

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Cf. Mt 3:16-17

**After the Lord was baptized, 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, with whom I am well pleased.**

**THE COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized 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 the Holy Spirit, may also be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet 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.**

**PSALM**

Ps. 103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30.R.v1

**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 servants. **(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**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to 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.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Cf. Lk 3:13  
**Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

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.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Jn 1:32,34

**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.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



On one occasion, during their journey from Egypt into the desert, God called Moses and the leaders of the people to the Tent of Meeting: "When the Spirit came on them they prophesied – but only once."

Two men did not attend the meeting, but even on them the Spirit came down and they prophesied. Joshua, hearing of this, called on Moses to stop them: they had not attended the meeting. Moses, however, exclaimed, "If only all Yaweh's people were prophets and Yaweh had given them his Spirit!" That prayer, that desire of Moses, is more than fulfilled in Jesus. John the Baptist cried out about Jesus, "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire!" and at baptism, as we know, every Christian receives

through Jesus, the Holy Spirit; not temporarily like the elders of old, but permanently. If Christians are faithful to the Divine life they have been given, they become people of the Spirit. The Spirit is Love, represented by "fire". He is guide and friend and sanctifier. The saints and martyrs give us a glimpse of the power of Jesus' Gift.



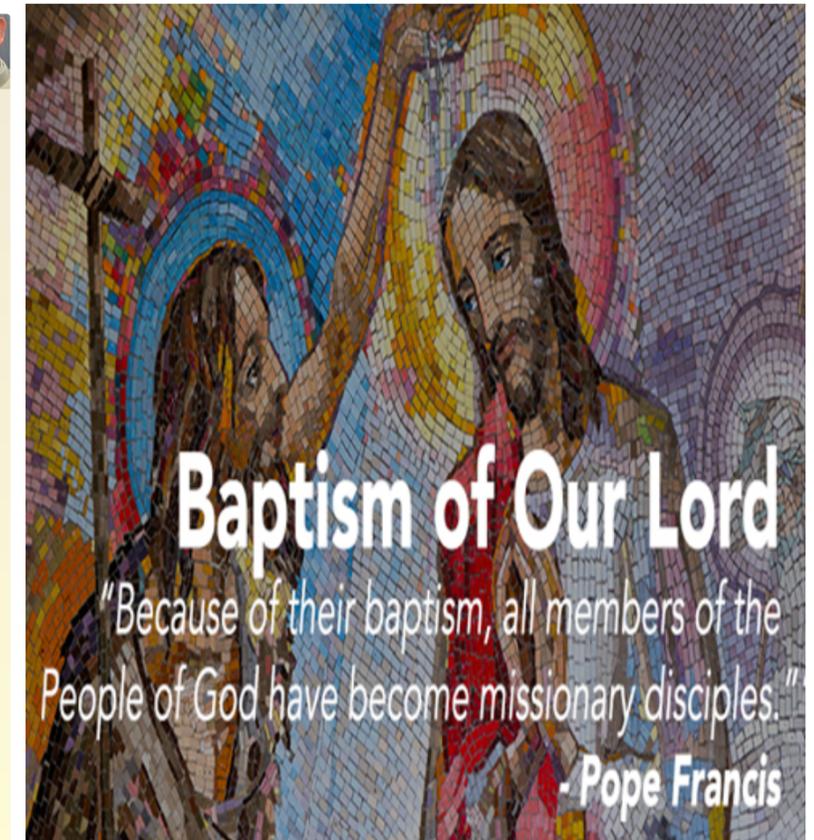
### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



## A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

59. In earlier Jewish traditions, the imperative to love and care for others appears to have been limited to relationships between members of the same nation. The ancient commandment to "love your neighbour as yourself" (Lev 19:18) was usually understood as referring to one's fellow citizens, yet the boundaries gradually expanded, especially in the Judaism that developed outside of the land of Israel. We encounter the command not to do to others what you would not want them to do to you (cf. Tob 4:15). In the first century before Christ, Rabbi Hillel stated: "This is the entire Torah. Everything else is commentary."<sup>55</sup> The desire to imitate God's own way of acting gradually replaced the tendency to think only of those nearest us: "The compassion of man is for his neighbour, but the compassion of the Lord is for all living beings" (Sir 18:13).

55. Talmud Bavli (Babylonian Talmud), Shabbat, 31a.





HOLY FAMILY  
PARISH

## PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH

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*Dear Parishioners*

**Today, we are on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord !**

Christmas Tide ends here. And the Ordinary Time of the Year after Christmas begins.

Pope Francis dedicates his first prayer message of 2022 to combatting religious discrimination and persecution, reminding us that religious freedom is not limited to freedom of worship, but is tied to fraternity.

**Epiphany:** Epiphany was on last Thursday. "The Magi fell down and worshipped the Child". Pope Francis made this reflection that "Let us never forget that the journey of faith finds renewed strength and fulfilment only when it is made in the presence of God". He said "we need to recover our **taste for adoration** so our desire for God may get rekindled, as we must wish to be in His presence. Like the Magi, let us dream, let us seek and let us adore".

