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Baptism of the Lord Year A – 8th January 2023

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	8 th	Baptism of the Lord	St O	9.30am	Mary Wrightson (SB)	Is 42: 1-7, Acts 10: 34-38 Matt 3: 13-17
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	9 th	Weekday	St M	10.00am	Priests Intention	Heb 1: 1-6, Mark 1: 14-20
Tue	10 th	Weekday			No Mass	
Wed	11 th	Weekday	St O	10.00am	Sally Conway (KJ)	Heb 2: 14-18, Mark 1: 29-39
Thu	12 th	St Benet Biscop	St M	10.00am	Class Mass Year 2	Heb 3: 7-14, Mark 1: 40-45
Fri	13 th	Weekday	St O	10.00am	Lesley Hanratty	Heb 4: 1-11, Mark 2: 1-12
Sat	14 th	Weekday	St M	10.00am	Special Intention	Heb 4:12-16, Mark 2: 13-17
Sun	15 th	2 nd Sunday of Year A	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 49:3-6, 1 Cor 1: 1-3 John 1: 29-34
			St M	11.00am	Eileen&Anne Mitchell (in thanksgiving)	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30–10.45am in St Mary's Church
 St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in January: Wanda Parker Lockwood, Maureen Ruddick, Clare Nelson, Eileen Whalen. GR, Betty Briggs, Sheila Boyle, Luke Goodwin, Les Flintham, Irene Keenaghan, Alan Brown, Pat Scott, Paul Mazzucchi, Val Robinson.

Anniversaries: Lesley Hanratty, Frances Robson, John Scott, William Reynolds, Monica Nugent, Violet Collins, Ken Statham, Monica Flynn, Elizabeth Waugh.

We Welcome our First Holy Communion Children at the 11.00am Mass today. The children will celebrate their First Holy Communions on **Saturday 20th May at 11.00am**. We keep them and their families in our prayers.

A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI at St Mary's Cathedral on Monday 9 January at 12.05 pm. *All welcome.*

Next Sunday is Peace Sunday; This year the message from Pope Francis tells us: *'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'*. Further information is available at www.paxchristi.org.uk

Northern Catholic Calendars 2023 are now on sale, as you leave church. **Only £3.** Please place payment in the envelopes provided and return to the collection plate

White Flower Appeal: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal outside church **next** Sunday. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

Admissions Consultation: St Mary's Catholic Primary School are consulting on the intended changes to our admissions arrangements for 2024/25. Please visit our website www.stmarysonline.co.uk to view this policy and either request a hard copy of the policy and response form from the school office or submit your response to the following: <https://forms.office.com/e/xWNTT39bNK>

A Map of the Parish Boundary is on display on the notice board at St Mary's for your information. This follows a recent review of all parish boundaries within the diocese. (Our parish boundary remains unchanged).

"Many people perceive Christianity as something institutional – rather than as an encounter with Christ – which explains why they don't see it as a source of joy" (Pope Benedict XVI).

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 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.

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| 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 strength 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?