

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10TH JANUARY — 16TH JANUARY, 2021

NEWSLETTER

# SACRED HEART

Year B • The Baptism of the Lord  
Ferial Cycle 1, Psalter Week 2

## THE CHURCH'S SOCIAL DOCTRINE AS THE BASIS FOR A CULTURE OF CARE

### FROM THE NEW YEAR MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS.

The diakonia of the Church's origins, enriched by the reflection of the Fathers and enlivened over the centuries by the active charity of many luminous witnesses to the faith, became the beating heart of the Church's social doctrine. This doctrine is offered to all people of good will as a precious patrimony of principles, criteria and proposals that can serve as a "grammar" of care: commitment to promoting the dignity of each human person, solidarity with the poor and vulnerable, the pursuit of the common good and concern for protection of creation.

#### Care as promotion of the dignity and rights of each person

"The very concept of the person, which originated and developed in Christianity, fosters the pursuit of a fully human development. Person always signifies relationship, not individualism; it affirms inclusion, not exclusion, unique and inviolable dignity, not exploitation".[8] Each human person is an end in himself or herself, and never simply a means to be valued only for his or her usefulness. Persons are created to live together in families, communities, and societies, where all are equal in dignity. Human rights derive from this dignity, as do human duties, like the responsibility to welcome and assist the poor, the sick, the excluded, every one of our "neighbours, near or far in space and time".[9]

#### Care for the common good

Every aspect of social, political and economic life achieves its fullest end when placed at the service of the common good, in other words, "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfilment more fully and more easily".[10] Consequently, our plans and projects should always take into account their effects on the entire human family and consider their consequences for the present and for coming generations. The Covid-19 pandemic has shown us the truth and timeliness of this fact. In the face of the pandemic, "we have realized that we are in the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together", [11] since "no one reaches salvation by themselves" [12] and no state can ensure the common good of its population if it remains isolated.[13]

#### Care through solidarity

Solidarity concretely expresses our love for others, not as a vague sentiment but as a "firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all".[14] Solidarity helps us to regard others – whether as individuals or, more broadly, as peoples or nations – as more than mere statistics, or as a means to be used and then discarded once no longer useful, but as our neighbours, companions on our journey, called like ourselves to partake of the banquet of life to which all are equally invited by God.

#### Care and protection of creation

The Encyclical Laudato Si' is fully aware that all creation is interconnected. It also highlights our need to listen to the cry of the poor and, at the same time, to the cry of creation. Constant and attentive listening leads in turn to effective care for the earth, our common home, and for our brothers and sisters in need. Here I would once again point out that "a sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be authentic if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings". [15] "Peace, justice and care for creation are three inherently connected questions, which cannot be separated in such a way as to be treated individually, lest we fall back into reductionism".[16]

To be continued...

## READINGS

### FIRST READING

ISAIAH 55:1-11

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

ISAIAH 12

### SECOND READING

1 JOHN 5:1-9

### GOSPEL

MARK 1:7-11

**"For a Christian, believing in God cannot be separated from believing in the One he sent, his "beloved Son", in whom the Father is "well pleased": God tells us to listen to him. The Lord himself said to his disciples: "Believe in God, believe also in me." We can believe in Jesus Christ because he is himself God, the Word made flesh"**

MARK 1:7-11 / CCC151



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

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The Baptism of Lord- Year B

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## SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am  
10:00am 11:30am\* 6:00pm  
\* with Children's Liturgy  
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

## CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am  
5.00pm - 5.45pm  
Eucharistic Adoration:  
Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm  
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

## MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am  
Saturday 9:45am

## ROSARY

After weekday Masses

## PRAYER GROUPS

### Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm  
1st Friday 7:30pm

### Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

### Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

### St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

### Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### SUNDAY 10TH JAN

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6.00 PM

Grace Ogbonmwan, RIP. Adeniyi Agbaosi birthday thanksgiving. Anne Howard 70th birthday in thanksgiving. God's protection on Frs. Victor & Alfred & all parishioners & their families. Amon Ahizi Jean for quick recovery and God's Intervention.

10.00 AM

Winnie Pepple, RIP John & Martha Rayne, Elsie Priston's intention. Alexandria Ohouot, special intentions.

12.00 NOON

Elizabeth Asare, birthday thanksgiving & God's blessings. Mary M. Jones, birthday thanksgiving. Emmanuel Ezukwo, RIP.

6.00PM

A donor in thanksgiving. Artur Szymanski, RIP, God's mercies and consolation on the family. Winnie Pepple, RIP.

### MONDAY 11TH JAN

### FERIA

9.00 AM

Emmanuel Ezukwo, RIP  
Mary Foyoh, birthday thanksgiving.

