

From Sunday's Gospel



Filled with excitement, the people were wondering if John the Baptist might be the Christ, so John said to them, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit." Then, after the people had been baptised by John, Jesus himself was baptised. While Jesus was praying the sky opened and the Holy Spirit came

down on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son, and with you I am very pleased."

Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 9th January 2022 Luke 3: 15-16. 21-22 (the Baptism of the Lord)



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, Faith is a gift which we receive in Baptism and which allows us to encounter God." Today's word **is Baptism.** In Church

this Sunday we celebrate a special feast –

the Baptism of the Lord. The new year presents an opportunity to remember, or to discover, the blessings received at Baptism. At Jesus' Baptism, the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus making him ready to begin his great work: to draw us all into his family so that we can become more like him and joyfully share in God's own life. How can we live more like Jesus as we begin this new year? Perhaps we can: always try to help around the home; remember to start each morning with a prayer and thank God for each new day and for each other; make a new start with church; as a family, resolve to support a charity in 2022; be peacemakers and try to make friends with someone we've fallen out with.

Offertory Collections and Shop Income December 26th

First Collection: £432.31 Second: £54.72 Shop Closed Thank You

Reimbursement: £210.00 Thank You.



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The Baptism of the Lord

January 9th 2022 (Luke's Gospel)

The intentions are as follows:

Saturday:	6.00pm	Tara Dyson
Sunday	9.00am	Joseph Priestley
		(People welcome to attend this Mass)
	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday:	9.30am	No Public Mass
Tuesday:	9.30am	No Public Mass
Wednesday:	12.00pm	No Public Mass
Thursday:	9.30am	No Public Mass
Friday	9.30am	No Public Mass
Saturday	10.00am	No Public Mass
	6.00pm	Sr Joan O'Keefe
Sunday:	9.00am	Louisa Keogh
		(People welcome to attend this Mass)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Confessions after the Saturday 10.00am Mass and by appointment
Exposition 40 minutes before each weekday Mass

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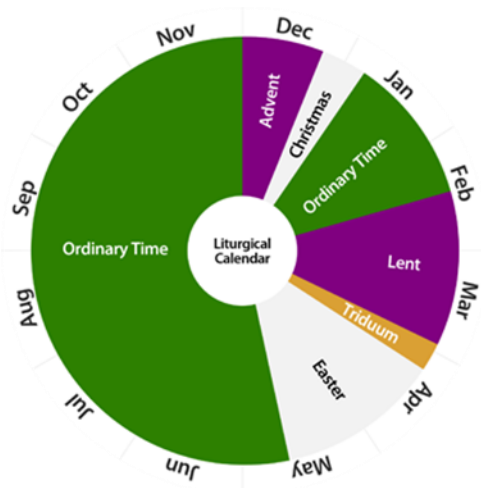
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Safeguarding Officers: Mrs Tessa Spalding Tel: 01457 873515

Mrs Michelle Moore

The Baptism of the Lord

This weekend we celebrate The Baptism of the Lord, a feast which brings to a close the **Season of Christmas**. It will take all our imagination to move from the crib, which is still in front of the altar, to the river Jordan in which Jesus was baptised. Jesus had no need to be baptised, but he did so in order to identify with us, and to 'hallow' the waters of baptism.



Tomorrow we begin what is called **Ordinary Time** in the Liturgical Calendar. Unless there is a feast day, vestments will be green, both during the week and on Sundays until we enter Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, when people vestments will be used.

There is a **three year Sunday cycle of Readings**, with one of the Synoptic Gospels being the guide throughout Ordinary Time. Year A—Matthew; Year B—Mark; Year C—Luke. This

liturgical year is C so Luke will be our guide. Next Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time. If you have access to the CTS New Daily Missal you will find the readings on page 783 and following.

The **weekday readings follow a two year cycle**. When the year is an odd number, the readings are from Year 1, and when the year is an even number, as this year of 2022, the readings are from Year 2. If you have access to the CTS New Daily Missal you will find the readings on page 2070 and following.

Pastoral Statistics Return 2021



Each year the parish has to send in the Parish Statistics for the year just ended. During 2021 there were:

12 Baptisms; 1 reception into Full Communion; 11 children received First Holy Communion; 1 Confirmation (of the adult baptised); 1 Marriage and 8 Funerals. The Average attendance at Mass over the last two weekends in September and the first two in October was 54.

PPC Meeting



The first Parish Pastoral Council meeting of the year will take place on **Thursday January 20th at 7.00pm** in the Parish Centre. Items for the agenda should be sent either to Nick (Chair) or Susan (Secretary) by next weekend.



My sincere apologies for putting the **WRONG** Mass time in the bulletin for last Tuesday. This meant that two people missed Mass which was at 9.30am and not at 10.00am as stated in the bulletin.

Advance Notice

Due to my preaching at the United Service in the Methodist Church on Sunday January 23rd at 11.00am, there will **NOT** be a Mass at 10.30am. There **WILL** be a 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 22nd and the 9.00am Live Streamed Mass on Sunday 23rd. Apologies for any inconvenience.



This weekend will be the last opportunity to make a donation towards the Crib Offerings which Bishop Marcus has asked to be sent to the Friends of the Holy Land to enable them to give hope and practical support to the most vulnerable Christians in and around Bethlehem. Thank You.

Person Centred Care for people with Dementia



Whether a person with dementia is being looked after in their own home or in a Care Home, the following key points can be helpful:

Treating the person with dignity and respect
Understanding their history, lifestyle, culture and preferences, including their likes, dislikes, hobbies and interests
Looking at situations from the point of view of the person with dementia
Providing opportunities for the person to have conversations and relationships with other people
Ensuring the person has the chance to try new things or take part in activities they enjoy.

(Adapted from The Alzheimer's Society on Person Centred Care)