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9 JANUARY 2022:
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
(Year C (II); Psalter: Week 1)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11
 Resp. Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30
 2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
 Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 9 January	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (p. 138 – Year C) Retiring Collection: Mary's Meals	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 10 January	Monday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Ewen Macdonald, RIP (Anniversary Yesterday)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Tuesday 11 January	Tuesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Angus Kennedy, RIP (Anniversary on 28 December)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	6.45 pm 7.30 pm
Wednesday 12 January	Wednesday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Mary Melling, RIP (Recently Departed on 1 January)	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Thursday 13 January	St. Kentigern (Mungo), Bishop – Feast	NO LITURGIES	---
Friday 14 January	Friday of Week 1 in Ordinary Time	NO LITURGIES	---
Saturday 15 January	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Holy Souls in Purgatory	Eucharistic Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass	8.45 am 9.30 am
Sunday 16 January	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 971 – Year C)	Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass	9.30 am 11.00 am

The Baptism of the Lord: The Anointing

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolised by the Magi, have been made "coheirs" to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus"—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power."

The word messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (see 2 Samuel 23:1-17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10, 17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1-2; Daniel 9:25). That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32-33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as a fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life. (Scott Hahn)

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Baptism of the Lord (p. 138)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 138: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 131: Preface: Baptism of the Lord
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

Today's Retiring Collection: Mary's Meals – please note that **today's Retiring Collection, together with the Christmas Crib donations, will be sent off on Monday 9 January**; any additional donations should be handed in BEFORE this date, please. Every £1 donated before 31 January will be doubled, as part of the 'Double the Love' campaign. This means that even more hungry children can be given a nutritious school meal – including those affected by natural disasters, conflict, and the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. Thank you.

WANTED – Readers for the 11.00am Mass: do you attend the 11.00 Sunday Mass? Have you ever considered offering your services as a Reader at our liturgy? If you would like to help the parish, please speak to Fr. Domenico or to Pat Grant. Thank you.

Sacramental Preparation – First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion: Children of Primary 3 age or above are invited to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Weekly classes will begin in February. Please email to request an application form, or speak to Fr Domenico. Forms to be returned by 31 January.

Diocesan Synodal Process: St. Columba's is one of the many parishes that has been invited to host a Synodal Meeting. The precise date is to be confirmed, but certainly before June. Every parishioner will be invited to attend, and everyone's voice will be heard. We will be looking for volunteers on the day to help with: stewarding; moving furniture; providing tea/coffee facilities. If you would be interested in volunteering, or in simply attending this open event, please speak to Fr. Domenico.

Catenian Association: please note that the monthly Catenian meetings, which are held in the Craigmonie hotel, now take place on the **second Thursday of each month**, at 6.45pm. for 7.00pm, as from 13th January. New members are always very welcome.

90 Club: NEXT DRAW ON SUNDAY 30 JANUARY. Please note that there are envelopes on the table in the entrance foyer for your 2022 contributions. Good Luck to you all!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Anne Hamill, Charlie Grant, Winnie Ferrari

RIP: Mary Melling

Anniversaries: Ewen Macdonald, Angus Kennedy, Ishbel McGillivray MacGregor, Adrian Pieraccini, Peter Horne, Audrey O'Connell, Mollie Pocock, Robert Gibson, Moira Cook, Donald Brown