**Reflection : BAPTISM OF OUR LORD:** Every time we discover a new aspect in one we love , we stop in wonderment," I did not him / her as such". And this deeper insight and sharing in a person's self-results in greater appreciation, intimacy, and love. Today we celebrate the Lord's Baptism by John in Jordan. Mathew relates it as one of the Epiphanies of the Lord, declaring that Lord Jesus is the Son of Yahweh. This is an aspect of Jesus' personality which gives us a deeper insight into who Our Lord is. He is the "Man for others". He is there for you and me. Experience this in prayer, we should appreciate and love Our Lord. Our own Baptism is a calling "for others" in the Church. How do I realize it and fulfil it?

"When the Church baptizes a child, that action concerns me, for the child is thereby connected to that which is my head, too and ingrafted into that body whereof I am a member"  
*(John Donne)*

In the meantime, May you all stay safe with Masks, Distancing and Cleansing!!!

*Fr Chacko*

Please remember in your prayers... O Lord hear our prayers...

Pauline Warburton	Lucy Rose	Margaret Simpson	Linda Dunsden	Carole Hyde	Judd Barker
Marcia Russell	Anna Browne	Veronica Williamson	Miriam Miller	Sheila Perry	Miriam Park
Chelsea Waring	Naille Bala	Elina O'Connor	Frances Herbert	Mary Neito	Sheila Shelley
Tony Bateman	Mary Hogan	Theresa Smith	Imogen Garcia	Naille Bala	Michelle Waring
Katrina Brookes	Sheila Browning		Lee Langdown	Neville Rogers	
Jocelyne & Peter Cotrel		Valerie & Michael Chauffourier		Kathleen & Mike Carter	
The Martin family	The Bailey family	The Place family			

For all those recently deceased or whose anniversaries are at this time.....

**PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW if you are ready to have your name removed from the list.**

DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	St B	6pm	Vigil Mass of <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> <i>Mass Int: wellbeing of Alba</i>
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	CtK St B	9.30am 11.00 am	Masses of <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	St B	6pm	Adoration followed by Weekday Mass
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	CtK	9.30am	Weekday Mass
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>			NO MASS
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	CtK	9.30am	Weekday Mass
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	CtK	9.30am	Weekday Mass followed by the chaplet of Divine Mercy & adoration
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	St B	6pm	Vigil Mass of <b>The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	CtK St B	9.30am 11.00 am	Masses of <b>The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>

### Would you like to have a Mass said for someone or something?

This tradition of offering masses dates back to the early church, WHY? – the Mass & celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship and prayer in our Catholic faith as we unite with Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. St John Paul II emphasized the graces that come from having a Mass offered "The church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ, her Head & spouse, who takes up this plea of His bride & joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice"

So if you know someone including yourself who would benefit from the spiritual graces of having a mass offered then please do so. Anyone can ask for a Mass to be offered, just speak to Fr Chacko or put a request into the office.

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### CALLING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE – something for you

#### Years 4-6

#### Jesus And Me

Post Communion Group  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
5.45pm – 7pm in CtK lounge  
Starting 8<sup>th</sup> February

Contact Carmel for more info  
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#### Years 7-8

#### Youth Fellowship Group

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month  
1pm -3.30pm in CtK lounge  
Starting 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Contact Laura for more info:  
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07840771887

#### Years 9 +

#### Spiritus

Post Confirmation Group  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month  
6pm- 7.30pm at St B's lounge  
Starting 2<sup>nd</sup> February

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**Caritas Plymouth** shares in the mission of the Catholic Church. We support the network of social action charities and parishes within the Plymouth Diocese, working in partnership with them to help poor, vulnerable and marginalised people.

There are concerns that the economic aftermath of COVID-19 will lead to increasing numbers of people who are homeless or vulnerably housed. When most people think of homelessness they think of someone in a sleeping bag on the street. But there are lots of types of homelessness, which affect a range of different people.

Caritas Plymouth invites you to an online event on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 6-7pm for an opportunity to pray and reflect on how we can take practical action to support those who are homeless.

To register, use this link <https://forms.office.com/r/NkUZyhwcKf> or email [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH WALKING TOGETHER

Two more opportunities for parishioners to meet and share their experiences of faith, life and being Church. We will be considering the three themes we reflected on during our Advent Liturgies: Mission, Celebrate and We Dream.

**These sessions will take place at the following times:**

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Jan (please note change in date) at 7.00pm and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan at 2pm**

Please do what you can to join us on either of these dates. Those who came before are welcome to come again as these sessions will be different from the Advent theme. In the meantime we might ask ourselves:

What is my mission? How does our parish celebrate the Word and Sacrament?  
What is God's dream for me / for our parish / for the wider Church / for the world?

Glenn Carroll, Jenny Gunstone, Mike Mahon, Sr Michele – The Facilitation Team

**What's your new year's resolution?** Would you like to be more involved in the Mass? The Parish? Considered altar serving? Reading? Becoming a minister of the Eucharist?  
*Speak to Fr Chacko to find out more...*