

The Baptism of Christ

12th January 2025



Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again
by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (Isaiah 43.1-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have
redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are
mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be
with you; and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you
shall not be burned, and the flame shall not
consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the
Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as
your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for
you. Because you are precious in my sight, and
honoured, and I love you, I give people in return
for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not
fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring
from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I
will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the
south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far
away and my daughters from the end of the earth -
everyone who is called by my name, whom I
created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Psalm (Psalm 29)



The Lord will bless his peo-ple with peace.

Response:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord, you children of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord resplendent and holy. R

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. R

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. R

Second Reading (Acts 8.14-17)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that
Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent
Peter and John to them. The two went down and
prayed for them that they might receive the Holy
Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any
of them; they had only been baptized in the name
of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their
hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading (Luke 3.15-17, 21-22)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of
repentance. As the people were filled with
expectation, and all were questioning in their
hearts concerning John, whether he might be the
Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I
baptize you with water; but one who is more
powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie
the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his
hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the
wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn
with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people
were baptized, and when Jesus also had been
baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened,
and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily
form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven,
'You are my Son, the Belovèd; with you I am well
pleased.'

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed
yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For your prayers

In our Prayers: Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy Lacken, Sue, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Lenny Shaw, Pat, Vanessa, Eamon Irvine, HM King Charles, Steve, Tracey Sanderson, Fr Michael Shier, Michelle Ferguson, Maria Vaccaro, Robert Russell, Carol Martin, Nancy Campling, Philomena Sorrenti, Martin Fletcher, Jan Bone, Francis Burrows. Fr Peter Rabin, Lynn Williamson, Ms Rebecca Quansah, Dr Alfred Kwasi Kwarteng, Fr Peter Bernhard.

Among the departed:

Calum Naylor, Gladys Mevo, Ann Douglas, David Brooks, Pauline Job, Peter Bassett.

Anniversaries of Death: George Bennett (Pr), Minnie Oliver, Eleanor Brotherton, Rose Wainwright, Charles Todd, Zoe Scott Ron Hughes, May Bruce Barnard, Rafaela Catena

In the parish: We pray for our local schools, and the City University, at the beginning of a new year. Also for Central Street, Macclesfield House and Kido Nursery

In the wider world: We Pray for all those with influence and authority in Syria to bring an end to the civil war, a just peace, reconciliation and rebuilding.

Notices

In Church this week

Wednesday **Open Church 10am-1pm**
12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
10.30am Sung Mass

Helpers needed after Mass!

Can you help out after Sunday Mass? There's plenty to do clearing up and putting things away once refreshments are finished. If you can please speak to Elaine or Father David.

St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London. Please give what you can.

King Square Coffee

Community Room, Blackwell House

(between President House and rahere House)

Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm

Friday afternoons 12.30-2pm

A chance to chat with your neighbour and catch up over coffee, tea, soup and sweet treats. Everyone welcome!

THE DUNLOE CENTRE always needs the following:

TINNED FOODS (ring pull for preference)

Corned beef and meats of all kinds.

Fish

Soups (all flavours), baked beans, spaghetti in tomato sauce.

Fruit, rice pudding and custard.

Vegetables (chick peas and pulses are the least useful)

DRIED GOODS

Cup-a-soups, potnoodles and instant noodles.

TOILETRIES (mostly for men)

Shower gel, shampoo, soap, deodorant, face flannels

Disposable razors, shaving cream, pocket-size packs of tissues

St. Clement's Church is very grateful for all donations to our work. To donate now please scan the QR code below. You can use debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Many thanks!

