

Reflection—

Come, Holy Spirit

Celebrating the Baptism of Jesus hopefully reminds us of our own Baptism. Even if we were baptized as a child, our consistent attendance at Mass, especially when we witness the Baptism of children, gives us copious reminders of what Baptism means. We often refer to the work of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to renew our lives and everything in creation. We remember!



We use the sign of the cross multiple times during Sunday liturgy. Each signing is similar to the signing of our Baptism. We are initiated into the Body of Christ. By that signing, we are indelibly connected to each other, related in mind, body, and spirit. We join the Holy Spirit in active renewal of the earth and all that populates the earth. We re-member! We restore and mend relationships.

In what ways do we experience the Spirit coming to us, to our families, to our parish community, and to the Church at large? How are we asking the Spirit to be ever more present to us? How do we recognize that the Spirit is the active, transforming agent in our prayer, our rituals, and our lives?

Our fervent prayer for this week: "Come, Holy Spirit! Dwell among us! Fill us with your joy and your peace! Renew the face of the earth! Renew the face of our Church! Renew us and our parish community! Help us to live our Baptismal call."



THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SATURDAY 8th January
Vigil Mass 4.00 pm
SUNDAY 9th January
Mass 9.30 am

Saturday	8th	The Feast of	Vigil Mass 4 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	9th	the Baptism of the Lord	Mass 9.30 am	
Monday	10th	Feria	NO MASS	
Tuesday	11th	Feria	Mass 10 am	The children & staff of our school
Wednesday	12th	Feria	Mass 10 am	Those waiting for major surgery
Thursday	13th	Feria	Mass 10 am	Ben Woloszczuk RIP & John Robertson RIP
Friday	14th	Feria	Mass 10 am	Anthony Wood RIP
Saturday	15th	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil Mass 4 pm	parishioners



Next Week : THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C):

Saturday 15th January 2022

Vigil Mass 4 pm

Sunday 16th January Mass at 9.30am

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CHINTHOWA DEVELOPMENT TRUST

They wish to thank all those who bought their hand made Christmas Cards. They raised o£1300.00 which mean that all the poor families in the village will be able to have a mosquito net. His is a good preventive measure against malaria as the mosquitoes are most active at night time.

When you take down your Christmas Cards instead off throwing them away, please bring them to church and they will recycle them and be able to use them to make new cards for next

PARISH COMMUNITY HALL

As well as work going on in the hall in the first three weeks of January the hall will remain closed to all organisations as a precaution against COVID infection. The rate of transmission is quite high in the Atherstone area so it was decided to lean on the side of caution.

A reminder to all who are in the **GIFT AID SCHEME**. Please ensure we have been informed of any change of address or Tax situation. **THANK YOU.**

If you are not Gift Aiding your church giving why not do it?

The new COVID 19 VIRUS IS STILL SPREADING SO KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER. TOUCH AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE. HAVE YOU HAD YOUR JABS?

Have you booked or had your booster jab? We still need to wear masks in church and use the hand sanitiser as we arrive and leave. If we are careful we can help each other and keep worshipping together.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION-

Fr. Paul will be in the confessional Saturday Mornings between 11.30-12 noon. Then Saturday before Vigil Mass 3.30 – 4.45 pm. OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.

Please think about receiving this very beneficial Sacrament.

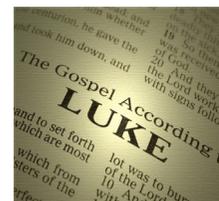
There is nothing quite like leaving the confessional as free of sin as the day you were baptised. Try it for yourself.



This Synodal experience will need us all to be involved. Look out for more information in the coming months.



SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME



In Year C we follow Luke's Gospel which represents Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem which is completed in the acts of the Apostles by the journey of the Church from Jerusalem 'to the ends of the earth'.

Luke's journey is not geographical or chronological, rather it is seen as a journey of the whole Church and for the individual Christian, a journey towards suffering and glory.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

Please don't forget to hand in your Mass requests in an envelope with the name and date on and with your donation inside. Fr. Paul has no outstanding Masses.



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