

*St. Anthony's
Roman Catholic
Parish ' - Words'*

**The Baptism of the Lord
Cycle B
10th January 2021**

Hymns:

Entrance: Come to the water

Offertory: Let the Spirit Come

Communion: Song of the Young
Prophet

Recessional: River of God

Entrance Antiphon:

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-11

Psalms: 12:2-6

1 John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11

Response to Psalm

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Behold the one of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.



Communion Reflection

Come to the water

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is. Our readings are rich with water imagery. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana

and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start.

Our gospel today tells of Jesus being baptised by John in the river Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. By approaching John for baptism, along with all the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing himself to be counted among sinners. It is a sign that he is submitting to God's will. At this crucial moment, as soon as he emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming him as 'Beloved Son'. It is a moment of divine approval, confirming Jesus' identity and launching him on his new mission.

The baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God's family. In today's first reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty'. We are called to

the water, to that moment when we recognise who Jesus is, who we are, and our mission to live as children of God.

'In order to live a life of holiness, we must first receive new life from God — we must be born from above.'

J. Vernon McGee

Triona Doherty

**1st COMMUNION PARENTS
MEETING**



There will be a meeting for the parents of all children who are registered for 1st Communion on Wednesday, 13th January at 19h in the Church. This is an important meeting and all parents are urged to attend. Masks are obligatory.

1st Communion classes will start on Saturday, 16th January at 9h30.

If you have some news you would like to share with the rest of the community through the newsletter, please get in touch with us on stanthonyparish@telenet.be

Mass at St. Nicholas

English mass at St. Nicholas has recommenced but it is currently limited to 15 people only. If you would like to attend, please email martinmartnancy211@gmail.com stating which Sunday you would like to attend. A return email will be sent to you confirming your attendance and without it, access to the Church will not be permitted.

Prayer for the New Year

Lord, grant us in all our tasks your help,
in all our doubts your guidance,
in all our weaknesses your strength,
in all our dangers your protection,
and in all our sorrows your consolation.
Give us the kind of faith that will enable us to live out joyfully the mystery of our fragile human condition,
which sees us suspended between earth and heaven, between time and eternity, between nothingness and infinity.



ROSARY WEDNESDAYS

In these challenging times, with limited possibilities to meet our family and friends in person, a chance to pray together becomes so precious. Therefore, responding to Our Lady's promise to grant her special protection and numerous graces to those who will recite the Holy Rosary, we would like to invite you to join a group of fellow parishioners (from The Church of the Sacred Heart in Rue le Corrège) every **Wednesday at 8:30 PM online, on Zoom platform**, to pray the Rosary and the Litany of the Virgin Mary, thus bringing our common and private intentions to Jesus through Mary together.

How to access the virtual prayer evenings:

1) Click: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76390617485?pwd=VDdEZDJaTVZMSnRkRUtIRONQK3ZSZz09>

OR

2) Go to www.zoom.com, "Join a meeting"

Meeting ID: 763 9061 7485
Passcode: AveMaria

For more information, please contact rasa.galkyte@gmail.com

MASS TIMES

**St Anthony's Parish -
Live Streamed Mass
Every Sunday @ 10.30h**

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