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<u>Active Membership of the Parish</u> is determined by the following criteria: being properly registered for a sufficient period of time; faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days; use of the planned giving system (envelope or bank standing order) in regular support of the parish

Are you on our GIFT AID list yet?

It is *important* to <u>gift aid</u> your offering to the church (whether Sunday envelopes or through standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by **25p for every £1** at no extra cost to you, the giver. You have to be a UK taxpayer to qualify and you have to fill in a declaration form. For more information, please call Elizabeth in the office

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

10 [™] January 2021	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)	For the Parish
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	8:30 am Mass	Sean Dolan – R.I.P Anniv
	11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	Derek Turner R.I.P Amelita Kimpo R.I.P.
11 th January Monday Feria	9:15 am Mass	Claudio Rigolli R.I.P - Anniv
12 th January Tuesday	No Mass	
13 th January Wednesday St. Hilary Bishop	9:15 am Mass	Fish Geresus - Intentions
14 th January Thursday Feria	9:15 am Mass	Vittoria Vanin – R.I.P
15 th January Friday Feria	9:15 am Mass	Helena Bolotna – R.I.P Anniv
16 th January Saturday Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	11:00-12;00 noon Confessions and by appointment Attilio Speroni – R.I.P - Anniv
17 th January 2021	8:30 am Mass	Dorrian Family – Intentions
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00 am Mass (live-streamed Via ZOOM)	Derek Turner – R.I.P

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 10th January 2021

The Deep End – Come to the water

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is. Our readings are rich with water imagery. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start.

Our gospel today tells of Jesus being baptised by John in the river Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. By approaching John for baptism, along with all the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing himself to be counted among sinners. It is a sign that he submitting to God's will. At this crucial moment, as soon as he emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming him as 'Beloved Son'. It is a moment of divine approval, confirming Jesus' identity and launching him on his new mission.

The baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God's family. In today's first reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty'. We are called to the water, to that moment when we recognise who Jesus is, who we are, and our mission to live as children of God.

'In order to live a life of holiness, we must first receive new life from God — we must be born from above.' J. Vernon McGee

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT "We are a welcoming, nourishing living parish, inspired by the Sacred Heart to serve and radiate this love to all."

We ask for your charitable prayers for those who are sick, recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time...

For the sick and the housebound:

Ruby Flynn, Elizabeth Feeley, Michael Margaret Collins, Esther Bradlev. Joseph, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne ,Brian Conway Crystal Green, Ludvinia King, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Bridie Prior, Mary Wong, Michael & Cathy Bailey, Ada Bacarini. Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Charlie Crane Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulrov, Alison McGoff, Martin Cooke, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries

Attilio Speroni, Helena Bolotna, Sean Dolan, Gilbert Ero, Bana Emmanuel, Brian Mpunga, Anne & Cathleen Rainsford, Thomas Baker, Gabriel Samuels, John Danquah, Philomena & Louis Kalathara.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Evelyn Green, Derek Turner, Lea Joseph, Ervina Toson, Nancy Morris, Joe Ward, Amelita Kimpo, Leona Gwin, James Brefo, Eileen Graham, Paolo Paner, Tommy Doherty, Margaret Cooke, Philip Yambao, Anna McDonagh, Amor Marcelo, Nora Harkin.

Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

SACRAMENTS

Government Guidelines in celebrating the Sacraments:

The guidelines to date, limit number for <u>funerals</u> to 30 people only regardless of the size of the church, 6 for Baptisms and 15 for Weddings.

In the current situation in the case of funeral Masses, we request you not to attend unless specifically invited by the family of the deceased.

MARRIAGE- Six months' notice must be given, even if you're marrying elsewhere to gather and process the paper work. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

BAPTISM (Child)

Following the government announcements, Baptisms are suspended until further notice. Please watch this space.

You can email us for more info holloway@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

After careful consideration, we had come to the conclusion that under the current circumstances children will not receive all we intend to deliver in order to get them well prepared to receive Jesus, and this would not be fair on them.

Therefore, it is with a heavy heart that it has been decided that the First Communion programme will be postponed until the spring term.

Young People's Confirmation

We are working to re-schedule the Mass of Confirmation. You will be contacted once there is a confirmed new date.

STAY SAFE

Please remember to sanitise your hands as you enter the church, use 'track and trace,' wearing a face mask is a must, observe social distancing by only sitting where you see the tick unless you are in the same household. Benches will be sterilised by the stewards so kindly leave the church immediately after Mass.

THANK YOU.

Thank you for the Christmas offerings gifts, cards, and good wishes that I received (and Fr. Henry too) over Christmas. Much appreciated.

RETROUVAILLE

The Retrouvaille programme is offering a virtual weekend for couples from 25th to 28th February 2021. The programme is designed to help heal and renew marriages, and offers couples the chance to rediscover a loving relationship in your marriage. Find out more by visiting https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk or email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

ETIQUETTE IN PARTICIPATING LIVE STREAM MASSES

Prepare as if you are going to Mass physically:

- Wear a decent clothing
- Designate a prayer room or sacred space (free from phone ringing and other distractions)
- Invite family members to participate
- Be still and be quiet

Upon logging in, make sure that your device is on MUTE.

Your Video should be turned OFF.

• You should be able to see and hear the Presider as well as the Lector.

During Communion, the Presider will recite with you the:

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Lens of the Gospel Mark 1:7-14

1. John gives an example of humility as a person confident in his own role but not seeking to claim to be more than he is. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. There is a freedom in being able to acknowledge the gifts of others without losing a sense of one's own giftedness. Recall times when you were able to do this.

2. The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. What have been these milestones for you?

3. 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Bring to mind experiences in which you knew you were the beloved (of God or of another person) and that the one who loved you was well pleased. Remember these experiences with gratitude, knowing that the only proper response to love received is thankfulness. Perhaps you have also given that experience to another.

4. It is easy to lament the growing secularization in the world today, but the Spirit of God who spoke loudly to the world in the Christ-event is active today. How can we be open to the new things the Spirit is saying to the church today?

PRAYING THE ROSARY TOGETHER ON WEDNESDAY.

We continue praying the Holy Rosary every Wednesday at 8:30 pm via Zoom.

Meeting ID 744 445 Meeting Pass code: 597446

<u>GIFT AID</u>

Are you a gift aider to this parish? Are you still a taxpayer?

If your circumstances changed during last year, and you stopped being a taxpayer, kindly inform us via email.

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