

FIRST READING – Genesis 1.1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*This is the Word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God***

SECOND READING – Acts 19.1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

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GOSPEL READING Mark 1.4—11

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to **Mark** -*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord – **Praise to you, O Christ***

Notices

Mustard Seed Café – Today (10th January) there will be a food collection for the Mustard Seed Café in the Church car park at Luz. Due to the restriction of movement from 1pm, John Payne will only be there from 12 Noon until 12:40pm. Please try to get there as early as you can in order to allow both yourself and him to be home by 1pm. Many thanks, Fr Rob.

Plastic Free February - More than 150 million tonnes of plastic has already entered the oceans and another 11 million tonnes will end up there each future year, with almost 1,000 marine species known to be contaminated by the waste. What can we do about it? One of the things we can do is take part in Plastic Free February. For more details have a look in the January 2021 news sheet which has been sent out.

Kelvin's 100km Pink Walk – on Monday March 29th 2021, Kelvin Whittaker, a member of the congregation here in Luz is undertaking a sponsored walk to raise funds for The Associação Oncológica do Algarve. Usually this annual fundraising that Kelvin and Lynette usually organize a golf event, but that has not been possible due to the pandemic. If you can offer any support to this great fundraising cause, then please visit the fundraising page here:

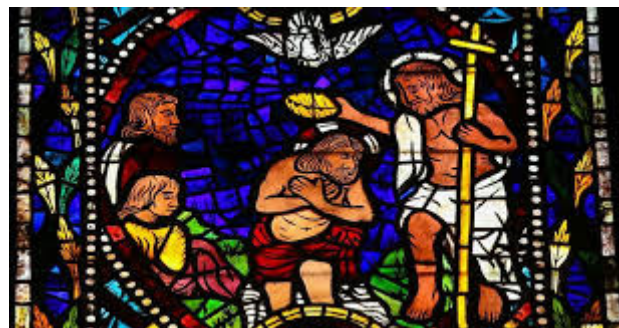
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