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FAITH IN FOCUS: EMPOWERED

The baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of his formal mission on earth. It's the moment when he takes his first steps in response to his Father's commission and begins to preach about the kingdom that God wants to establish here on earth and for all eternity.

In future times of hesitation and difficulty Jesus would look back at his baptism and see it as the moment he was anointed to bring comfort to the afflicted and challenge to the affluent. It was the touchstone of his ministry.

It's easy for us to make the mistake of looking at our own baptism as simply a past event. We can imagine that it's something over and done with, something that was done to us as a child. This is because we tend to view baptism as being officially enrolled in the Church, as having our name written among those who are Christians. Baptism does indeed enrol; but more than that: it empowers.

Because we are baptised we have certain rights as Christians; we can take part fully in all that the Church celebrates, we can be baptised, married, buried etc. Along with these rights go certain responsibilities. We agree to live as members of God's people, to support each other and all those who are in need, to deepen our relationship with God and to become mouthpieces for the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As one of the sacraments, baptism needs to be lived out each day or else it will wither. It's a dynamic thing. The grace of baptism empowers us to become witnesses. We claim that Christ's message offers us the chance of living life to the full, of getting the most out of life, and our baptism fires us up to spread the news to others rather than keeping it to ourselves. It makes us official spokesmen and women.

So if you're tempted to think that spreading the Good News is something for the professionals, for catechists and missionaries, then think again. You've been empowered by the grace of your baptism to be an effective witness to the force of God in your life. Make sure you do your baptism proud!

St Anne's Catholic Church, Newsletter

9th January 2022
Baptism of the Lord Year C.

(Prayer of the Church Week 1)



Sunday Masses
8:30am & 11:30am

Parish Clergy - Salesians of Don Bosco

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Sunday

8.30am, 11.30am Mass

We welcome **Ciaran Flynn**, through baptism, into our faith community.

Monday

9.30am Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Parish Council in Savio Centre

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Legion of Mary Meeting in Savio Centre

Thursday

9.30am Mass

Friday

9.30am Mass

7.30pm SVP Meeting in Savio Centre

Saturday

10.00am Morning Mass

Next Sunday

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

Sunday Mass Times from August 28th.

No Saturday evening Mass at St. Anne's.

6pm Mass at Holy Family, Addlestone instead.

Sunday St. Anne's 8.30am, 11.30am

Holy Family 10am

Church Decoration

This Sunday after the 11.30am Mass, we will need volunteers to help with disassembling the crib and taking down other Christmas church decorations. All help welcome.

Confirmation

Our Parish Confirmation programme will begin in February 2022 and will run for approximately 7 sessions. This is open to all baptised Catholic teenagers aged 14+.

Please find the link herewith to fill in the required details for the course.

<https://stanneschertsey.wufoo.co.uk/forms/m1rcmzyw1wmeq7k/>

Please remember to have the baptism details with you as you fill in the form.

Alpha Course

Our next course starts Tuesday 4th January at 7:30 pm. Alpha delivers the basics of the Christian faith but has proved to be a great refresher for established Christians. Each session comprises an attractive 30 minute video followed by a short discussion. Because our course is online people with young children can easily participate. To join please contact Oz at ozan.brown@yahoo.co.uk

Justice & Peace Assembly Webinar: To a Safer Shore?

It's not too late to sign up to our annual diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly 'To a Safer Shore?' taking place Saturday 15 January, 9.45am - 2pm online. The Assembly will explore the considerable difficulties and challenges faced by individuals and families who are compelled to leave their homes and seek safety - and longed for sanctuary - in countries that can be considerable distances from their homes.

Speakers include Aidan Cantwell, from the [Jesuit Refugee Service](#) who will explore current legislation in the UK and how best we can respond, Karen Goldsmith, who has first-hand experience of the refugee crisis, having spent time volunteering at a refugee camp in [Chios, Greece](#), Canon Rob Esdaile who will provide insight on [Pope Francis' Encyclical Fratelli Tutti](#) and John Paul de Quay, from the [Ecological Conversion Group](#), who will examine the links between the plight of refugees and climate crisis. [You can find out more and book your free place here.](#)

More details and to book at [To a Safer Shore? Spotlights refugees, highlighting what we can do to help. | Arundel & Brighton Catholic Diocese \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](#) or contact Tessa Ricketts at Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

Ministries in St. Anne's

These last two years have been a challenge for ministry in St. Anne's. Some ministries have come back to a semblance of normal. Other ministries have remained dormant. These ministries include catechists of any age group. For the benefit of the parish office and parish council, could I ask any active (or people who would like to be) ministers to give in their names either by email or post. This is very important for our parish and diocese. Many thanks.

For a Synodal Church:

Communion, Participation and Mission

Synod 2021-2023 begins in our Diocese next month with the deadline for group and individual responses 4 February 2022. People from across our community are invited to consider and respond - online or in writing - to the questions posed by the Holy Father, exploring their response to the Synod within their parish, alone, or with friends or family. To access the questions, online Synod Response Form, and supporting resources, please [visit our website](#) and download the **Participant and Group Leaders' Guide**. Contributions from across our Diocese will be collated during February 2022, with Bishop Richard presenting a summary of the feedback received during an online meeting 9 March at 7.30pm. To register to attend this meeting, visit

abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/8yaw6pon