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The Baptism of the Lord (Year C) – 9th January 2022

1st Reading – Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm – Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

2nd Reading – Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel – Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord with which we officially end Christmastide. It is a chance for all of us to thank God for the gift of our own baptism and to reflect on what it means to bear the name of Christ. We have our whole life to understand and appreciate what happened on the day of our baptism and to learn to live in accordance with our dignity.

Br. Martin Sanderson continues to look after the parish this coming week as I will be away on my retreat. Our next newsletter will be in two weeks' time.

White Flower Appeal 16th January 2022 – The Society for the Protection of the Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Pro-life witness is being restricted now more than ever; we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies.

Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack. On the weekend of the 16th January there will be a 2nd collection to support their work – please pick up your poster and the stickers too. You can fill the posters in and hand them in with your collection, or send them on to SPUC.

National Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life 12th January – Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting are urgently needed. To find out about the work of The Good Counsel Network, please visit their website: www.goodcounselnetwork.com See poster at back of church for details.

Welcome to Br. Ivan Sadouski – We welcome Br. Ivan to our community who will stay with us for a month. He has been recently ordained as a priest and is here to improve his English.

Covid Update – The situation hasn't changed since our last update before Christmas. We continue to celebrate Mass and other religious services as normal. Our side aisles and chapels are socially distanced. The priests will distribute Holy Communion on the hand only at this time. There is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass. If you feel unwell, or display any symptoms, please stay at home. Thank you for your co-operation and for doing what you can to be responsible for yourself and others around you when in church.

The Synod – More details about this can be found on our diocesan website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk and on our own website. We hope to have a number of meetings together based on the questions provided by our archdiocese for our reflection. These will appear on our website and you will be able to obtain a paper copy of those if you wish in the coming days and weeks from the church. Apart from the meetings, if you would like to respond to the questions via email, or letter, please do so and forward all your responses to the parish office. Covid permitting, please put **Saturday 5th February** at 12noon or **Sunday 6th February** at 3.30pm in your diary.

Accommodation for a family – A young family of four are in urgent need of accommodation in Oxford. They require two bedrooms and a rent of preferably no more than £1000 per month. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Church & Hall Update – We are waiting for scaffolding to be put in place by the end of the 2nd week of January, with the works hopefully beginning from the 12th January. It's been a long wait to begin the process of ensuring that our buildings are protected from damage caused by leaks, but at least if you keep praying long enough, things might be sorted soon. That means we can start looking ahead towards the details of what will be done with the parish hall. As soon as we have an update on those, we will let you know. We are planning on refreshing our space in the porch as you enter the church.

If you would like to make a specific donation towards the renovation of the parish hall, please specify that you wish that donation to go for that purpose. You can write a cheque made out to Capuchin Oxford Parish, or donate via bank transfer to the Capuchin Oxford Parish Account (Acc. No. 50154109 Sort Code 60-70-03). Thank you for your support and generosity.

Altar servers – If your child would like to serve at the altar, please get in touch with Br. Martin M or Br. Martin S. This is for children who have made their 1st Holy Communion and older. Training will be provided once we have a list of interested children.

Rosary Prayer Group – We meet every Friday evening at 7pm in the church to pray the rosary. Join us when you can. All welcome.

Intercessory Prayer Group

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 9th January 2022 The Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

9.00 a.m.	Parishioners
11.00 a.m.	Carmelina, Simon, Luca & Roma
5.30 p.m.	Helen, Johnny Boy Collins & Family

Monday 10th

7.30 a.m.	Epitafio Goncalves R.I.P.
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Tuesday 11th

7.30 a.m.	Terry McDonna R.I.P.
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Wednesday 12th

7.30 a.m.	Friars & Benefactors
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St. Bernard of Corleone

Thursday 13th

7.30 a.m.	The O'Sullivan Family
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Friday 14th

7.30 a.m.	Vocations
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Saturday 15th

8.00 a.m.	Br. Lucjan's intentions	
6.30 p.m.	O.F.S.	
Sunday 16th		<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
9.00 a.m.	Gil Belmonte Rosales	
11.00 a.m.	Hilda Nagyova	
5.30 p.m.	Parishioners	
Monday 17th		<i>St. Anthony</i>
7.30 a.m.	Br. Antonio's intentions	
Tuesday 18th		<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i>
7.30 a.m.	Br. Anthony's intentions	
Wednesday 19th		
7.30 a.m.	Winnie Joyce R.I.P.	
Thursday 20th		<i>St. Sebastian</i>
7.30 a.m.	Br. Pradeep's intentions	
Friday 21st		<i>St. Agnes</i>
7.30 a.m.	C.M.A.	
Saturday 22nd		
8.00 a.m.	Friars & Benefactors	
6.30 p.m.	Sabrena Collins R.I.P.	

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.