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**LITURGY**

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

**Response to the Psalm:** Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

**Second reading:** Titus 2:11-14. 3:4-7

**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



**Dear Parishioners**

Baptism confers life, but it is also connected with death; in order to gain new life, we must die to the old. The baptism of Christ foreshadowed his death. It was his mission to suffer, die and rise again.

When we received the sacrament of baptism, we were admitted into membership of the Church, the body of Christ, and became sharers in his mission. We were immersed in the waters, died and buried with him and we rise again because of the redemptive sacrifice of Christ.

The Church will explain to us the public ministry of Christ, the preaching of the kingdom, in the daily and Sunday readings. The divine, redemptive mission of Christ is still active. The kingdom will be preached and built up slowly and gently, often among the poor and outcasts, sinners, but whose poverty and weakness enabled them to grasp more easily divine truth. The mystery of the Trinity, present at the baptism of Christ, will be proclaimed; all these people will be welcomed into the kingdom.

As we begin another year, we do so in the knowledge of what has been conferred on us by our baptism, that we too, have been commanded to proclaim the kingdom in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who were present when Christ was baptised in the Jordan.

**God Bless,  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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**Parish Priest: Fr. Benedict Thompson O.S.B**  
**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**Baptism of the Lord (C)**  
**Week commencing Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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### Masses

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|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan.    | 5pm    | <b>Baptism of the Lord</b>  | Zita, Harold & the family Sollis RIP |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan.    |        | <b>Baptism of the Lord</b>  | People of the Parish                 |
| Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan.   |        |                             |                                      |
| Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.. |        |                             | Private Intention (PB)               |
| Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan.   | 9.30am | <b>St. Benet Biscop (F)</b> | School Mass in Church                |
| Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.. |        |                             |                                      |
| Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan..  |        |                             |                                      |
| Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan.   | 5pm    | <b>Week 2 Year C</b>        | P.J. Matthews RIP                    |
| Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan.   |        | <b>Week 2 Year C</b>        | Ronnie Flynn                         |

**Mass is celebrated privately daily.**

**If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, please do not place it in the collection basket. Thank you.**

**Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:**

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards.

**Those who have recently died:**

Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons.

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**PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul



so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen

*Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori*

**Churches have received guidance from the Bishop's Conference regarding the Omicron variant of Covid 19**

**With this in mind we would remind all those attending Mass of the following:**

**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 in the narthex & we strongly encourage using it as you enter & leave the Church

**A face covering (both nose and mouth)** is now mandatory when in church. Please help us to continue to protect our community as we have done so successfully throughout the pandemic.

**Ventilation of the Church** is required & all windows will be open during services

**Please wrap up warm!**

**People are encouraged to get vaccinated** and have the booster jab when it is available to their age group

**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.