

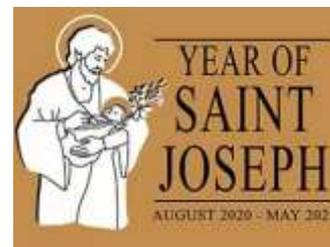


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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9 JANUARY – 10 JANUARY 2021

REFLECTION

Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7

Psalms 29:1–4, 9–10

Acts 10:34–38

Mark 1: 7-11

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus"—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God. Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power." The word Messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob. In the Baptism that Our Lord receives He has sanctified the waters, made them a passage—a way to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

Masses and Intentions for This Week

Sat	9	Christmas Feria	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Sanctification of the people of Russia (S Gawlik)
Sat	9	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sun	10	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Private Intention (F Mainini)
Sun	10	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	4.00 pm	1st Communion Families' Mass	
Mon	11	Feria in Ordinary Time	12 noon	Holy Mass	Romilda Biggs † (L Harper)
Tue	12	Feria in Ordinary Time	12 noon	Holy Mass	Private Intention (E & S Mills)
Wed	13	Feria in Ordinary Time	-	Private Mass	
Thur	14	Exposition	9.30 am – 6.45 pm	Aldwin Room	
Thur	14	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.00 pm	Holy Mass	Health & Wellbeing of a Parishioner
Fri	15	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am	Holy Mass	Anita Garin † (C Alcantara)
Sat	16	Our Lady on Saturday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Douglas Craig Birthday (Craig Family)
Sat	17	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Peace Day</i>	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Sun	17	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Peace Day</i>	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Nan Delaney † (L Harper)

HOLY MASS FROM ST JOSEPH'S is livestreamed via YouTube except for Saturday evening:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9QGYz7Cm_mPDRxzmT_ttow

Thank you to the parishioner who donated a hamper to a family in the Parish. It was greatly appreciated.

MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you cannot attend Mass, you may make an Act of Spiritual Communion by saying:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

During this new lockdown, if you are isolating or in need and would like help/assistance with anything such as shopping, or if you would just like a friendly chat please contact our Outreach Team headed by Liz & Chris Burger on 01684 832729.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of the Outreach Team please contact Liz or Chris.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2021

There will be opportunities to join us in prayer on Zoom at both 9am and 8:30pm for each of the weekdays starting on Monday 18 January and finishing on Monday 25 January. Morning prayers will be led by several of our Ministers in Malvern and evening prayers will be led by Reverend Gary Crellin. Zoom login details will be provided nearer the time.

There will be a service of prayer and contemplation at 3pm on Sunday 24 January on Zoom.

Please contact Rev. Nigel Coke-Woods, nigelcw@icloud.com for login details. A recording will be put on YouTube and Facebook later in the day at <https://www.youtube.com/user/NigeCW>

Right To Life Prayer for this week: "As we celebrate the baptism of our Lord, we recall our own baptism and the promise of life we have gained through it. We pray that all would be given the opportunity to experience life in its fullness, both in this world and the next. Lord hear us."

A few Catholic Diaries for 2021 are available in the Church to buy at £3 each.

The shortages at Malvern Hills Foodbank this week are: tinned carrots, tinned potatoes, size 6 nappies, baby wipes and tomato ketchup. Thank you for your generosity in these difficult times.

Annual Guild of St Stephen Mass. Altar servers across the Archdiocese are invited to join the live streaming of the Guild of St Stephen Mass next March and submit a photo of themselves. The Mass will be celebrated at St Chad's Cathedral at 10am on Saturday 6th March. As part of the celebration, servers (young and old, vested or not) are encouraged to send a picture of themselves holding their Guild Medal to office@vocations.org.uk., so that the Vocations team may create a montage poster in lieu of the annual official photo at mass. If you are a server and need a guild medal from the sacristy to use in your photo, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Prayer for the End of the Pandemic

Almighty and merciful Father,
You show your love to all your creation.
We come before You asking for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus.
Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to bereaved families.
Be with those who are lonely, unemployed & anxious.
We thank You for the vaccines and pray they may be delivered safely, efficiently and ethically to all.
We pray that governments and health authorities work for the good of all people. *Amen.*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Online Marriage Enrichment Experience with Bishop David Evans January 30th-31st 2021. This will be an opportunity for couples to enrich their relationship, regardless of the length of time they have been together. Couples can explore their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. Other dates for 2021 are 20th-21st March & 15th-16th May. To find out more visit <https://wwme.org.uk/> or call 0845 2602016.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the sick & housebound of St Joseph's parish:

Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Jonah Willis, Anne-Marie Elder, and Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes & their own homes. Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them. Amen.

Next Sunday there will be a Second Collection for Pax Christi. Pax Christi works for:

Peace – based on justice. A world where human rights are respected, basic needs are met and people feel safe and valued in their communities.

Reconciliation – a process which begins when people try to mend relationships between individuals or whole countries after times of violence or dispute.

Nonviolence – a way of living and making choices that respects others, challenges what is not fair or just, and offers alternatives to violence and war.

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/about-us/> .