

CARDIFF CATHEDRAL ✝ CADEIRLAN CAERDYDD

Domus mea domus orationis vocabitur

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9th January 2022 | Readings: Year C (Sunday) | Psalter: Week 1

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord by St John the Baptist. The Gospels of Luke and Matthew contain accounts of the Nativity of Our Lord, whilst that of John reflects on the meaning behind the Incarnation of Jesus, God's Word Made Flesh. St. Mark begins his Gospel narrative with the opening act of the public ministry of Jesus – that of the Baptism being bestowed by John in the River Jordan.

John the Baptist is often described as the last prophet of the Old Testament and the first prophet of the New. He certainly roots his prophetic teachings about the coming of the Messiah in the words of the prophets – not least those of the prophet Isaiah. "Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord". John was the one who recognised Jesus as the fulfilment of the hopes and expectations that God would send a Messiah.

In the Baptistry of St. David's Cathedral, we are privileged to have a majestic bronze statue of St John the Baptist. Created by Sir William Goscombe-John (1860 – 1952), it was commissioned by the Marquess of Bute and completed in 1900. Goscombe-John was a leading sculptor of the Victorian age, and many of his works are displayed in Cardiff, London and overseas. A copy of our statue is on display in the National Museum of Wales. The new lighting and noble surroundings of the Baptistry will enhance the dignity and call us to honour the one whose voice continues to call us to recognise Christ, the Anointed One, the One who was and is to come.

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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Banking Details for Standing Orders

Account Name: Archdiocese of Cardiff

Sort Code: 20-18-23

Account Number: 03896056

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

In the Baptistry of the Cathedral, we are fortunate to have the original statue of St John the Baptist by Sir William Goscombe-John. Those of you who have regularly attended the Cathedral over the years will most likely know that the lights in the baptistry have not been functional for some time. Good news! Habemus lucem! We have light! The pendant light was fixed this week, and we now have two spot lights that illumine the statue in a rather dramatic fashion.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

This year your Crib Offerings will contribute towards the Diocesan Food Voucher Scheme, and also to support the child refugees from Afghanistan.

The wall box near the entrance to the sacristy is where your offerings can be made.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Over the next few weeks we will be looking to start the First Holy Communion & Confirmation Courses. Please see Fr Robert for more information about taking part in the catechesis, or about helping run the courses.

ALERT LEVEL: TWO

When you come to Mass on the 26th December, and until we are told otherwise, we will be expected to socially distance. As such, I ask that you sit in the pews that are not marked off, and that you keep at least two metres between family groups.

EPIPHANY CHALK

It is traditional on the Feast of the Epiphany to bless chalk and water for use at home. This year chalk was blessed and has been placed in the side chapel with the crib. Feel free to take some of the chalk with you, and the explanatory note that goes with it.

The blessing recalls the names of the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar (CMB), and also forms the abbreviation of Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ Bless this house).

THANKS

Once again, my sincere thanks to you all for your generosity over the Christmas season. My thanks, also, to all who helped at the Cathedral during this time.

Donating to the Cathedral

Following the closure of Virgin Money Giving, the Diocese has established a new way of giving online to the Cathedral, please click [here](#) or use the QR code provided.



EXTRA PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

John Fellows - (029) 2023 1407

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

07933 720 845

ALTAR SERVING

If you're interested in serving on the altar, please speak to Fr Robert or one of the servers.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

If you, or a loved one, are admitted into hospital, please contact the hospital Chaplaincy team: (029) 2074 3230

Chaplains:

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CATHEDRAL OPENING TIMES

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 9am—5pm; Sat & Sun: 9am—6:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available Monday to Friday 12noon - 12:25pm & Saturday at the advertised times.

Saturday 8th January

4:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation 'til 5:15pm
5:30pm	Mass: Windmill Family, thanksgiving for baby Isabelle

Sunday 9th January—The Baptism of the Lord

11:00am	Mass: The Cathedral Community	
5:30pm	Mass: Thanksgiving to Our Lord & Mother Mary	BD

Monday 10th January

12:45pm	Mass: Holy Souls
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Tuesday 11th January

12:45pm	Mass: Giuseppe Sabini & Family
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Wednesday 12th January

12:45pm	Mass: Ron & Ursula Perera	TT
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Thursday 13th January

12:45pm	Mass: Chloe Jones	PJ
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Friday 14th January

12:45pm	Mass: Cook & Fenton Families
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Saturday 15th January

10:00am	Mass: Sanctity of Life
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Followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration 'til noon.

4:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation 'til 5:15pm
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5:30pm	Vigil Mass: Kathleen & Reginald Snow
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Sunday 16th January—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am	Mass: The Cathedral Community
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5:30pm	Mass: Holy Souls
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