

'Peace Sunday' - 16th January 2022

Theme of Pope Francis' World Peace Day:

Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace

Once again Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, has produced a variety of on-line and paper resources to celebrate the theme. While there are some limits as to how we come together, Pax Christi have materials for parishes, communities and families - allowing for as much creativity as possible, this is not limited to one day or place! In his message to parishes Pax Christi's National President, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon says:

"This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other. The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times. I invite you to seriously consider facilitating a collection for, or making a donation to, the work of Pax Christi at this time as a way to make a practical contribution to continuing the work of peace."

Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfw67x> Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY - Tel: 0208 203 4884.



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between generations: tools for
building lasting peace"*

Collect Prayer

**O God, who on this day revealed your
Only Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy that we,
who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty
of your sublime glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.**

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	First Week of Ordinary Time	9th – 16th January 2022
	The Baptism of the Lord	

Sunday 9.01	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass	<p>Updated Omicron Guidance: Hand Sanitiser will be available at the entrance. Wearing of face coverings is obligatory. Congregational singing is permitted. Holy Communion can be distributed with distancing. During Mass you can remain seated or standing but please, do not use the kneelers. Some people will be very anxious at the sudden rise of Covid cases. Please observe all the rules and keep a 2 metre distance, between each other, as we take the next big step towards normality.</p>
Monday 10.01	No service		
Tuesday 11.01	10am		
Wednesday 12.01	6pm		
Thursday 13.01	10am		
Friday 14.01	10am		
Saturday 15.01	10am		
Sunday 16.01	10.30am 4pm	English Mass Malayalam Mass	

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for January 2022: For true human fraternity. 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.

Words of the Holy Father

The Holy Spirit, received for the first time on the day of our Baptism, opens our heart to the Truth, to all Truth. The Spirit impels our life on the challenging but joyful path of charity and solidarity toward our brothers and sisters. The Spirit gives us the tenderness of divine forgiveness and permeates us with the invincible power of the Father's mercy. Let us not forget that the Holy Spirit is a living and vivifying presence in those who welcome him, he prays in us and fills us with spiritual joy.

Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish.

Gospel background for Sunday 9th January 2022 - Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

7th memorial anniversary for Delaine Takunda Mukopfa who sadly passed away on the 10th January 2015 aged 10yrs. Remember us in your prayers. If you wish to support his Foundation visit the website for more information <https://www.delainefoundation.org> Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Florence Perkins RIP, died on 1st on January in Hospital. Our deepest and sincere condolences to her family and friends. Funeral details to follow.

300 Club Results: 26th December £50 N Tyrrell (173), £25 O Takaingofa (101, Y Shaw (113). 2nd January £50 M-F McKay (65). £25 M Goodger (192), A Hynes (94).

Latest new from LACY (Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth).

Due to the current COVID situation we have changed the venue to ON LINE VIA ZOOM!

We've changed the time to 4.00 P.M. A great opportunity for all young people, their families and friends to join us! All young people under the age of 18 should be present with an adult. Link information: Topic: "Have Your Say Synod" with Young People Time: Jan 9, 2022 04:00 PM : Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82612564814?pwd=Y1JzbW1VbkYONXluZVg4d1FuSHNyUT09> :

Meeting ID: 826 1256 4814: Passcode: 1guH1F

Bring your thoughts and ideas and tell us how you would like to share your Faith and become more engaged and involved in your parishes and in your area! We look forward to seeing you. Contact paulinepayne@hotmail.com for further information.

Ecological works of mercy. This month's edition of the Catholic News features a thought-provoking article by Fr Patrick Bassey (a priest at St Hugh's in Lincoln) about our new diocesan environmental journey. Following the COP26 climate summit, and the launch of our environmental policy framework last month, Fr. Patrick proposes 'seven ecological works of mercy'. The article comes in three instalments, with part two following in January's issue. Catholic News is independently published in the Diocese of Nottingham, and is available online or in parishes which have ordered hard copies. Download Fr Patrick's article. [Click for other editions of Catholic News](#)

Encountering God in your daily work - For four Wednesdays, starting on 12th January at 7pm, the diocese will be running an online course looking at how we can encounter Jesus in our daily work and how it can help us to grow in holiness too. We spend more hours in a week at work than doing most other activities (including going to church) so let's make an experience of daily glory rather than a daily grind. For more information visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/onlineevents [Click here to register](#)

Why does tax matter for people of faith? Early in the New Year, we invite you to this online presentation and workshop which we're organising in partnership with Church Action for Tax Justice and the National Justice and Peace Network. Recalling the mobilisation of the church community in the run up to the Millennium we will explore how a reformed and renewed tax system in the UK can contribute to the Common Good and build a more sustainable life for all. Join us on Monday 17 January at 7.30 p.m. to discover an increasingly important theme in Christian social witness. [Click here to book your place on Eventbrite](#)

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Online Masses

<https://www.stjoseph-leicester.co.uk/> #ParishYouTube

Or St Thomas More

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrZu39_vJOmfp50cVR4INiQ



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