

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

BAPTISM of the LORD

Year B

Sunday 3 January 2021

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| **ENTRANCE HYMN**  **13. Hark the Herald**  **(in Carols Book)**  **(see the words on another page)**  **GREETINGS**  **PENITENTIAL ACT**  **GLORY**  Glory to God in the highest,  and on earth peace to people of good will.  We praise you,  we bless you,  we adore you,  we glorify you,  we give you thanks for your great glory,  Lord God, heavenly King,  O God, almighty Father.  Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  you take away the sins of the world,  have mercy on us;  you take away the sins of the world,  receive our prayer;  you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  have mercy on us.  For you alone are the Holy One,  you alone are the Lord,  you alone are the Most High,  Jesus Christ,  with the Holy Spirit,  in the glory of God the Father. Amen  **COLLECT**  Almighty ever-living God,  who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,  solemnly declared him your beloved Son,  grant that your children by adoption,  reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  may always be well pleasing to you.  Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  one God, for ever and ever.  **Amen** | **FIRST READING** Is 55:1-11  *Come to me and your soul will live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you*  Thus says the Lord:  Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty,  though you have no money, come!  Buy corn without money, and eat,  and, at no cost, wine and milk.  Why spend money on what is not bread,  your wages on what fails to satisfy?  Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat  and rich food to enjoy.  Pay attention, come to me;  listen, and your soul will live.  With you I will make an everlasting covenant  out of the favours promised to David.  See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,  a leader and a master of the nations.  See, you will summon a nation you never knew,  those unknown will come hurrying to you,  for the sake of the Lord your God,  of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.  Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  call to him while he is still near.  Let the wicked man abandon his way,  the evil man his thoughts.  Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  to our God who is rich in forgiving;  for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  as my ways are above your ways,  my thoughts above your thoughts.  Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.** | **RESP PSALM** Is 12  **R.** *You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.*  Truly, God is my salvation,  I trust, I shall not fear.  For the Lord is my strength, my song,  he became my saviour.  With joy you will draw water  from the wells of salvation. **R.**  Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**  Sing a psalm to the Lord  for he has done glorious deeds;  make them known to all the earth!  People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,  for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**  **SECOND READING**  1 John 5:1-9  *Jesus Christ came by water and blood*  Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  has been begotten by God;  and whoever loves the Father that begot him  loves the child whom he begets.  We can be sure that we love God’s children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;  this is what loving God is –  keeping his commandments;  and his commandments are not difficult,  because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world;  this is the victory over the world – our faith.  Who can overcome the world?  Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:  Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  not with water only,  but with water and blood;  with the Spirit as another witness –  since the Spirit is the truth –  so that there are three witnesses,  the Spirit, the water and the blood,  and all three of them agree.  We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God’s testimony is much greater, and this is God’s testimony,  given as evidence for his Son.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.** |

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| **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 1:29  Alleluia, alleluia!  John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:  This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  Alleluia!  **GOSPEL** Mt 2:1-12  The Lord be with you.  And with your spirit.  A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke  Glory to you, O Lord.  *'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'*  In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said:  ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’  It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’  **The Gospel of the Lord.**  **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**  **HOMILY**  **PROFESSION OF FAITH**  **Apostle’s Creed**  I believe in God,  the Father almighty,  Creator of heaven and earth,  and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  born of the Virgin Mary,  suffered under Pontius Pilate,  was crucified, died and was buried;  he descended into hell;  on the third day he rose again from the  dead;  He ascended into heaven,  and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  I believe in the Holy Spirit,  the holy catholic Church,  the communion of saints,  the forgiveness of sins,  the resurrection of the body,  and life everlasting. Amen.  **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL** | Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:…  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you…  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Pray, brethren **(**brothers and sisters**)**,  that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, The almighty Father.  **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name,**  **for our good** **and the good of all his holy Church.**  **PREP GIFTS HYMNS**  **12. Mary’s Boy Child**  **(see the words on the third page)**  **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING**  Look with favour, Lord, we pray,  on these gifts of your Church,  in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh,  but he who by them is proclaimed,  sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ.  Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  **Amen.**  **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**  The Lord be with you.  And with your spirit.  Lift up your hearts.  We lift them up to the Lord.  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  It is right and just.  **Holy, Holy, Holy**  Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  Hosanna in the highest.  Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  Hosanna in the highest.  **THE MEMORIAL ACCLAM**    At the Saviour’s command  and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  Our Father, who art in heaven,  hallowed be thy name;  thy kingdom come,  thy will be done  on earth as it is in heaven.  Give us this day our daily bread,  and forgive us our trespasses,  as we forgive those who trespass against us;  and lead us not into temptation,  but deliver us from evil. | Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  For the kingdom, the power and the glory are your now and for ever.  **SIGN OF PEACE**  Lord Jesus Christ,  who said to your Apostles:  Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  look not on our sins,  but on the faith of your Church,  and graciously grant her peace and unity  in accordance with your will.  Who live and reign for ever and ever.  Amen.  The peace of the Lord be with you always.  And with your spirit.  Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  **LAMB OF GOD**  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  grant us peace  **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**  **COMMUNION HYMN**  **1. Away in a Manger**  **(see the words on the third page)**  **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,  always and everywhere,  that we may perceive with clear sight  and revere with true affection  the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.  Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  **FINAL SONG**  **13. Hark the Herald**  **(see the words on another page)** |