

promised Messiah. John made it clear that he was not, and “someone” who is more powerful than him is coming. This “someone” is to baptise them with “the Holy Spirit and fire”.

After Jesus was baptised, what was He doing? He was at prayer. Then something extraordinary happened, heaven opened. The Holy Spirit who was with Christ since His conception, descended on Him like a dove. Then came a voice from heaven. God the Father affirmed that Jesus is the Son of God, the Beloved. Some biblical scholars called this significant event the second manifestation, whereby the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Spirit was revealed to man. The first manifestation was the Epiphany, where the infant Jesus was revealed to the wise men, representing the Gentiles.

Mass Times & Intentions: 11th – 17th Jan

Monday	12.00	The Curtin family / Angela & Andrew Charlton INT
Tuesday	12.00	Ann Sousapillai & Lucas Pillai Sousapillai Anniv / Philomena Mahadevan Anniv
Wednesday	12.00	Breda McCane INT / John Hutchinson INT
Thursday	12.00	Ann-Marie Moloney Anniv / Elizabeth Moore Anniv
Friday	12.00	Bea Walsh INT/ Maureen Brosnan Intention
Saturday	11.00 19.00	McEvoy family Nancy Murphy RIP
2nd Sunday	08.00	For the parishioners
Isa 62:1-5 Ps 95:1-3, 7-10, I Cor 12:4-11, John 2:1-11	09.30	John Keating Anniv / Nancy Keating RIP
	11.00	Mary Budd RIP / Peggy Carroll RIP
	14.15	Polish Mass
	18.30	Philip Davis RIP

Anniversaries: Bill Guiry, Bianca Landolfi, Ann-Marie Moloney, Ann Sousapillai, Philomena Mahadevan, Lucas Pillai Sousapillai, Giuseppi De Simione, Rosa Di Mauro, Elizabeth



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On every Thursday at 1.15pm, there is a Mass in the Watford General Hospital chapel (3rd floor). Everyone is welcome to join us, to pray for the sick and the

Confession: Saturday
11.30 - 12.30, 18.15 - 18.40

Holy Rood Catholic Church, Watford

You are very welcome to our church and parish community. If you are new to Holy Rood, please introduce yourself to one of the clergy or welcomers.

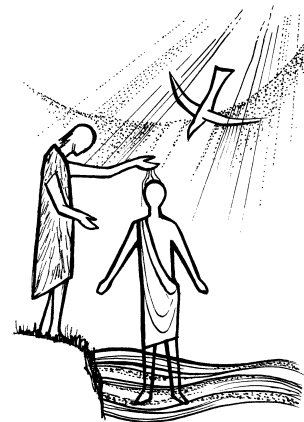
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Sunday 10th Jan 2016

The Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30, Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 on pages 120 - 122 of the Parish Mass Book



did not need repentance nor conversion. In Luke’s narrative, Jesus was baptised soon after all the people were baptised. (v21). Jesus voluntarily accepted to be baptised because He wanted to be truly immersed in our human life.

Before Jesus was baptised, Luke recorded that a lot of people were drawn by the teaching of John the Baptist and they were subsequently baptised by John. Some of these people began to wonder whether John might actually be the Christ, the

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All four gospels record the circumstances in which the Baptism of our Lord took place, some in greater details than the others. Did Jesus really need to be baptised like everyone else? He was born without sin. He