

# THE MESSENGER

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## Sunday 9th January 2022

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Year C, Psalter Week I

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses*

<b>Sun 9th Jan</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Greayer Family
	1.45 pm	SB	Baptism
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Mon 10th</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dennis Okunseri 60th Birthday
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: In Thanksgiving exam results
<b>Tues 11th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Elsamma Dominic RIP
<b>Wed 12th</b>			<b>St Aelred</b> , Abbot, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Catherine Denning
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Thanksgiving 3rd Wedding Anniversary Perez
<b>Thur 13th</b>			<b>St Hilary</b> , Bishop, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec. Mbrs O'Sullivan Family
<b>Fri 14th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Rose, Michael Mullen
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Trevor Stokham
<b>Sat 15th</b>	9.30 am	SB	<b>NO MASS</b>
	11.00 am	SB	Baptism

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week II

<b>Sun 16th Jan</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Nan Magennis RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Murray Family

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today we think of "repentance" as feeling sorrowful - a change of heart. This is because we in the West think of the heart as the seat of emotions in humans; therefore a change of heart means a change to the way we feel, the need to change our ways. This would not have occurred to the people of the Middle East in Jesus' time. For them a change of heart meant a change of thinking. John's repentance was about inviting people not to be sorrowful, but to announce a change in their own lives. It is at this point that Jesus begins His ministry and the Kingdom of Heaven is inaugurated. It is because of these two events that Jesus can announce the Good News: the Kingdom of God is at hand. When Jesus comes out of the water, a voice proclaims, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." And the spirit descends in the form of a Dove. If we think about this we can see how remarkable the event is: in the Gospel's we seldom hear the Father's voice; it's Jesus who is the voice of God - and we never see the Holy Spirit. This, therefore, is the only time when we have perception through human senses of the Trinity; the voice of God the Father; the taking of visible form by the Holy Spirit and the Son of God, the Word of God in human form, is Jesus Himself.

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## THANK YOU

Fr. Dominic, Fr. John and Deacon Tony express their thanks and gratitude for the many cards and gifts they have received. They also wish to express thanks to everyone who contributed in whatever way to our Christmas Masses.

## ATTENDING MASS

Where possible, please can you scan the NHS QR code displayed in the Cloister with your NHS Covid-19 App. There are volunteers on hand to assist with seating. Please help them by following their instructions. Wearing a face covering is now mandatory in Places of Worship (unless you are exempt). Thank you for your co-operation.

## NEW ONLINE PASTORAL AREA COURSE - THE BIG PICTURE

YOU, THE BIBLE & GOD'S BIG PLAN

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We are excited to invite you to a new online course, The Big Picture which is starting 10th January 2022 at 7:30pm. The Big Picture is not simply an academic journey through Scripture. It will help us to bring God's Word alive in our daily lives. The course will cover 12 engaging sessions taking us through Salvation History, starting at the beginning with God the Creator right through to the End Times, with the Second Coming of Christ. For more information and to register please click the link [Upcoming Events \(stmandsto.org.uk\)](http://stmandsto.org.uk)

## POPE FRANCIS JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

Pope Francis asks us to pray for true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



## VACANCY - DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ESTATES

The Diocese of Portsmouth are looking for a chartered surveyor or equivalent to oversee the management of all Diocesan Properties, working towards the decarbonisation of our estate and to undertake line management responsibilities for the Estates Team. The successful candidate will have a proven track record of leading development projects including both refurbishment and new build schemes. They will also have proven team leadership experience, with the capability to lead internal staff members as well as external project teams. They must have excellent communication and leadership skills, along with the ability to operate successfully at a senior level liaising with a variety of stakeholders is essential to succeed in this role. Experience of working with parishes, schools and residential property is advantageous although not essential. It is expected that candidates will be a Chartered Building Surveyor with 10 years post qualification experience or possess an equivalent professional qualification. Salary: up to £50,000 per annum. Closing Date for applications is 12 noon on Mon 17th January 2022. For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact:

[Recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. Now we see the transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. Jesus was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, so we all should allow Him to fulfil that mission in our lives.

## WELCOME BACK

We welcome back our teachers and children to school after the Christmas break. We trust you have all had a good time and are ready to start a new term. We also keep in our prayers all those returning to college and university.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORMATION

Our Formation for Mission team will be running the following online courses in January and February 2022:

**For Catechists:** Essential Training for Catechists (**5 Monday's, 10th Jan – 7th Feb, 7.30 to 9.00 pm**) followed by our new course, Further Training for Catechists (**5 Monday's, 21st Feb – 21st March, 7.30 to 9.00 pm**) – in the first course, we will look at the fundamental principles of catechesis to discover **what it is**, and in the second course, we will look at specific questions: how to speak to adults, young people and children about God, Jesus, salvation, the human person and the Church. To find out more and register, check our website: [Formation for Mission | Diocese of Portsmouth \(pffm.org.uk\)](http://FormationforMission|DioceseofPortsmouth(pffm.org.uk)) Both courses are open to everyone.

**For those who care of children with Additional / special needs:** we are offering 3 workshops on **Thursday's 13th, 20th and 27th January, 7.00 - 8.30 pm** for the parents, catechists and priests of young Catholics with additional needs: Being Acceptional. Workshop 1. At Mass: inclusion in the Liturgy; Workshop 2. In Catechesis: sacramental preparation; Workshop 3. In the Home: the domestic Church for children with additional needs. To find out more go to: [Formation for Mission | Diocese of Portsmouth \(pffm.org.uk\)](http://FormationforMission|DioceseofPortsmouth(pffm.org.uk))

**For Adults who wish to know their faith better:** We are offering a 6 week course on **Tuesday's 15th February - 22nd March, 7.00 - 8.30 pm**. This course, Anchoring your Faith: the Mass, will help you (re)discover the Mass, exploring its liturgy in the light of our faith. We will go through the Mass step by step but also through the essential truths of our faith, using Scripture, artworks, and breakout group activities. To find out more go to: [Formation for Mission | Diocese of Portsmouth \(pffm.org.uk\)](http://FormationforMission|DioceseofPortsmouth(pffm.org.uk))

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 2nd January amounted to £2,054.37. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish.

## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is via Standing Order, Bank Transfer or online at: [Donate to St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](http://DonateToStBede'sChurch|GiveasyouLiveDonate)