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## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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### Parish Office:

Wednesday-Friday

9:30AM– 12.30PM

### Repository:

After Sunday Morning Mass

**Hibbert's Hall Bookings:**

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### Eucharistic Adoration

Mon 9AM - 7PM

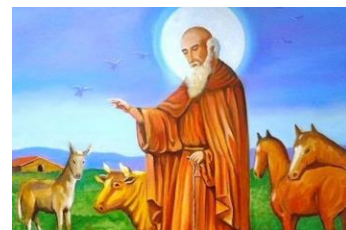
Fri 6PM - 7PM

Sun 9AM - 10AM

### Confessions

Fri 6PM, Sat 10AM,

Sun 9:30AM



*You are my beloved son... you are my beloved daughter... I have called you by your name!* The baptismal font is often referred to as the "womb of the Church." Every person who enters the Church, as well as every person who is born into new life, does so through the maternal gate of the font. It is a lovely thought to reflect on God the Father's words about His Son, words we hear in today's Gospel, which also apply to each of us: "This is my beloved Son, this is my beloved daughter!" From the moment we emerge from the font and the water is poured over our heads, we become God's beloved sons and daughters. We united with Jesus and become the Lord's beloved. Therefore, united with one another and with Jesus, we are responsible for each other. The Father expects us to treat one another the same way we would like to be treated. Let us renew our Baptismal life and freedom today with great joy and confidence. As we do so, let us also proclaim that we are truly the beloved of God, beginning this New Year with a renewed determination, a fresh commitment, to live as He calls us to live - as His beloved!

### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Fri 17<sup>th</sup> & Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. It will reopen on Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. The usual parish office opening times are Weds – Fri 9:30AM-12:30PM.

Fr Aji is currently away and will return on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Fr George will then be away on holiday from the 27<sup>th</sup> January.

### RCIA & Confirmation Classes

The RCIA classes will resume this Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7PM in the Coach House.

Confirmation classes begin on Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at 5:45pm – 6:45PM in the Coach House.

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Christmas Feria	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	Ann Martin George & Lucy Welton RIP
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	10:00 AM 18.00 PM	Una Leach RIP William Keaney (wellbeing)
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Curry Family (wellbeing) Deceased members of the Burke & Keaney Families
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Kathleen McGloin (wellbeing) Margaret Ranai
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Paul John Hobley RIP The Bradley Family
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Mrs Liptak RIP Margaret Ranai
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Peggy Comerford RIP Ann Martin
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners Lilian Batchelor RIP

## This week's Gospel – Luke 3:15-16,21-22

### 'Someone is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptize you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

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

#### An Invitation to consider Catholic Chaplaincy in Prisons

What do a retired vet, a retired teacher and an ex-Practice Director of a law firm have in common? They are all now Catholic Chaplains in the Prisons of our diocese. And we are looking for more people who wish to change direction in career terms and carry out the mission that Jesus himself asked us to do. If you might be interested, please email me, Deacon Peter Tibke, on [dcn.peter.tibke@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.peter.tibke@rcaob.org.uk) and I will arrange a chat with you about the processes.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** Sat 24th May – Fri 30th May  
Archbishop Bernard Longley warmly invites you to join this very special pilgrimage, taking place in the Jubilee Year.

You can now book by calling 0121 230 6288 or via [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage) and find out more about the theme: "*With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope*".

#### St. Marie's Parish Foodbank

Request for items for foodbank that are non perishable are left in the porch please, thank you. If you or you know of anyone struggling who needs support then please get in touch with the parish office especially as we are in the colder months which come with increasing utility bills.

#### Crib Donations

This year the donations given will be going to the Rosminian Missionaries in South India, with a focus on the parish in Keezharoor. The money will go to those who need it the most, for food, their homes, those in need of educational material, health supplies etc. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Thank you

Bernie Merrigan would like to send her sincere thanks to the many kind parishioners who came to her assistance during a recent Sunday morning mass when she became unwell. Bernie has been giving thanks to you all in her prayers.

#### LEPRA 1924-2024

Today, 500 people will be diagnosed with leprosy; 28 of those will be children. Over 3 million people across the globe are living with undiagnosed leprosy. Leprosy is not a disease of the past, it still exists and it is still destroying lives. It is caused by a type of bacteria that can affect the skin, the peripheral nerves, mucosa of the upper respiratory tract, and the eyes. **Lepra** seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support to those affected by leprosy. With a course of Multidrug therapy, it is possible to cure leprosy and after just one tablet a person is non-infectious. There is hope that leprosy will one day be beaten. To read some real-life stories of those who's lives have been changed through the work of Lepra please visit [www.lepra.org.uk](http://www.lepra.org.uk) where you can also donate online.

#### Holy Year and Indulgences

The 2025 Holy Year, which began with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and runs to the Feast of Epiphany 2026, is themed "Pilgrims of Hope," and is all about embracing God's mercy and finding spiritual renewal. A big part of this celebration is the chance to receive a plenary indulgence. To receive this special gift, there are a few meaningful steps which can be found in the yellow guide at the back of church. Pilgrims are encouraged to visit key churches - like the famous basilicas in Rome – pray, and perform acts of kindness and mercy. If you can't make the trip, don't worry! The following Jubilee churches and sites have been chosen by His Grace as particular places of pilgrimage in our diocese;

St Chad's Cathedral – Shrine of St Chad, St Anne's Church, Caversham – Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford – Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, St Michael's Church, Penn, Wolverhampton – Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis, The Immaculate Conception & St Egwin Church – Shrine of Our Lady of Evesham, Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster, & Bl. Dominic Barberi Church & St John Henry Newman College, Littlemore, Oxford.

You can still participate through heartfelt prayer and by offering your struggles to God. This Holy Year is a beautiful reminder that God's mercy is always within reach, wherever you are. There are Companion Booklets at the back of Church produced by the Archdiocese which you can also purchase.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Noreen Slowy, Tony Underwood, Nancy Duerden

#### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Agnes Tucker, David Margerison, Aiden Meghen, Fr. Anthony Baxter, Michael Griffin, Donald Fletcher, David Sargent, Daniel Coffey, Agnes Coffey, Marieanne Palmer, Mary Graham, Zygmunt Satnislaw, Maureen Hanby

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Val Muir, Philomena Lenny & Marie Niner, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Stuart Woodcock, Terry McSweeney, Johnny Stott, Alan Parish, Emaricana D'Souza, Joseph Deery, William Keane, Gordon Adcock