

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Reading Cycle B

Psalter Week 1

Sunday 10TH JANUARY 2021

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COVID 19 AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

MASSES WILL BE SAID PRIVATELY

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| SATURDAY | 9 TH JAN | BAPTISM OF THE LORD | Lu Mooney |
| SUNDAY | 10 TH JAN | | |
| MONDAY | 11 TH JAN | | |
| TUESDAY | 12 TH JAN | Weekday of Ordinary time | Private Intention |
| WEDNESDAY | 13 TH JAN | Weekday of Ordinary time | Private Intention |
| THURSDAY | 14 TH JAN | Weekday of Ordinary time | Private Intention |
| FRIDAY | 15 TH JAN | | |
| SATURDAY | 16 TH JAN | 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | Bernadette |
| SUNDAY | 17 TH JAN | | |

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

We pray for those in our families or in our Parish Community who may be sick, housebound, worried or in need. We ask that the love of the Lord be with them and all who are in self isolation during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we pray that they may receive every grace and blessing.

We pray especially for the Repose of the soul of Domenico Malacrinno who died recently. May he rest in Eternal Peace + We also pray for Irena Tutka, Eugene Sheridan, Kathleen Cockwill, Bernard Stafford, Margaret O'Sullivan (Vera Bulpin), Margaret Spriggs, Olwen Hall, John Collins, Joan Daly, Joseph Malfatti, Mary Fitzgerald, Thomas Coutanche, Robert Mills, Eileen Fairney, Cathleen Norman, Patrick Greene, Denis Cook, Dorothy Rendell, Joseph Doyle, Millonia Ackroyd, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Do not forget to pray for all those who have died and for their families particularly those who have no-one to remember them.

PRAYERS: It is our duty to pray for each other, for those who are sick and those who care for them. But I also ask your prayers for the Chaplains who sit with those who will die, then with the families and then to stand at the graveside bringing the Peace of Jesus, to these broken families. I remember my good friend at Llandough, Peter Davies RC Chaplain, and Dave Pritchard at the Heath.

CANDLES You will have an opportunity to buy a 7 day candle which will be left either at the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. The charge will be £5. **This week's candles will be lit for Bernard and Brigid Johnson**

Please put your requests through the Presbytery door in an envelope with 'CANDLE' written on the outside of the envelope.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let your parish priest know as he will be pleased to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick and/or any pastoral support you need, as the team of priests who currently provide 24/7 cover are under a great deal of pressure and therefore no guarantee that a priest will always be available at any particular time. If you know any Catholic already in Hospital who needs a visit or sacramental support please leave details with the Cardiff & Vale Hospital Chaplaincy 029 20743230

CONTACT: As I said before, you have my telephone number but I don't have yours. So if you want a chat or are in need of help please phone me and leave a message so I can get back to you.

SAFEGUARDING: Please click on the link for Helplines and Information on the website homepage.

ON-LINE MASS: There are many sites which stream Catholic Masses. Links are on the Website Eg.

<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass> Daily Mass (On Demand)

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-mary-of-the-angels> Daily Mass

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

MESSAGE FROM CANON MIKE

I remember telling you of a person in Grangetown who had Father Christmas, Frosty the Snowman and many other decorations in the front garden and would take them down on 26th December. True to form, down they came again this year on 26th. For that person and many others, Christmas (sorry Xmas) was over. For them, their celebration was without Christ, thus Xmas.

When the shepherds visited the stable they had accepted the Angels' invitation to come and see the Christ Child.

“ For today a Saviour has been born to us . He is Christ the Lord.”

They departed to be followed by the Wise Men, the Kings from the East. Now *they* have departed, but by a different road. In our turn we visited the Christ Child, either meeting at the stable in St Patrick's or at our own crib found at home. No matter how simple our family crib may have been, there we paid homage and sang the song of the Angels....

“ Glory to God in the Heavens and Peace upon People of Good Will.”

There we celebrated the Feast of Christmas recognising the Presence of Christ ..

“ the Word made Flesh , the Light that enlightens all peoples”

So the family crib of St Patrick's will be taken down and stored until next December, but our encounter this year speaks of a God born in time who did not avoid the joys or the sufferings of mankind. Jesus came to show a “ New Way” of living. The old order would be destroyed, so this year we must rebuild not only the brokenness of our lives, but the fragile and broken world in which we live. As I said last week, the whole world is living in Fear. We cannot avoid pain, suffering or even death, but Jesus calls us to follow in His footsteps, first to listen and then share the Good News. The Good News of Hope, Joy and Expectancy. The time has come for us to build a world of justice, equity and respect.

“ Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one.

I have given him my Spirit, that he may bring true justice to the nations.....

Faithfully he brings true justice,

For I the Lord have called you to serve the cause of right,

For I have taken you by the hand and formed you.”

