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The Baptism of the Lord Year B

10th January 2021



It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all Gods promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of Gods love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

"You are my son, the Beloved. My favour rests on you."

W/C 10/01/2020 This Weeks Intentions

Sanctuary	Robinson Family
Our Lady	Private Intention
Sacred Heart	Private Intention

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Jean Willis, Edward Clayton, Mary Josephine
Crook & John Walne R.I.P.**

CHURCHES STAY OPEN - There seems to be an effort, on the part of just a small number of local authorities, to ask for the closure of churches. They have no authority to insist on this. The Government website and the clarifications from the Bishops' Conference, which are drawn from government and medical experts, are pretty comprehensive and allow for the safe opening of places of worship. It is therefore of utmost importance that we all follow the guidelines and regulations with regard social distancing, sanitation, bubbles and the **IMMEDIATELY LEAVING OF THE PREMISES INCLUDING BOTH THE BUILDING AND THE GROUNDS OUTSIDE** WITHOUT LINGERING TO CHAT TO OTHERS.

Parish Secretary - Due to the current restrictions the Parish Secretary has had to be furloughed and the office will not be operating as normal.

A thank you message from Caritas - We are very grateful for the financial and practical donations received in response to our Advent 2020 campaign #MiracleOfKindness. Thank you for promoting the campaign within your parish communities, which is so important. As a result, we were able to sustain our services providing food throughout the Christmas period and we can continue to provide essential support during this

latest period of lockdown. We will provide a further update on the wider impact you have made in the coming weeks. As we now enter lockdown once again, with its associated challenges especially for the most vulnerable, we ask you please to keep our service users, volunteers and staff in your prayers. Thank you.

Talks from the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst - We have been asked to share the following two talks series with parishes. Please share with anyone who may be interested.

The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation A free series of online talks offered by the Christian Heritage Centre. A range of excellent speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. **At 7:30pm every second Thursday, from 14th January to 25th March.** For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

Set Free Summit: the Christian Heritage Centre and ICPE Mission offer a set of six, online sessions to young adults on relationships and sexuality based on John Paul II's teaching. Featuring speakers from across the globe, each session will provide the opportunity to share and ask questions. **At 4pm on Sundays from 7th February to 14th March.** For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/set-free>

Online Talks — The Adventures of a Biblical Translator Saturday 23rd January 2021, 11am - 12.30pm An event by The Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain. The Adventures of a Biblical Translator by Dom Henry Wansbrough, Editor of the New Jerusalem Bible and most recently the Revised New Jerusalem Bible, Dom Henry has spent a life-time in Bible translation. To access this live stream event go

to www.ssppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services. Event available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the CBA, will introduce the event.

Austen Ivereigh: Let Us Dream! Saturday 30th January 2021, 11am - 12.30pm *This event is being held in collaboration with Brentwood Diocese Interfaith.* Let Us Dream! is the first book written by a pope in response to a major crisis, and the first ever to be drafted in English – by his collaborator and biographer, Austen Ivereigh. The book offers not just the Pope’s reflections on the multiple coronavirus crises, but spiritual guidance on how to make use of the pandemic to make a better world, drawing on powerful episodes from his own life and a lifetime of leadership.

Year of St Joseph - Pope Francis has announced a Year of St Joseph in a new Apostolic Letter entitled **Patris corde** (“With a Father’s Heart”) He describes St Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an abedient father, an accepting father, a father who is courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. He gives us this new prayer to St Joseph. *“Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.”* Amen

Altar Servers Online Retreat – ‘Serving God and our neighbour in the everyday’ Saturday 27th February 2021 – 10am-12pm (Ages 8-11) and 1pm-3pm (Ages 12-17) - Servers aged 18 and over please email the address below. The day includes a keynote from Bishop John on the ministry of serving during this time and in the future, times of prayer, a recommissioning service and workshops on ‘Challenges & Opportunities’, ‘Prayer - A Friendship with Jesus’, and ‘Called to Serve’. To register your place or for more information email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk An under 18’s videoconferencing consent form must be downloaded, completed by parents/carers and

St Gerard’s, Lostock Hall			
Sat	9th Jan Vigil	18:00	
Sun	10th Jan	10:00	The Baptism of the Lord The Parish
Mon	11th Jan	6:30 pm	
Tues	12th Jan	9:15 am	
Wed	13th Jan	9:15 am	
Thurs	14th Jan	09:15 am	
Fri	15th Jan		NO MASS
Sat	16th Jan Vigil	18:00	
Sun	17th Jan	10:00	2nd Sunday of the Year The Parish

St Mary’s, Brownedge Live Streaming Times https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge			
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm	
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am	
Open for Private Prayer	Tuesday Thursday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	
	Rosary	8.00 pm	
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil	
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm	

returned to the above email address. Download from <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/altar-server-retreat/>, The retreat will take place on Zoom.

Fr Cassian Dickie OSB:

Please pray for Fr Cassian, formerly at St Mary’s Brownedge. He is seriously ill and in need of our prayers. He is in residence with Fr Jonathan and Fr Bernard at St Mary’s, Leyland.

Altar Candle & Mass Intentions -- If you would like to have a Mass intention or Candle intention please leave a note at the Presbytery clearly stating the Mass Intention or Location for your Candle. For the Candles we are suggesting a minimum donation of £5 per candle.

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Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound especially John Robinson and Teresa Yates who are in Hospital at this time and for those who have asked for your Prayers.