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 &  
**ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS**

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## The Baptism of the Lord Year A – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>	St O	9.30am	Bill Jackson (MJ)	<i>Is 42: 1-7, Acts 10: 34-38 Matt 3: 13-17</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St M	9.30am	Rose Mary Gartland (MHogg)	<i>Sam 1: 1-8, Mark 1: 14-20</i>
Tue	14 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Service of Word & Communion	<i>Sam 1: 9.20, Mark 1: 21-28</i>
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Doris and Tony Wall (MHogg)	<i>Sam 3: 1-20, Mark 1: 29-39</i>
Thu	16 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St M	9.30am	In Thanksgiving	<i>Sam 4: 1-11, Mark 1: 40-45</i>
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	St Anthony	St O	9.30am	Tony Peacock (SDale)	<i>Eph 6: 10-18, Matt 19: 16-26</i>
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O	9.30am	Barbara Morris	<i>Sam 9:1-19-10:1, Mk 2:13-17</i>
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	St O	<b>9.30am</b>	Dec'd Hogg & Welch Families	<i>Is 42: 1-7, Acts 10: 34-38 Matt 3: 13-17</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 10.00-10.15am at St Oswin's and *available on request*  
 (Rosary at St Oswin (St O) – Fri after Mass: St Mary's (St M) Exposition Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm)

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in January:** Arthur McGlade, Jacky Armstrong, Lyn Johnson, Fred Stimpson, June Barnsley, Barnaby Essenhugh, Monica Flynn, Mary Heslop, Kathleen Dunston, Tom McLaughlin.

**Anniversaries:** Ken Statham, Elizabeth Waugh, Zelda Olds, Lucy Robson, June Paton, Amy-Marie Jackson.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of DOREEN LOWERY** who died recently. Her funeral will be held at St Cuthbert's church, North Shields on Tues, 14 Jan at 10.30am, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

**White Flower Appeal 2020** – the Society for the Protection for unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **Today**. On 21 Oct 2019 the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on Northern Ireland by Westminster. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up to at least 24 weeks and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England and Wales.

**Pilgrimage to Rome May 18-22:** An information evening will be held this **Wed 15 Jan 7pm** in St Mary's church hall for those who are booked for this. Please bring your passport (or photocopy of your passport) to this meeting.

**First Holy Communions:** Parents have a meeting this **Thurs 16 Jan 7-8pm** in the church hall. The children will meet with the catechists next Sun, 10-12pm at St Mary's.

**Pax Christi. Sunday 19 January will be Peace Sunday**  
 There will be envelopes at the back of the Church for those parishioners who wish to support the work of Pax Christi.

**Christmas Collections** - money raised at Masses at Christmas is generally sent to 'Homeless Charities'. If anyone has any suggestions for suitable charities, please let Allan Muir know.

**Northern Catholic Calendars 2020** few copies now on sale at back of Church. Price £3 each.

**The week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January.** A service will be held here at St Hilda's Church on Friday 24 Jan at 7.30pm.

**Diocesan Academy Policy 2019:** Bishop Robert Byrne and the Diocesan Directors have approved a revised Diocesan Academy Policy 2019. To access, download or read the documentation for this, please go to Diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)

**Newman Association** – next meeting **Weds 29 Jan at 7.30pm** in the Church Hall at St. Mary's Cullercoats Speaker: Gary Leece, "Good without God? Iris Murdoch in the Philosopher's Pupil". Iris Murdoch was one of the most important literary and philosophical figures of the 20th century. This talk will consider her career, focusing on the fresh start she made in the 1980s with a series of long novels beginning with The Philosopher's Pupil, which marked her return to a Platonist view of the world. Her atheism is tempered by her fascination with religion and awareness of the God-shaped gap in the modern world. *All welcome*

**Building a Culture of Life-** the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding a one-day conference and training event on **Sat 7 March**, 9.30am-4.00pm at Tyneside Irish Centre, Newcastle, NE1 4SG. The cost is £30 including lunch and refreshments. You can book a place using the booking form in the Conference leaflet at back of church or call SPUC On 020 7091 7091.

**Prayer for the 'God who Speaks' Year of the Word:**  
*Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.*

*Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another.*

*Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen*

## **First Reading**

*Is 42:1-4.6-7*

*Here we are given a portrait of a true servant of God. It is something realised perfectly in Christ, and something to which his followers ought to aspire.*

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to set free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from dungeon.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 28*

**Response:**    **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

1.    O give the Lord you sons of God,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Adore the Lord in his holy court
2.    The Lord's voice resounding on the waters  
the Lord on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the Lord, full of power,  
The voice of the Lord, full of splendour.
3.    The God of glory thunders.  
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'  
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits as king for ever.

## **Second Reading**

*Act 10:34-38*

*This contains a reference to Jesus' baptism, and is an example of the early Christian preaching to non-jews.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:  
"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him". Alleluia!

## **Gospel Reading**

*Matt 3:13-17*

*At his baptism, Jesus' true identity was revealed, and he was given power for the mission he was about to begin.*

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

### **Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**How does your own baptism provide you with a "call to serve others?" In what ways do you serve?**