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The Baptism of the Lord

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Year A

Psalter Week 1

Returning to Ordinary Time

With the solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, we mark the end of the Christmas season, and begin afresh the season of Ordinary Time. The word ‘ordinary’ can be rather misleading, as it denotes *sameness* or *boring*, even. Yet this new season of Ordinary Time is full of a unique richness, it is full of its own distinctive flavour. The famous Abbot of Solemnes, Dom Prosper Guéranger observes that what the liturgical year does for the Church at large, it does also for our soul, also. He says that “*the succession of seasons imparts to the Christian the elements of the Christian life*”. The seasons don’t stand independently, they effect us.

At the heart of this new ‘Ordinary Time’ season, is, of course, the distinctive green vestments worn by the clergy, and with which our altars and tabernacles are veiled. The colour green takes us to nature, to the springtime, to the new life which will bloom forth before us in the coming months. Green, for us, therefore, is a symbol of hope. By directing our thoughts and minds to this ‘blessed hope’, we are being directed to the Kingdom of Heaven, and our longing and yearning we have to journey there. The rhythm of Ordinary Time aids the preparation and purification of our soul; through our encounter with the Lord in the readings and in the Eucharist, we realise that it is only in placing our trust in the Lord and not ourselves, can we begin to make that journey toward the Kingdom of Heaven.

As this new season of Ordinary Time unfolds, we are invited to come together, as a family of faith, to reflect upon

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Sunday Missal

The text of the Mass is available to follow in the front of the CTS books, available at the back of the Cathedral.

The Order Of Mass begins on p. 11. In particular:

The ‘**I confess**’ can be found on p. 13.

The ‘**Glory to God**’ can be found on p. 25.

The **Nicene-Constantinople Creed** can be found on p. 35.

The **readings** for this weekend’s Mass can be found on p. 224.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK

Saturday	4:30pm 5:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> Sung Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	11:00am 4:30pm 5:30pm	Solemn Mass: the Cathedral Community <i>Teas and Coffees will be served on the <u>Mezzanine floor</u> of <u>the Cornerstone</u> after the celebration of Mass</i> Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction Quiet Mass: Holy Souls
Monday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm 5:40pm 6:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Theresa & Michael Collins, RIP Evening Prayer Mass: Holy Souls
Tuesday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: James Murphy, RIP
Wednesday	12:30pm 12:45pm	Midday Prayer Mass: Holy Souls
Thursday	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm 5:40pm 6:00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Holy Souls Evening Prayer Mass: Holy Souls
Friday <i>St. Antony</i>	12:00pm 12:30pm 12:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:25pm</i> Midday Prayer Mass: Sheila Naughton, RIP
Saturday <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10:00am 10:30pm 4:15pm	Mass: Holy Souls <i>followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4:15pm</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 12:00pm</i> Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	4:30pm 5:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation, <i>until 5:15pm</i> Sung Mass: Joan Sweeney, RIP
Sunday <i>2nd in Ordinary Time</i>	11:00am 4:30pm 5:30pm	Solemn Mass: the Cathedral Community Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction Quiet Mass: Holy Souls

INFORMATION

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Sacred Heart Sanctuary Lamp

This week, we remember in our prayers **Fr. Silvio Briffa**, assisting at Bridgend.

There is a prayer for our priests at the Sacred Heart shrine.

Crib Offering

Please consider making an offering at the Crib. Your donation will help the **Catholic Children's Society** provide mental health services, family support, and emergency grants for vulnerable children.

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... those 'elements of the Christian life' that will aid our preparation and purification for the Kingdom. As these elements unfold in the Liturgy of the Word, and explained through the homilies over the next year, let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit afresh in our lives and in the life of our Cathedral community.

Stewardship and Formation

Teas and Coffees begin *after the 11:00am Mass* on the Mezzanine floor of the Cornerstone, opposite the Cathedral. Entry to the Cornerstone is gained through the side door. I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to help with the teas and coffees. Please make a special effort to go over. All are welcome. If parents/guardians are taking children over to the Cornerstone, it is your responsibility for the supervision of your children.

St. David's Patrimony Group - The first meeting of the Patrimony Group will take place tomorrow (Monday), beginning at 7:00pm in the Mostyn Room.

SVP Meeting - There will be an SVP meeting on Tuesday, 14th January 2020 at 7:00pm in the sacristy of the Cathedral. All are welcome.

Prayer and Worship



Year of the Word - "*And a voice spoke from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my*

favour rests on him.” - Mt. 3:13-17

There are additional opportunities to celebrate Mass at the Cathedral throughout the week: *Mondays* and *Thursdays*, beginning at **6:00pm.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation - It is one of the great privileges as a priest to extend the healing hand of a loving and compassionate Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pope Francis encourages us not to be afraid of going to Confession, for it is “*the sacrament of the tenderness of God, his way of embracing us*”. There are several opportunities to experience the loving embrace of Christ in Confession at the Cathedral throughout the week:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays - From 12 noon until 12:25pm.

Saturdays - From after the morning Mass until 12 noon, and again from 4:30pm until 5:15pm.

Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction - The public and communal prayer of the faithful People of God is rightly considered among the first duties of the Church. Christ told us about the need to ‘pray continually and never loose heart’. The Church has faithfully heeded this exhortation by never ceasing in her prayer and by urging us to pray (*Introduction to the Liturgy of the Hours*).

The Liturgy of the Hours is celebrated at different times in the Cathedral throughout the week: Midday Prayer is celebrated at 12:30pm Monday to

Friday, Evening Prayer is said twenty minutes before the evening Masses on Mondays and Thursdays, and Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction is celebrated each Sunday at 4:30pm.

Cardiff Cytûn - The Cardiff Cytûn City and Bay Service to mark *the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* will be held here at the Cathedral on **Thursday 23rd January** beginning at **7.30pm**. Please make a special effort to attend and support.

Sunday of the Word of God

Pope Francis has dedicated the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (26th January) as the *Sunday of the Word of God*.

The Holy Father writes: “Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world”. For the Catholic community in England and Wales, this takes on a special dimension as this year it takes place within the context of the *Year of the Word*.

You are invited to bring along your Bibles to the Masses during the weekend of the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, or perhaps consider purchasing one, and these will be blessed at all the Masses.