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ORDINARY TIME WEEK 1

9 January – 15 JANUARY 2022

MASSES THIS WEEK (Livestreamed at cliftoncathedral.org)

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday 9 January – Masses: 9.30am, 11.15am, 6.00pm

Ordinary Time Week 1

Monday 10 January Mass: 9.30am

Tuesday 11 January Mass: 7.00pm

Wednesday 12 January Mass: 7.30am

Thursday 13 January Mass: 7.30am

Friday 14 January Mass: 9.30am

Saturday 15 January 2022 Mass: 9.30am

PRAYERS PLEASE: Please pray for the sick of our parish and for all who are unwell: Andy Dawes, Malcolm and Jane Cooper, Peter Wood, Edmund Richardson, Gabriele Green, Ann Fletcher, William Gregory, Eliza James, Ken Wright, Adam Walker, Dinah McAlees, Steve Bell, Mary Burke, Trevor Williamson, Jo Catton, Kate Painter, Barbara Freeman, Ian Venters, Annabelle Cervantes, Patricia Sheppard, David Bull, Nic Dunn, Desmond Anglin, Carol Chadwick and Chris Chadwick, Mario Toffolo, Sue Wright, Margaret Webster, Christine Bartlett, Angela Manning, Claire Valsler, Nick Lee, Alan Whaites, Margaret Meach **For all those who died recently** Valerie Anglin, Phyllis Dobson **And for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Samuel & Michaela Butterfield, Violet Williams, Jenny Keane, Barbara Cook, Morris O'Shea, Richard Hayes, Margaret Devaney, Mary Jones, Dora Watson, Nora Neslon, Andrew Rusbridge, Anna Bloomfield.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan by his cousin John, it was not just for show. After thirty years preparation this was the decisive moment when he was strengthened by the Holy Spirit for the mission he was about to undertake. As a result of our own baptism we can call upon that same Spirit to strengthen us as we too agree to proclaim the same good news that Jesus brought.

ANOTHER YEAR OLDER...As the New Year began what do you think of? Did you just feel another year older? Do you look back with regret? Or do you see the coming year as a time of opportunity, another positive challenge, a chance for growth? The future comes from God, but it's in your hands. If you're honest, have any of your New Year resolutions ever lasted beyond the first few days or weeks of the year? Don't worry, you're not alone! Most of us are full of good intentions that quickly burn out. Wouldn't it be wonderful if, instead of worrying about the person we might be, we started to love the person we are? Then we could be the person God created instead of trying to be something else. St Thomas à Kempis wrote, "A humble knowledge of thyself is a surer way to God than a deep search after learning." He would have gone on to talk about New Year resolutions, but he ran out of ink...

CANON BOSCO WRITES: On behalf of Bishop Declan, Fr Cavan and Deacons Kevin, Paul and James and me, I wanted to say a heartfelt thank you for your many Christmas cards, gifts and greetings. Thank you too for your very generous Christmas offerings and your continuing support. I will offer Mass for you and your loved ones as we begin this New Year.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ASSISTANT – This week we welcome Ruta Delany who has been appointed as administrative support assistant at Clifton Cathedral. She will be working at Cathedral House on weekday mornings and can be reached on the email address above as well as on the Cathedral telephone number. Please send items for inclusion in the newsletter / website to Ruta (by Wednesday if possible).

WELFARE GROUP - If parishioners know of any individuals who would be glad of a home visit over the coming weeks, or those who are sick and who would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Fr Cavan via Cathedral House.

SYNOD LISTENING EVENTS - We will be listening... on the 11th, 18th and 25th January after the 7pm Mass. Do come and join us for the first session from 7.30pm – 9pm in the Apostle Room. This is your opportunity to be heard in a prayerful, welcoming and respectful setting. We value what you have to bring to our journey together and we hope that you will be encouraged to come and share your experience of the Church with us. For those of you who aren't able to join the listening events that are being offered throughout January, there is a large interactive notice board in the Narthex which will enable you to quickly and easily give us some information about you and your views on the Church which will contribute to our Synod process. Please have a look on your way out after Mass and add your thoughts. It's a quick and easy exercise so please do take part.

CHILDRENS CHOIR – Our childrens' choir have been rehearsing again on Fridays in preparation for leading us at some of the 9.30am Masses and other liturgies. We welcome children to join us – no previous experience necessary – for fun and singing each Friday. Please get in touch with Stephen Bryant at Cathedral House if you would like to join our childrens' choir. From next Friday 14th January we will resume sung Vespers in the cathedral at 5.15pm and all are welcome to come. It is a lovely way to round off the working week and join the universal work of prayer in the Church. Why not make a New Year's resolution to join us!

NEW CHORAL DIRECTOR – Due to his many other commitments John Gibbons will be taking a step back from weekly rehearsals and conducting the Cathedral Choir at the 11.15am Sunday Mass. We will not be losing him completely though, as he has kindly agreed to continue to support the excellent work of our Choir and so he will still be involved regularly if less frequently. I am excited to announce the appointment of David Bednall to our Cathedral Music team as Choral Director. David will take over weekly responsibilities for the choir volunteers, scholars and exhibitioners. He is recognized as one of the leading choral composers of his generation having studied for a PhD in Composition with Professor John Pickard at the University of Bristol and is signed to Oxford University Press. As well as becoming Choral Director at Clifton Cathedral, he is also sub-organist at Bristol Cathedral. You can read more about our new Choral Director at www.davidbednall.com. I welcome David to the Cathedral team and look forward to working with him in this important role.