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### **The Baptism of the Lord – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Psalm – The Lord will bless his people with peace.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Acts of the Apostles – 10:34-38

Gospel – Matthew 3:13-17

This Sunday brings Christmastime to a close and we return to the Ordinary Time within the Church's liturgical year. There is nothing ordinary about our daily life since God chose to dwell in our midst and make His home within us. Through Jesus' birth every moment and every part of our daily routine has been sanctified and we are called to recognize the Lord who is with us. There are many blocks along the way that prevent us from seeing this truth and that cloud our judgment. One great way of learning what it means to follow the Lord's Gospel message is to apply it as best we can. Today we hear a simple message: You are my beloved, my favour rests on you. Some of us may hear these words with great difficulty and would like to brush over them quickly and not pay too much attention. It may be because we feel unworthy or that we are very focused on our own sins and weaknesses or the things we get wrong. It may take a long time and many repetitions before the truth of those words sinks in. God loves me deeply. If that isn't tough enough, we then need to apply the same words to those we live with. Underneath everything that is visible and that we notice about the other – how well do we remember that the same words God speaks to us are also directed to those around us? How many times can we catch ourselves out and have to admit that this truth escapes us so easily and far too quickly? Let's take time this week and sit with those words for a bit longer: You are my beloved.

**Thank you** for supporting the Lifehouse and Gatehouse charities this Christmas. Your generous donations have been gratefully received.

**Confirmation and First Holy Communion** classes have started this weekend. Please pray for the children and their families as they are prepared for the sacraments which they will receive later on in the year.

**Young Adult Group** for 18-35s at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road. Our next meeting is Monday the 9th of January at 19:30 with Fr Yamai, OCD. Arrive from 19:00 and we will begin the talk at 19:30, have a discussion and end with prayer by 21:00. Contact Kate on 07933765367 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

**Online School of the Word**, every 2nd Tuesday of the month, from 7-8.30pm (meeting ID: 89815074699. Passcode: 868129). Next meeting is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Time of prayer with the Word of God, using the Lectio Divina method. For more information please contact Claudia Azevedo, [claudia4azevedo@gmail.com](mailto:claudia4azevedo@gmail.com)

**Leigh Mellor's R.I.P. funeral** will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 11am. We pray for the repose of his soul and pray for his family that they will be consoled by the Lord during this time.

**Daniel Franklin's R.I.P. funeral** will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am. We pray for the repose of his soul and pray for his family that they will be consoled by the Lord during this time.

**Monthly Morning Retreat** "I put my hope in your Word" (Psl. 119, 114), every 3rd Saturday of the month, from 9.15-11am, at St Edmund and St Frideswide Church. Next meeting is Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January. The monthly morning retreat intends to be an opportunity for more time spent in prayer and contemplation to deepen one's relationship with God. This shall be a quiet time of prayer with the word of God where one may take the opportunity to more clearly hear God's call. For more information please contact Claudia Azevedo, [claudia4azevedo@gmail.com](mailto:claudia4azevedo@gmail.com)

**Patrick Franklin R.I.P. and Frank Whitley R.I.P.** – We pray for the repose of the souls of Patrick Franklin and Frank Whitley who have died recently. May they

rest in peace. We pray for their families that they will be consoled by the Lord during this time.

**Date for diary – Open Parish Meeting** will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm in the Church Hall. Please join us for an update on what has been happening the parish, a chance to ask questions you may have or if you wish to get involved in parish life. This will be followed by refreshments and a bring and share lunch.

**Refreshments in the hall** – will resume this weekend. All are welcome to come for tea/coffee and cake and biscuits and get to know your fellow parishioners.

**Intercessory Prayer Group** If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email [GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com) or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

**Parish cleaners** - Thank you to those who work tirelessly in keeping our church and sacristy clean and sparkling. This week is the turn of the Angelika and Olivia.

### **Parish Donations**

Collection Last Week: £733

Gift Aid: £42.94

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, and also to those of you who also contribute on-line.

**Please pray** for those members of our community who are sick, especially Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson, Albert Paintin, Bernadette O'Reilly and Gillian Mellor. 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.

**Mass Times and Intentions**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023 The Baptism of the Lord (Year A)**

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Br. Antonio's Int.

9.00 a.m. Parishioners

11.00 a.m. Stefania Nini & family Int.

5.30 p.m. Br. Pradeep's Int.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Geraldine & Jimmy O'Leary Int.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** Johnny & Mary O'Leary R.I.P.

7.30 a.m.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Bernadette, Pharlent & family  
Int.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Friars and Benefactors

***St Bernard of Corleone***

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m. Pious Union

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 a.m. Friars and Benefactors

6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Br. Pradeep's Int.

**Sacrament of Penance (Confession):** Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm  
and by appointment.