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Sunday, 10th January 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR B

1100hrs – Holy Mass (broadcast via Zoom)

Mass Intention: John Beattie RIP

The obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation is suspended.

WELCOME EVERYONE

Each time you attend Mass in person you will be required to complete a 'Track & Trace' form. In addition, please note the following guidance and engage with all of the instructions:

1. Sanitise your hands and follow the one-way system.
2. Face coverings & two metres social distancing are mandatory.
3. Switch off, or place into airline mode, any mobile devices.
4. Go straight to your seat on entry and do not engage in conversation with anyone except those from your household.
5. Ensure that there are at least two seats between yourself or your household and another person or household.
6. There will be no exchange of the Sign of Peace.
7. At the invitation to holy communion all join saying 'Amen' as the celebrant presents the host and the chalice from the altar.
8. Nothing will be said, and thus no response is necessary, if you come forward to receive Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.
9. After Mass please put your kneeler on your chair and leave the Cathedral while maintaining two metres social distance.
10. Place your Mass sheet in the bin or take it home with you and put your offering/collection money in the receptacle provided.

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

The times when the Cathedral will be open each day for individual prayer are given below *in bold italics*. On Sundays, Wednesdays and Solemnities Mass is open to the public.

THIS WEEK

Mon 11th Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year I*
1400hrs-1600hrs 1100hrs – Funeral (broadcast via Zoom)

Jonathan Rawlingson Plant RIP

Tue 12th Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year I*
1100hrs-1300hrs

Wed 13th Jan: *St Hilary, bishop, doctor*
1130hrs-1600hrs 1200hrs – Holy Mass (broadcast via Zoom)

Isla Cox RIP & Anna McCabe RIP

Thu 14th Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year I*
1100hrs-1300hrs

Fri 15th Jan: *Feria of Ordinary Time, Week 1, Year I*
1400hrs-1600hrs *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the members of our Armed Forces, their families and all support staff in your personal intercessions.

STAYING OPEN

Following the recent Government announcement relating to the national lockdown, the Bishops' Conference guidance about how churches should function is available on the Bishopric website.

LIVESTREAMING LITURGIES

Sunday's Mass Zoom Invitation details - ID: 839 3684 6419

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936846419?pwd=eGdCVdHkZRIkVtXaVRhb2luNldSZz09> Passcode: 271465

Monday's Funeral Zoom Invitation details - ID: 896 6824 3346

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89668243346?pwd=MDRyRXNscWFrZkZwR3ZNBW4rbXZqdz09> Passcode: 478294

Wednesday's Mass Zoom Invitation details - ID: 867 1650 8399

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86716508399?pwd=bVgzTVRlU2F0WW4yTEwxTjFVTFdhQT09> Passcode: 301307

PROTECTING LIFE

The Retiring Collection after Mass today will go to support SPUC in its continuing mission to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Literature is available at the back of church with further details of the work at: www.spuc.org.uk

FAITHFUL CELEBRATION

The Bishop of the city of Santiago de Compostela opened the Holy Door of his Cathedral on 31st December 2020. The event marked the beginning of the Holy Year or Xacobeo 2021. Pilgrims from all over the world are invited to visit the tomb of the Apostle Saint James and obtain a plenary indulgence. The Cathedral of Santiago and its spectacular Pórtico de la Gloria, after many years of restoration, are now ready to receive all pilgrims. The first Holy Year was established by Pope Callisto for the year 1126. The Holy Years are celebrated when the feast of Santiago (25th July) falls on a Sunday. As a general rule, these years occur in a sequence of five, six and eleven years. For more information go to: www.mundiplus.com/en/blog/ano-santo-2021

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Alton Day of Renewal Programme for 2021 is available on the Bishopric website, and the theme for the year is 'Alive in the Spirit – filled with all the fullness of God'. The first session will be on Saturday, 23rd January. Details at: www.altonrenewal.com

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The next First Holy Communion Course is planned to begin in Lent, restrictions notwithstanding, on a date yet to be confirmed. Registration forms are available at the back of church.

AND FINALLY ...

... may we all have the hindsight to know where we've been, the foresight to know where we're going, and the insight to know when we're likely to go too far.

With every blessing
Fr Nick