

Gospel reflection:

The Baptism of the Lord celebrates another so-called Epiphany of the Lord. It is a moment of profound revelation, one that invites us to reflect on our identity, purpose, and our relationship with the Father. In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus, the sinless one, submits to a ritual of purification, aligning himself with humanity's brokenness. This act of humility defies the depth of his mission: to redeem through solidarity and self-giving love.

Today the voice of the Father declares, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' This sentence does not only point at Jesus' divine identity. It also speaks to all who are baptized into his life. Through baptism, we are conformed to his "belovedness." Christ roots our existence not in worldly achievements or fears but in the unshakable truth of being deeply loved by God.

The Baptism of the Lord calls us to embrace our own baptism, which is not a static sacrament of the past but a living dynamic grace. Through baptism we are called to immerse ourselves daily in the humility of Christ so as to experience every day the power of his resurrection. Baptism, the source of Eternal Life, reminds us that life's ultimate meaning is found not in striving for worldly perfection but in receiving and sharing the love of God.

Fr Juan

Fr Richard, Fr Juan, Deacon James and Therese would like to thank you for the many gifts, cards, and greetings received in the presbytery over Christmas. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism: If you have a child for **Baptism** under 5 years old please email us for an application form. A copy of one of the Catholic parents' baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms can only take place on Saturdays at 11am.

Prayer workshop Thursday 16th January, 2pm at Nazareth House Prayer Centre. All welcome.

Holy Trinity Cine Club: for children in **Year 7 to Year 9, and Year 10 to 12** on a Friday evening once a month. Quality 'surprise' movie followed by discussion and pizza. All are welcome, suggested donation of £5 towards running costs. Contact cineclubbg@gmail.com. See poster in the church porch.

Please pray for the sick especially: Fr David Barnes, Martin and Shirley Foster, Breda Cleary, Mary Lavery and Francis Brady. **We commend to God those who died recently:** Fr Sean Carroll **and those with anniversaries around this time:** Paddy and George Gibney.

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The Baptism of the Lord 12th January 2025

Today's Readings p. 227-232

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Paul 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Please note the change in our phone number: 020 7603 0814

Times of Mass and Devotions for the Week beginning Sunday 12th January 25

Saturday 9.30 am Mass
Christmas feria 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions

Sunday 12th January 8.30 am Mass
Baptism of the Lord 10.00 am Family Mass
11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions
6.30 pm Mass

End of the Christmas Season

Monday 6.00 pm Mass
St Hilary followed by Adoration and Benediction until 7.00 pm

Tuesday 6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary
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Wednesday 6.00pm Mass
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Thursday 9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary
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Friday 9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Prayers
St Anthony of Egypt

Saturday 9.30 am Mass
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Sunday 19th January 8.30 am Mass
2nd Sunday of Year C 10.00 am Family Mass
11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions
6.30 pm Mass

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, which inaugurates his public ministry, and when he is revealed to be the Father's beloved Son and anointed with the Holy Spirit. To commemorate this, there will be the blessing and sprinkling of holy water at the beginning of each Mass. Please read the Gospel Reflection on the back page.

Epiphany celebrates three occasions when Christ's glory as Son of God is revealed: at the visit of the Magi with their gifts, which we kept last Sunday, his Baptism in the River Jordan today, and next Sunday the occasion of his first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, when he lets his glory be seen and his disciples believe in him.

Today is the last day of the Christmas season. However, in accordance with custom, the Crib remains in church until Candlemas, 2nd February. Crib donations go to the work of the Catholic Children's Society in our Diocese of Westminster.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 19th-25th January. The Mass for Unity will be celebrated here in Holy Trinity on Thursday 23rd January at 9.00 am.

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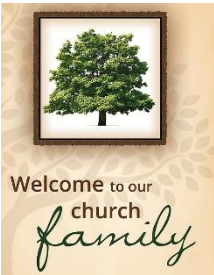
Music at Solemn Mass Today: Cererols, J - Missa 4or vocum 2us tonus,
Motet: Bach - Christ, unser Herr zum Jordan kam.

Music at Family Mass: There is now a button on the parish website, which allows parishioners to listen to and practice the Sunday hymns ahead of time.

The Holy Year of Jubilee, 2025 began on Christmas Eve when Pope Francis opened and entered the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica in Rome. In our Diocese of Westminster the Holy Year was opened by Cardinal Vincent on the last Sunday of December. The theme of the Holy Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope.' We will in the remaining Sundays of January, learn how we can in our Parish be involved in the Holy Year. Copies of 'The Jubilee – Companion Booklet – Pilgrims of Hope' are available to purchase at £1 (reduced price!)

A Talk on the Holy Year of Jubilee will be given by Fr Juan on Wednesday 29th January at 6.30 pm, (following 6.00 pm Mass.) All are welcome!

Annual Blessing of Parish Readers takes place at all Masses of Sunday of the Word of Good, 26th January



A Welcome Occasion for New Parishioners:
Sunday 9th February, 1.00 – 3.00 pm, for those who've joined the parish in last two years or so, will be held in the parish centre with light lunch time refreshments. Fr Richard, Fr Juan, Deacon James, Therese and Anja will be there to welcome you. A chance to get to know each other and feel at home in the parish. Please take an invitation letter from the back of church, and return the reply slip into our letterbox, or reply by email by 5th February to help us with numbers. Leaders of parish groups and ministries are also invited to give information about their activities.