did it wrong.

With every blessing
Fr Nick