

# TRINITY NEWS

January 7, 2024  
**Epiphany 1**

## Happy Epiphany/Baptism of Our Lord

The New Year is upon us and so of course, our Annual General Meeting is right around the corner - January 28 in fact. All parishioners who have been attending services on a regular basis for the last six months have voice and vote at the Meeting - though all who are interested are certainly welcome. At the AGM, the Rector and the various committee chairs will give their reports, and very importantly, we will be **electing new vestry members** as well as **parish delegates to the Diocesan General Convention** which will be held at the National Cathedral in Quezon City.

The parish elects four delegates to represent us at the Diocesan Convention. This year much of the work will be done at the parochial and deanery level. The Convention will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of March, though some small group preparatory meetings will meet earlier in the month. I also encourage you to think about signing for this: it is a good opportunity to familiarize yourself with the wider Episcopal community in the Diocese, get a feel of how the Diocese works, and, by your votes, help advance the Church's mission in the Philippines. This Convention will be an especially important one as we are **electing a new bishop**, and that can be quite exciting.

On a personal note - you will notice that I am not here today: I have COPD, as many of you know, not much of a problem most of the time, but I'm currently experiencing a rather difficult flare-up, and can't really do much. I'll be seeing a pulmonologist this week, and hopefully be in better shape by next Sunday.

Fr. Joe

**SAINTS:**

**Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167, 12 January.**

Aelred was born at Hexham in 1109. His father was a priest and he entered the Cistercian Order at Rievaulx in about 1133, after spending some years in the court of King David of Scotland. He became Abbot of Revesby in 1143 and returned to Rievaulx four years later to become abbot and to spend the remainder of his life. He was profoundly influential through his spiritual writings, which he began at the request of Bernard of Clairvaux, the two having a similar approach to the spiritual life. Because of this, Aelred was often called "The Bernard of the North". He died on this day at Rievaulx in 1167.

**Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 13 January.**

Hilary was born at Poitiers in about the year 315; his family, though pagan, gave him an excellent education and he was proficient in Latin and Greek. After extensive personal study, he tells us that he was baptised at the age of thirty. He was elected bishop of the city in the year 350 and immediately became caught up in the Arian controversy, himself asserting that mortals of this world were created to practise moral virtues thus reflecting the one in whose image they are made, the eternal and creative first cause, God, and that Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, is of one substance with the Father. His learning and oratory led to his title of "Athanasius of the West". He was known as a gentle, kind friend to all, even though his writings seemed severe at times. He died in the year 367.

<p><b>January- February 2024:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Today, Wedding, 3:00 p.m.</li> <li>• January 18, Wedding, 2:00 p.m.</li> <li>• January 20, Wedding, 2:00 p.m.</li> <li>• January 21, Wedding, 3:00 p.m.</li> <li>• January 28, Annual General Meeting, 11:00 a.m.</li> <li>• January 28, Wedding, 2:30p.m.</li> <li>• February 1, Healing mass, 3:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 13, Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Supper, 5:30 p.m.</li> <li>• February 14, Ash Wednesday</li> <li>• February 29, Healing mass, 3:00 p.m.</li> </ul> <p>***Ongoing registration for Confirmation, and Reception. ***</p>
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Obedience is the voluntary absorption of the experience of the wise.

Submission is not obedience.

[Charles Henry Brent, *The Inspiration of Responsibility*]