7.00 PM

### TUESDAY 12TH JAN

### FERIA

9.00AM

Emmanuel Ezukwo, RIP

7.00PM

### WED 13TH JAN

### FERIA

9. 00AM

Devon Owusu Ansah Agyemang, birthday thanksgiving. Emmanuel Ezukwo, RIP

7.00PM

### THURS 14TH JAN

### FERIA

9.00AM

Emmanuel Ezukwo, RIP

7.00PM

### FRIDAY 15TH JAN

### FERIA

9.00AM

Shirley & Charlie Quigley Wedding anniversary

7.00PM

### SAT 16TH JAN

### THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10. 00 AM

6.00 PM

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unending love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

## FIRST READINGS

ISAIAH 55:1-11

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

ISAIAH 12 :2-6

**R. The rejoicing of a redeemed people with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation**

- 1 'Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation .
- 2 Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name
- 3 Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds;  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel '

## SECOND READING

1 JOHN 5:1-9 6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth – so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 1:29

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said:  
This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

MARK 1:7-11

'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said:  
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,  
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,  
we may be your children in name and in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord

## NOTICES OF THE WEEK

### **PARISH FINANCE:** **WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:  
**Sacred Heart Church Camberwell**  
**Sort Code: 60-50-01**  
**Account Number: 79102409**

### **GIFT AID & OFFERING**

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes and offering bags at the entrance and exit doors for our offering.  
Thank you for your generosity.

### **GIFT AID USERS**

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

### **FROM THE FINANCE DESK**

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to:

[camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk).

### **FUNERAL**

The Funeral Mass of Rona Elizabeth Lee will take place here on Thursday 14th Jan at 12noon followed by cremation at South London Crematorium at 2pm.  
May her soul rest in peace. Amen

### **OBITUARY**

With gratitude to God for a fulfilled Christian life I announce the death of our dedicated parishioner and friend Emmanuel Ezukwo, who died on the 4th January at Kings College Hospital. Funeral plans will be announced later. His passing is a great loss to our parish community. Meanwhile let us keep his family in our prayers for God's consolation and strength. May God grant him eternal rest and may he rise in glory. Amen.

### **MASS BOOKINGS**

**We have Mass spaces for this week.**

**Kindly call or text any of the priests to book a Mass on any of the free days.**

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

**Our Parish Confirmation classes will resume online as follows:**

**GROUP 1—Wednesday 13th January**

**GROUP 2—Thursday 14th January**

**GROUP 2—Friday 15th January**

**The log in details remain the same as previous.**

**Please visit our website for details.**

### **ADORATION** **OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**We are reminded that Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is every Sunday from 5pm to 6pm, followed by Mass.**

### **ORDINARY TIME OF THE YEAR**

With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, we have come to the end of the Season of Christmas. The first part of the Ordinary Time of the Year before Lent begins tomorrow Monday 11th of January. During the ordinary time, we honour the Mystery of Christ in its fullness. The Sunday readings are taken from Year B, while the weekday readings are taken from the Ferial cycle 1, and the colour Green is introduced at Liturgical celebrations.

### **NATIONAL LOCKDOWN**

The Guidance for Places of Worship published by the Government states:

#### **Communal worship and life events:**

You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or event related to a death, a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony.

You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship. Weddings, funerals and religious, belief-based or commemorative events linked to someone's death are all subject to limits on the numbers that can attend, and weddings and civil ceremonies may only take place in exceptional circumstances.

You must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble if you do attend a service. In London, it is now estimated that one in every 25 persons is infected by the virus.



# NOTICES OF THE WEEK

## INTRODUCING THE CENSUS

The census is coming. By taking part, you can help to inform decisions on services that shape your community, such as housing, schooling, healthcare services and transport.

The census is used to allocate resources and funding on a local and national level for the next 10 years. So, taking part is very important to make sure your needs are reflected in future policy and allocation of funding to local authorities, services, charities and community groups. The information you share will affect the life of every single person in your local community and across England and Wales.

Your information is protected by law. That means government officials or anyone else dealing with payments or services you receive cannot see it. Any data collected is anonymised and kept safe for the next 100 years.

Census Day is Sunday 21 March. You can fill yours in online as soon as you get your access code in the post—we also have paper forms and a wide range of support and translation services and materials available if you need help completing the form.

For more information, please visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk). If you have any questions, worries or concerns about the census, please contact your local Community Adviser (Black African Community Southwark), Yinka Adekugbe directly:

**[adeyinka.adekugbe98@field.census.gov.uk](mailto:adeyinka.adekugbe98@field.census.gov.uk)**  
or **07452918927**

## NHS TEST AND TRACE APP

For those who have registered with this app you don't need to write down your names as you enter the Church. The parish now have the QR code which you can scan as you enter the church. This is located at the entrance of the Church. For those without the App, please continue to sign in on the sheets provided for each Mass, for the safety of us all. Thank you for your cooperation.

## St. JOSEPH'S CAMBERWELL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FEDERATION.

**Reception places available for September 2021.  
please call : 02077039264 for more information.**

## CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm. For any other consultations please email [camberwell@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:camberwell@rcaos.org.uk) or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

## CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection.

May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary.

Amen.



## HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debitu Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith. Joan Bastin, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greaway, Agnes Omeike, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Tousaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, Marie August, Rueben Jameson, Alba Juliana Ramirez. Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray. Robert / Eileen O'Dempsey, Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzila, Cian Dinsmore, Joseph Murray, Sheelly Choudray, Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, Alba Juliana Ramirez, James Mc Donald, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Esther Eugene, Declan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Imelda Kerr, Taylor Thompson, Zafar Jabal, Tina Kevitt, Nirajan Bhai, Nicola Hermentine, Anne Keane, Pascal O'Clo, Liam Whitfield. Monica White. John Howard, Charlie Quigley, Joshua Tomas, Collen McDonagh