Today the Church celebrates the 'Baptism of the Lord'. We have travelled thirty years and now we meet Jesus the Man, who starts His ministry by first being Baptised in the River Jordan by John. Here, He is Commissioned, sent to bring the Good News. We like Jesus are Commissioned to proclaim by word and deed to build up the New World of Justice, Equity and Respect. Our Commission is given to us at Baptism, when we are anointed with the Oil of Chrism, the Oil of Christ.

Sadly so many are unable to see this day as one of the greatest in their lives. When asked, Pope Francis explained that it was at his Baptism he became a child of God, Co-worker with Jesus, an ACTIVE member of the Church, the People of God.

Yes, Active, not Passive. It's the beginning of a journey of service.

Since the Coronavirus lockdown how often have we heard “ I'll be glad to get back to normality”.

Coronavirus has taught me the obvious, we do not live in a fair or just world. Within our own country, we see the imbalance that has risen when the poor in society are more susceptible to the illness, than the more affluent. The same within our schools. Some children are able to work with their computer within a quiet room, given guidance by a parent. Compare that with some who are not lucky to have a quiet space, let alone access to a computer or a helping parent.

As we stockpile the vaccine, other parts of the world are unable to access these drugs. There are endless examples, but this is a wake-up call, a time to change.

Lack of food and water force people to move in vast numbers looking for safety whilst others, unable to search for a safe haven just die in poverty and degradation. This should ring a bell with some within the Parish as some of our families had to leave places like Ireland due to starvation, looking for work and a new beginning.

Another 'little problem' that needs to be looked at, even changed, is Global Warming. How we are destroying our fragile world. If this is not addressed there will be NO Future.

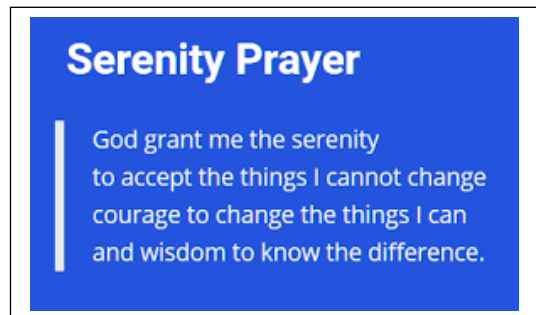
So when people say “ Let's go back to normality” I say NO ! NO ! NO !

Let us build a New Jerusalem . Let us like the Magi, go forward by a different way Let us be proud of our Baptism and become ACTIVE members of the Church, that is there for Justice, Equality and Respect. Then we can call ourselves 'Wise'.

LOCKDOWN: As I said last week, this lockdown is for your benefit, to protect you, those who clean the Church after each Mass and for me. The whole of Wales is in lockdown so we in St Patrick's will continue to follow what is asked of us.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2021: The new diary for 2021 is now open. Please put your request and donation in an envelope and post it through the Presbytery Door. Please mark the outside of the envelope to show that it is a Mass request.

ON-LINE GIVING: Many Parishes give people the opportunity to donate to their Parish via an on-line link. This has been set up and all monies go directly into the St Patrick's bank account. It is fully secure and you can do it using PayPal if you wish. There is no obligation for you to use this feature but the facility is there if you want it. Just click on the On-line Giving logo on the Home Page on our website and follow the instructions.



God and the Devil arranged a football match between Heaven and Hell. God had a small wager on the outcome, but the Devil was supremely confident and bet five hundred pounds on a win for Hell.

"You're crazy," said God. "I've got all the best players in history in my team."

"I know" said the Devil. "But I've got all the referees."

LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

A skydiver jumped from a plane, only to discover that his parachute was broken. As he plunged towards the ground, frantically trying to fix the chute, he passed a man on the way up.

"Do you know anything about parachutes?" he cried.

"No" replied the man "Do you know anything about gas cookers?"

A man went into a barber's shop which was advertising David Beckham-style haircuts. Twenty minutes later he glanced in the mirror and saw his head half bald and covered in cuts.

"That's not how David Beckham has his hair" complained the man.

The barber said "It would be if he came here".

QUARANTINE DIARY

Day 1: I have stocked up on enough non-perishable food and supplies to last me for months, maybe years, so that I can remain in isolation for as long as it takes to see out this pandemic

Day 1 + 45 minutes: I am in the supermarket because I wanted a Twix

With an hour to wait before his flight to Los Angeles, a man was propping up the bar, downing a succession of whiskeys. He was sweating profusely and his hands were shaking. Seeing his obvious distress, a priest came over to try to calm him down.

"Are you nervous about flying?" asked the priest
"N-n-nervous? I'm t-t-terrified. I just kn-know the p-plane is g-going to c-crash and we're all g-going to d-d-die."

"Is this your first time flying?"

"No. I fly c-cross c-country all the time. It's my j-j-job."

"Why don't you ask your boss if you can drive cross-country instead?"

"He'd n-never let me d-do that"

"Why not?"

"Because I'm the p-p-pilot."