



## **Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai**

**Baptism of the Lord**

**9<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Prayers of the faithful**

**Celebrant :** The Baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of his public ministry and the coming of the Holy Spirit on him in the form of a dove which emphasizes the action of the Holy Spirit on us all when we were baptized. The scriptures mention the presence of the Holy Trinity in its fullest manifestation to the people being baptized as an impetus to the strengthening of their faith. As we put forward our petitions let us recall our own baptism and ask ourselves how faithful we have been to our baptismal vows:

**Let our response be : Let your spirit come upon us.**

1. For our Holy Father Pope Francis, Archbishop Felix Machado, all Priests and Religious – that God may bless them and shower his spirit on them that they may be efficacious in their proclamation of the Gospel, **we pray to the Lord, our response.**
2. For the leaders of Governments and those in authority – that they may be free from selfishness and corruption and work for peace, justice and religious harmony in their constituencies, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
3. For the elderly people, especially the grand-parents, that they may be treated with love and dignity and that the young may listen to them and draw inspiration from their life experiences, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
4. For the baptized faithful, that they may read the word of God and be aware of what God expects from them and faithfully follow the Lord Jesus in imitation of him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, **we pray to the Lord, Our response.**
5. Let us pray for our personal needs..... , **we pray to the Lord, Our response.**

**Concluding prayer (Celebrant):** Heavenly father, once again we have approached you with our petitions. Grant them according to your will, and may the presence of the Holy Trinity fill us with your love and be an example to us to live in communion, love and trust, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.