



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 9th January 2022 – The Baptism of the Lord

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

Monday-Friday
8am-6pm

Saturday
9am-8pm

Sunday
9am-7pm

12.15pm-12.40pm – confessions
12.45pm - Mass
1.30pm-4pm - Adoration

5.30pm-6pm – confessions
Saturday Mass - 6pm

Sunday Mass - 11am
Sunday Mass - 5pm
Spanish Mass - 6pm

COVID-19 Guidelines

- Please wear a face covering except when receiving Holy Communion

MASS INTENTIONS <i>Week commencing 9th January 2022</i>			MUSIC AT THE 11AM MASS
Sunday 9 th January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	11am 5pm 6pm	Parishioners Martin Joyce – Sp. Int. Spanish	<p>Entrance Hymn: I Bind Unto Myself Today (97 Congregation sing verses 1, 2, 3 & 5. Choir only for verse 4)</p> <p>Kyrie & Gloria: Messa a quattro voci (G. Grossi 1653-1697)</p> <p>Offertory Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (9 vs 1, 2 & 4)</p> <p>Offertory Motet: Alma Redemptoris Mater (F. Guerrero (1528-1599) <i>Trans: Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the gate by which we mortals enter heaven, and star of the sea, help your fallen people who strive to rise: You who gave birth, amazing nature, to your sacred Creator: Virgin prior and following, taking from the mouth of Gabriel that Hail! have mercy on our sins.</i></p> <p>Sanctus, Benedictus & Agnus Dei: Messa a quattro voci (G. Grossi 1653-1697)</p> <p>Communion Motet: O Sacrum Convivium (W. Byrd 1543-1623) <i>Trans: O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed; the soul is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us.</i> Alleluia.</p> <p>Recessional Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (47)</p>
Monday 10 th January <i>feria</i>	12.45pm	Friends & Benefactors	
Tuesday 11 th January <i>feria</i>	12.45pm 7pm	Holy Souls Latin Mass (<i>first after Christmas</i>)	
Wednesday 12 th January <i>feria</i>	12.45pm	Frank Joyce – Sp. Int.	
Thursday 13 th January <i>feria</i>	12.45pm 7pm	Holy Souls Latin Mass	
Friday 14 th January <i>feria</i>	12.45pm	Martin Joyce – Sp. Int.	
Saturday 15 th January <i>Blessed virgin Mary on Saturday</i>	6pm	Martin Joyce – Sp. Int.	



ST PATRICK'S PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

2021/2022

As Advent begins, we are delighted to announce the launch of the St. Patrick's Planned Giving Campaign 2021/22. Cards will be handed out at Sunday Masses explaining the various funds that contribute to the many activities creating a vibrant parish life. More details will be shared about the funds in the New Year. Throughout Advent, we ask that you generously consider giving to the following:

9 January - Music

16 January - Homeless Projects

23 January - Evangelisation

PRAYER GROUPS

Confession - Monday to Friday

12.15pm-12.40pm and Saturday 5.30pm-6pm

Cenacolo

7pm-8pm – Monday's only (in the Church)

SOS Prayerline

Request for prayer answered personally by telephone:
020 7434 9211 - 7 days per week.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday to Friday - 1.30pm-4pm

Saturday – 7pm-8pm

Daily rosary – 12pm to 12.20pm

JOIN OUR LIVE STREAM

Monday - Friday 1.30pm - 4pm; Saturday 7-8pm
Holy Mass; Sunday 11am; Join us via livestream at
www.stpatricksoho.org/livestream. If you have any
prayer requests, please send them to:
adoration@stpatricksoho.org.

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

May I take this opportunity of thanking everyone for all their generosity, hard work and joy during these challenging times. Christmas and New Year is always a moment of renewal and resolution for the future. Let us put ourselves into the hands of Mary our Mother as we celebrate the New Year, consecrating it to her and her maternal protection. A happy Christmas, New Year and Epiphany to all.
Father Alexander

REFLECTION

Between Christmas and New Year, I was in the Freeman hospital, Newcastle for another cardiac procedure. This, like the ones that preceded it, wasn't successful, so we'll have to think of a different tack. My inclination had been to ask for the operation to be postponed, fearful as I was of a COVID infection. My GP reassured me, pointing out that I was more likely to contract the disease from the supermarket queue! My stay contrasted markedly with previous ones. The light had gone from the eyes of the nursing staff and there was a discernible level of irritability. Those responsible for Government love to convince us that the NHS is not overwhelmed: a short stay in the Freeman suggested otherwise. The staff were worn out, but still they went about their calling with care, diligence and as much energy as they could muster. There was an air of dogged determination, of putting one foot in front of another, of getting the job done. It was a weary compassion and attention that greeted me and tended my care. Weary, but retaining warmth and gentleness.

There's a gentleness and a calmness about this weekend's first reading from Isaiah, who is foretelling the day when God would visit his people. *Here is my servant whom I uphold... He does not cry out or shout aloud...he does not break the crushed reed nor quench the wavering flame...faithfully he brings true justice, he will neither waver, nor be crushed...*

We are at the end of the Christmas season. The Gospel narratives have been marked by the same spirit of gentleness and calmness from Gabriel to the visit of the three kings. Save for the time when he drove the money lenders from the Temple, Jesus, too is clearly someone of gentle compassion. And this same gentleness and compassion is demanded of us. We may be angered by the complete lack of kindness shown to refugees who cross the Channel, we may be frustrated by the levels of lying and corruption displayed by ministers and officials, but we confront their behaviour - not with aggression but with words that gently challenge: *We do not break the crushed reed.* We act in such a way that ensures that the words of the Father addressed to the Son in today's Gospel, will be addressed to us too: *You are my Son, the beloved; my favour rests on you.*

Please note there are no public facilities in the Church