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Newsletter

The Baptism of the Lord

January 9th 2022

My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you well as 2022 gets underway. Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the Baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. Baptism literally means 'immersion'; before his ministry, Jesus immerses himself in water as a sign that he immerses himself in the will of God, Father, Son and Spirit. This is the only time in the Bible where the Trinity is manifested in ways that humans can recognise. The Father's voice is heard, the Son is in human form and the Spirit is visible as a dove. Here, among humans, is God, visible, audible and tangible. This beautiful feast invites us to renew our thanksgiving for the life of grace that began when the waters of baptism were poured over us. We are still swimming in that ocean of grace!

Bishop Toal has written a Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese and this can be located on www.rcdom.org.uk.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Tuesday 18th January

St. Aloysius College in Glasgow is now accepting applications for admission in 2022 and will be holding the Primary 4 – S2 entrance assessment on Saturday 22nd January 2022 for pupils intending to join next August. Register at www.stalloysius.org or contact the rector directly: MDBartlett@stalloysius.org

I offer here the schedule for the liturgy:

Saturday, January 8th

Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm

Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday, January 9th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday, January 10th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Tuesday, January 11th Mass at St. Paul's at 10am

Wednesday, January 12th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday, January 13th Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Saturday, January 15th

Mass at St. Paul's at 4pm

Mass at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday, January 16th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Please remember in your prayers:

All who are ill and have asked us to pray for them:

Recently Deceased: Alice Kelly, Martin Halloway, Mary Malone,

Special Remembrance, Frank Kearney, Winnie Maxwell, Wullie Savage, Mary Dorman, Anne Hunter, Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Patrick Mackle, Jim Cox, Sarah Lavery, Canon Samuel Lavery, Betty and Eddie Smith, John and Julia O'Neil, Hugh, Mary and John Carr, James and Julia Frances Gaughan, John and Margaret Wherty, Betty Hutcheson and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*