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BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR C)

THIS SUNDAY’S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: After the Lord was baptised, 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.

A reading from Isaiah: 40:1-5. 9-11

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. Rv1: Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

2nd Reading: A reading from **the letter of St Paul to Titus: 2:11-14; 3:3-7**

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

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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| MASS INTENTIONS  |
| Sat 8th  | 6.30pm | Holy Souls |
| Sun 9th  | 8.00am | Pro Populo |
| Sun 9th  | 10.00am | Patrick Lewis, well-being |
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| Mon 10th  | 10.00am | Teresa Trumper,well-being |
| Tues 11th  | 10.00am | Deacon Philip, Mary & the Pond family |
| Wed 12th  | 10.00am | Jesus Malenab |
| Thurs 13th  | 10.00am | Jim Proctor, RIP |
| Fri 14th  | 10.00am | Mr & Mrs Morton, RIP |
| Sat 15th  | 6.30pm | Jill & Jim O'Donnell |
| Sun 16th  | 8.00am | Pro Populo |
| Sun 16th  | 10.00am | Tony Melvin, well-being |
| Sun 16th  | 6.30pm | Trevor Parker, RIP |

* *Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer (at 9.40am)*

REMEMBER THE SICK AND NEEDY

Please pray for: Albert Khayyat, Henry Wei, Bob MacDonald, Vera de Souza, Teresa Trumper, Michael Watson, Lourdes Fernandes, Leslie Jeyadeva, Maria Fraggle, Jeffrey Wei, Nicola Gingell, Judy Freegard, Douglas & Yvonne Bruce, Margaret Bolton, Eddie Aldridge, Jean-Claude Anthony, Ellen Everett, Maureen Coffey, Patrick Acholonu, Christopher Onyeachom and sick residents at the four residential homes usually, in better times, visited by the parish St Vincent de Paul group.

NAMES ON OUR SICK LIST

Every Sunday a list of names of those who are very sick is read out during the Bidding Prayers so that we can all pray for them. That same list appears in this weekly-updated newsletter (see above).

If you know of anyone who is seriously ill and in need of our prayers but not on our list, please tell Fr Roy or Deacon Philip.

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| LITURGICAL CALENDAR  |
| Sat 8th  | Weekday after Epiphany |
| Sun 9th | Baptism of the Lord |
| Mon 10th  | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Tues 11th  | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Wed 12th  | Weekday in Ordinary Time or St Aelred of Rievaulx, Religious (E) |
| Thurs 13th  | Weekday in Ordinary Time orSt Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church |
| Fri 14th  | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Sat 15th  | Weekday in Ordinary Time |
| Sun 16th  | 2ND Sunday in Ordinary Time |

COVID PRECAUTIONS AT ST C’S

There is no longer any requirement to fill in (or email) track’n’trace forms when coming to church. However, we still need to:

* Bring and wear a face mask covering the nose as well as the mouth when in church. Remember: this protects other people.
* Use hand sanitizer, provided, both when entering and leaving the church.
* Ensure plenty of social distancing in the church and in the benches unless you are in a family group.
* Offer each other the Sign of Peace at Mass but without shaking hands. Instead just exchange a bow.

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| SAFEGUARDING: BE RESPONSIBLEWe as a parish have a duty and responsibility to keep children and vulnerable adults safe when they are in church or attending church events and services.That’s what Safeguarding does. It’s active right across the diocese (and in all other dioceses as well) including here at St Columba’s.If you have any concerns or queries about possible abuse of children or vulnerable adults, contact Gill Tomei (selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk), Richard Mills or Claire Tucker in complete confidence. All their contact details can be found on the noticeboard at the back of the church. |  |  |

CELEBRATE ST COLUMBA

Colmcille 1500 has been set up to commemorate the 1500th anniversary of the birth of our very own St Columba. (See the noticeboard in the porch.)

Anyone with any relevant photos, artwork or written components is invited to share them on social media to celebrate the reach this saint has in 2022,.

To participate visit any of these three links:

[colmcille1500.com/english/](https://colmcille1500.com/english/)﻿

[www.facebook.com/Colmcille1500NW/](https://www.facebook.com/Colmcille1500NW/)﻿

[www.instagram.com/colmcille1500/](https://www.instagram.com/colmcille1500/)﻿

REGINA COELI APPLICATIONS

A message from Regina Coeli Catholic primary school in Pampisford Road, South Croydon…

“We are a friendly school with dedicated staff, hard-working and confident pupils, loyal parents, supportive governors and committed parish priests.

“We are currently holding tours on Mondays and Tuesdays and invite you to call the school office to make an appointment: 020 8688 4582”

CAFOD HELP FOR AFGHANISTAN

Eight million people in Afghanistan are on the brink of famine because of drought, a collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict and Covid.

CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water and fuel.

You can help by donating on the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal](https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Afghanistan-Crisis-Appeal) and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACTION

Young people are the Church of tomorrow and so important for the future of our Church.

So make a note. On Saturday January 29 there will be an induction afternoon for youth leaders and Confirmation catechists with the focus on post-Confirmation groups.

It will take place at St Mary’s, West Croydon from 12-4pm.

Leading it will be former RE teacher, school chaplain and youth coordinator Tom Caluori.

The afternoon will be based on the LIFE programme published by Redemptorist Publications.

To book and for more details phone Tom on 07982 999319 or email tomcaluori@hotmail.com

KNOW OF ANYONE IN NEED?

Are you aware of any parishioners living alone or in need? If so, as well as phoning them yourself occasionally to see if they need anything, let Fr Roy or Deacon Philip know of their situation. That way, we can work together to support and help them.

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory collections for past weeks were as follows. December 17-19 (including the Confirmation Mass): £1,119.41 including £366 Gift Aid. Christmas flowers: £256. December 24/25: £2,581.33 including £1,264 Gift Aid. December 26: £382 including £136.40 Gift Aid. January 2: £560.72 including £288.80 Gift Aid.

OUR LEPROSY COMMUNITY

For news from Ahotokurom, the leprosy village in Ghana which we as a parish have adopted and support, please see the latest newsletter pinned to the church noticeboard.

HELP A NEIGHBOUR

Selsdon Contact support about 300 people in the area with practical help and advice. Are you willing to lend a hand once a month?

Contact need drivers to take people to doctors’ appointments, operate the new shopping bus or help in other ways. Contact Jasmine on 020 8651 4944.

JOIN THE JESUITS

The London Jesuit Centre are running a programme of events, talks and courses over coming months.

It includes “Luke: A Very Jewish Gospel”, “Science & Theology”, “School of Ignation Prayer”, “Five Medieval Islamic Thinkers” and “Moral Theology: Where Are We and How Did We Get Here?”.

More details from [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org)

JOHN WALSH RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Walsh, son of parishioner Sean, who died suddenly last week. May he rest in peace.

THE SYNOD: YOUR LAST CHANCE

A fourth and final meeting will be held in the hall at 2.30pm on Sunday January 16. All are welcome.

This will be your last chance to have your say about what the Church is doing right – and wrong. And how it should change in the future.