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## SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	9TH	09.30	Feria	<i>Memorial</i>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>18:00</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	Peter Burgess
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10TH</b>	<b>08:30</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	
		<b>10:00</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	Pro Populo
		<b>12:00</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	<b>Solemnity</b>	Pauline Densley RIP
MONDAY	11th		NO MASS		
TUESDAY	12th	10:00	St Aelred of Rievaulx	<i>Memorial</i>	Ashley Rita
WEDNESDAY	13th	10:00	St Hilary	<i>Memorial</i>	Sr Dilma da Silveira Dias RIP
THURSDAY	14th	10:00	Feria		Angele Falle
FRIDAY	15th	10:00	Feria		Sister Janine Fratissier RIP
SATURDAY	16th	10:00	The Blessed Virgin Mary		Maureen Reid

**CONFESSIONS:** SATURDAY: 5PM - 6PM IN THE HALL

**CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER:** WEDS: 4-6, SAT: 4-6.



**We pray for Alfred Owusu who died recently** and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. In a week marked by violence at the United States Capitol building in Washington DC, we ask for the grace to respect the gift of democracy and the electoral process. May we revere the rule of law and be willing to accept outcomes we may disagree with or be to our disadvantage. May we always revere the image of God reflected in every human being including those we passionately disagree with. May this principle always inform our behaviour.

This week we will keep the memorial of St Aelred of Rievaulx; a Cistercian Abbott from the 12th century famous for writing about “spiritual friendship”. These days make us all mindful of how much the intimacy of friendship matters: Zoom doesn’t deprive us of sight but it does deprive us of the other person in a profound way. We - experiencing this deprivation - may become more aware of how challenging our friendship with Christ is to maintain since we can’t even see Him! Yet, in the words of St Aelred from the Prologue to his famous work on spiritual friendship, “nothing not honeyed with the sweet name of Jesus, nothing not seasoned with the salt of the sacred scriptures, wholly won my affection.” The wisdom of the saints is often to remind us of things we take for granted and - in the case of Aelred - he teaches us that Jesus is someone who desires our affection; our desire, our love. God is the one before all others whom we are invited to know and love: this is an inter-personal friendship which is real and powerful. Do we believe this? Maybe our answer is that of the father whose son is sick in Mark’s Gospel: “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” At this request the Lord Jesus loved him and helped him. May each of us be given the courage to ask for the gift of faith!

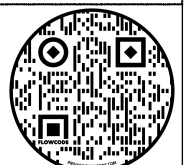
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## PARISH NEWS

**WORSHIPPING SAFELY TOGETHER:** Safe communal worship can continue within Churches at this time. **We have reverted to 2m social distancing and closed every other pew. We will also cease all singing within Church** until the situation improves. Please continue to observe social distancing, wear face masks at all times, use hand sanitiser and follow the direction of the Stewards. **The Sunday obligation continues to be suspended by the Church meaning you are not obliged to come to Mass and - if you are clinically vulnerable - you should stay at home!**

**WEEKDAY MORNING CHURCH OPENING, ADORATION AND MASS:** In this period of lockdown (from Tuesday) I am slightly adjusting our midweek schedule. There is no need to book for weekday adoration, private prayer or Mass. All are welcome to join with us in prayer! **Mass will be at 10am.**

MONDAYS:	CLOSED	
TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS:	Adoration (9am-10am)	Mass (10am)
SATURDAYS:	No Adoration	Mass (10am)
WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS:	Private Prayer (4pm-6pm)	

**THE ETHICS OF THE COVID VACCINE:** Some people have asked about the moral status of the vaccinations being distributed in response to the pandemic. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW) has prepared a [statement](#) addressing questions in this area. With the approval of Pope Francis, Rome's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has also produced a [note of instruction](#) on the subject. These documents should help to reassure people that, as our bishops have stated, "Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves." Let us pray for a speedy administration of the vaccine!

**FROM OUR "WOMEN OF FAITH" GROUP:** "Would you like an opportunity to deepen your understanding of your faith and share it with others? A group of women in the parish have been meeting regularly for some time - currently on Zoom - and you would very welcome to join us. In the past we've looked at stories from the Bible, lives of saints and papal writing as well as sharing our own experiences and prayer. If you or anyone you know is interested or would like to find out more please contact Barbara Wilson (07713241449) or Yogi Sutton (07891039861)."

**WE ARE SEEKING TO EMPLOY A PARISH SECRETARY:** The role will be part-time and within school term-time only. A link to the full job description can be accessed online via the website Charity Job from [THIS LINK](#) and the advert for the position (also on our website) is as follows:

"Corpus Christi Catholic Church on Brixton Hill, London are seeking to appoint a Parish Secretary to run the busy Parish Office. Working closely with the Parish Priest, the Parish Secretary will be an experienced administrator and a confident communicator, able to multi-task and prioritise their workload using their own initiative. This role offers interesting and varied challenges and the chance to make a positive impact in this busy city parish.

To apply please send your CV and a covering letter explaining how your skills and experience match the requirements of the job description to [CCbrixtonhill@gmail.com](mailto:CCbrixtonhill@gmail.com) by 5pm on 15th January 2021. Interviews will be on Zoom week commencing 25th January 2021."