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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD

11TH JANUARY 2025 TO
19TH JANUARY 2025

Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass

Today's
Mass Readings
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11;
Ps 103;
Titus
2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Luke
3:15-16, 21-22

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Contact is Fr. Jibu Mathew. He can be contacted at fr.jibu.mathew@rcaob.org.uk. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Baptism of Jesus by John was a very important event in the life of Jesus. First it was a moment of identification with us sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with his people who realized for the first time that they were sinners. Second, it was a moment of God's affirmation of His identity and mission that He is the Son of God and His mission is to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the "suffering servant." God the Father proclaims: "This is my beloved Son" confirmed Jesus' identity as God's Son, and the words "with whom I am well pleased," (Is:42:1); referring to the "suffering servant", pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by His suffering and death on the cross. Third, it was a moment of equipment. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing. Fourth, it was a moment of decision to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His beloved Son. **The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity.** It reminds us of who we are and Whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' baptism reminds us also of our mission: to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honouring them, loving them and serving them in all humility.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Annette Keates, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Brendan Grogan, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Enid King, Joyce Finch, June Pountney, Henry Miller, Maureen Hurley, Mary Harding, Katie Breen, Teresa Goddard, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Theresa Hayward, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Bridget Whitfield and Patricia Lacey.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember Arthur Lynch, Tom Richards, James Sullivan, Mary Devery, Father Bromley, Robin Cope, Joan Byrne, Bridget O'Brien, Peter Hayward, Margaret Curtis, Helen Byrne, Philip Coonagh, Concepta Elmore, George Coller, Joseph O'Sullivan, Peter Whittle, John James, Anne Wooton, Tom Wilkes, Thomas Brady, Phyliss Simcox, Peter Larkman, Ronald O'Reilly, Josephine Davies, Frederick Brearly, Wilfred Nash, James Breen and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MASS INTENTION BOX

In order to make it easy to book Mass Intention, a new black colour box is fixed in the church porch. Mass Intention Envelops are also placed near the box. Please use the envelop for your Mass Intention details and money, and put the envelop in the Box.

DONATION BOX

A new grey colour safe is fixed in our church porch to make it easy for you to give donations to our church. Any kind of donation like Church Maintenance, Building Fund, Church Flowers, Youth Group, etc. can be put in the safe. Your donation to our Parish is much appreciated to financially stable our Parish. Please write the donation details on an envelop and put it in the safe.

A YEAR OF HOPE: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

This Week Saturday 11th January – Sunday 19th January (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 11th January Christmas Feria	12:30pm RIP Mary Holder	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 12th January FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	8:30am RIP Leonard Reynolds 10:30am RIP James Sullivan	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Holy Name Choir
Monday 13th January Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30pm RIP Linda Murphy	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 14th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am RIP Leonard Reynolds	
Wednesday 15th January Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Ints John Beirne	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 16th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am Mass in St Mark School Sisters of Blessed Virgin Mary No Mass in Church	
Friday 17th January Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot	11:30am Healing Mass RIP Linda Murphy	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 18th January Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm RIP Eileen Brady Mag O'Donnell	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 19th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE	8:30am Mrs Margaret Moor 10:30am Alan Vurlan	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by SVP

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£423.36**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£150.00**

**Parish Feast Day:
163.45**

**Standing Order for
the month of
August: £1,680.00**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 215**

**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Ps 95;

1 Corinthians

12: 4-11;

John 2:1-11

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Our parish pastoral council meeting with its new members is scheduled on 23rd January 2025 at 6.00pm in our Parish Office. All the members of the New Pastoral Council are expected to attend this meeting.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Those who like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with St Mark's School children on Thursday 22nd May 2025, at 7.00 pm in our Church, please contact our parish office before 31st January 2025. There will be preparation course for the candidates.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'The Jubilee' companion booklet is available in our church porch. Please take a copy of it. This booklet will help you to make this Jubilee year fruitful and to achieve the intentions of this Jubilee year. Your donation is also appreciated to defray the cost of the booklet.

YOUTH GROUP

We are preparing to restart the Youth Group in our parish. DBS checking process is going on for Volunteers. Once they complete the DBS process, we will start our Youth Group. Few more volunteers are needed for the Youth Group. Please contact Fr. Jibu Mathew, if you are willing to volunteer the Youth Group.

VISIT AND HOUSE BLESSING

Fr. Jibu Mathew is visiting our parishioners who are living alone. Then he likes to visit our parishioners who are sick. Stephen Paul O'Gorman is helping him to arrange the visit. If you would like him to visit, and to bless your house or to bring the Holy Communion, please contact our parish office.

SINGING THE PSALMS

The Psalms are meant to be sung. If you would like to sing the Psalm for the Sunday Holy Mass especially 10:30am Mass, please let Fr. Jibu know. The resources are available.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

New Rota for Readers and Eucharistic Minister is available. Please collect from the Church Porch as you leave Mass today.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 24 - FRIDAY 30 MAY

Booking is now OPEN for the Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Archdiocese of Birmingham. More details are available in the Diocesan website.