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Reflection: This Sunday is the Feast of **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.**

In terms of Liturgy, it serves to mark **the conclusion of the holy Christmas Season.**

There must surely be a very profound significance in this being so – after all, there was a 30-year gap between the Bethlehem stable and then Jesus at the River Jordan event.

For us, it has to be drawing the closest of connections between one's date of birth and one's date of Baptism i.e. on date of birth, one is **born into earthly life**; on date of Baptism, one is **born into eternal life.**

As the Only Begotten Son of God, Jesus did not, of course, require Baptism. We know how amazed John the Baptist was, upon looking down the line of those who awaited his mere water Baptism, to see Jesus there. (John was very quick to let one and all know that he was very much Jesus' inferior, as only Jesus could baptise with the Holy Spirit).

By humbly accepting John's mere water baptism, Jesus wished to show us how vital Baptism is for us.

The Sacrament of Baptism takes away the mark of Original Sin from the individual soul. It marks the person out for eternal happiness with God in Heaven.

Besides, on that day at the River Jordan, Jesus wished there to be **a revealing of the Blessed Trinity** – the voice of God the Father from the heavens; God the Son humbly standing in the waters; God the Holy Spirit descending in the form of a dove and resting upon His Head.

May this Feast assure us all of the greatness of Baptism, and how it unites Heaven and earth for each of us.



Saturday 10th January 2026 Feria of Christmas Time

10am Mass – In thanksgiving to Our Lady (of Lourdes & Fatima) for request granted

Confessions 10.30 – 11am & 5.45pm- 6.15pm

6.30pm Mass – People of the parish

SUNDAY 11th JANUARY 2026
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR A)

7:30am Adoration

8.30am Mass – Thanking God for His blessings & asking for His guidance in our lives (Nneka Okeke & family)

11am Mass – Christo Sebastianpillai RIP (42nd anniversary)

Monday 12th January 2026 1st day 1st week of Ordinary Time

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – For Amal Thomas whose birthday was 1st January

Tuesday 13th January 2026 Feria

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – Breda Gaffery RIP

Wednesday 14th January 2026 Feria

8.30am Adoration

9.15 Mass – For the repose of the souls of Roger Milchem, Ian Wells, & Aubrey Cabral RIP (C & M)

Thursday 15th January 2026 Feria

8am Adoration

9.15am Mass – For the full recovery of Cyril Ojiemen

Friday 16th January 2026 Feria

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – For successful surgery for Hazel Wells

Saturday 17th January 2026 St Antony of the desert (Abbot)

10.00am Mass – For the souls in Purgatory who have no-one to pray for them (C & M)

Confessions: 10.30-11.00am & 5.45pm-6.15pm

6.30pm Mass – People of the parish

SUNDAY 18th JANUARY 2026
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR A)

7:30am Adoration

8.30am Mass – Thanking God for His blessings & asking for His guidance in our lives (Vina & family)

11am Mass – Maureen Morris RIP

Good Shepherd Catholic Primary and Nursery School

If you are a parent with "a newborn ", or a child aged 1-3 years, please do "register" your Catholic child for our Catholic Primary School. Mrs. Jane Day, our headteacher, writes as follows, inviting you to visit the school:

"Good Shepherd is a very friendly and inclusive school, and we welcome families to come and visit. At our school 'every day is an open day' – so please come along for a tour of our lovely school and ask any questions you may have. Feel free to call in advance (01689-841771) or just turn up. We are rated "Good" by both Ofsted and the Catholic Schools Inspectorate.

Home/ Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

END-OF-THE-MONTH SPECIAL APPEAL

On the last weekend of this month, January 24th/25th January, we are having a 2nd Collection appeal given by Sister Monica, on behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor at Vauxhall. They run a residential home, well-known in our Archdiocese, together with independent living flats for 20 people and a day centre for 40 people. I know you will respond generously to this request from the Sisters.

CHRISTMAS-THEMED ENVELOPES re PARISH GARDEN LANDSCAPING: THE OVERALL TOTAL RECEIVED BY MIDNIGHT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE WAS £1329-10. MANY THANKS TO THE 48 PARISHIONERS WHO RETURNED FILLED ENVELOPES, ENABLING THIS FINE TOTAL.

New Addington Foodbank: thanks for all your contributions. CURRENTLY THE FOODBANK NEEDS: household cleaning products; nappies size 4 & higher; baby wipes; long-life milk; sugar; coffee; squash/fruit juice; savoury biscuits/crackers; rice; cooking oil; meat pies.

2020 Diamond Fund: this actually dates from March 2015. 2017 was our 60th Year - the Diamond Anniversary as a parish. 2020 marked 60 years of our church being built, before its unveiling in 1962. Details of the 2020 Diamond Fund bank account avail from Fr. Con, for anyone wishing to transfer. Thanks to all contributors.

Gift Aid Scheme: Parishioners, not yet members, are encouraged to join. You paid tax on your weekly giving to the parish. It can come back to the parish from HMR & C at no cost to you.

Please pray for those with health issues: Francesco Bruno, Jim Venis, Thomas Gunn, Issy Okwuobi, Divina Ddungu, Michael Onuh, Jason Brewer, Ruddyn Mathiasine, Sebastian Akogun, Vera Arthur, Susan Smith, Izeubokun Ichide, John Kabangue, Roseline Bardo, Winston Daniel, Teresa Saunders, Joyce Dean, Dorothy & Maria Vassallo, Fred Wye, Trudi Ollivierre, Philomena deSouza, Shirley Pointu, Ann Gavigan, Cyril Green, Patricia Tougher, Kathy & Terry Jobson, Kathleen Sage, Mary Davies, Anjali & Doug Fanthome, Margaret Furey, Bryan & Maria Smith, Edith Mack, Eileen Evans, Tilly Whitmore, Celia Hulbert, Maura Malinoff, Amelia & Georgina Holmes, Ken & Maria Rowland, Anita Gregory, Victoria Kana, Jamie Prince, Pat Vaughan, E. Hanks, Pat Enver, Julie Jones, Tyrone Phillips, Saoirse Hennessey, M. Slattery.

COLLECTIONS

**January 3rd/4th: Attendance: 149 1st Collection: £418.04 Gift-Aided: £177 Loose: £241.04
2nd Collection: £88.24**

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CUSTOMARY WEEKLY GENEROSITY

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