

# Season of Ordinary Time : The Baptism of the Lord C

First Sunday in Ordinary Time

## General Intercessions

### Priest

The Spirit of God renews the face of the earth.

In this season of hope and blessing, we pray for the Church and for the world.

### Reader

1. For the Church:  
that we may recognise our calling as God's sons and daughters  
and, with the power of the Holy Spirit,  
show God's love and compassion in word and deed.

*PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds, please. Repeat after each intention.*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For a deepening of prayer in our life:  
that, like Jesus, we may grow in our relationship with God  
through prayer and listening.
3. For all who have been baptised in our community,  
particularly during this last year:  
that they may be faithful disciples of Jesus,  
and continue to grow in their knowledge and love of God.
4. For all who are sick:  
that God will heal those who are ill,  
bring an end to the Covid pandemic,  
and sustain all who care for the sick.
5. For young adults:  
that they may respond to God's invitations  
to build up the Christian community  
and participate in the mission of the Church.
6. For the faithful departed, who have recognised Jesus as their Saviour;  
that he will gather them to himself in the glory of the kingdom.
7. Let us ask Mary, our blessed Mother, to intercede for us: Hail Mary ...

### Priest

Almighty and eternal God,  
when Christ was baptised in the river Jordan,  
the Holy Spirit came upon him  
and your voice declared him your beloved Son.  
Keep all who are reborn of water and the Spirit  
as children of adoption in whom you are well pleased.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.