

**Sunday**  
**12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

## The Baptism of the Lord

Ordinary Time Week I

Psalter week I

Year: C

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7, Psalm 28

Acts 10:34-38,

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



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### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Wednesday: 10am to 12noon

**January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus**

### **MASSES AND SERVICES**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm & Rosary 5.40pm

**Vigil Mass 6pm**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan **The Baptism of the Lord - feast**

Confessions: 9am – 9.25am

**Mass 9.30am**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan **No Mass**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan St Anthony's Devotions followed by

**Mass at 7pm**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan Rosary 9.10am

**Mass 9.30am**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan Rosary 9.10am

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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan *St Anthony, Abbot*

Rosary 9.10am

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Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm

Rosary 5.40pm

**Vigil Mass 6pm**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Day of Special Prayer for World Peace*

Confessions: 9am – 9.25am

**Mass 9.30am**

### **INTENTIONS**

Debbie & John Dwyer

60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv (SB)

People of the Parish

Samuel Maher

Debbie and John Dwyer (SB)

Edward Craggs (KC)

Dot Bell RIP

William Bede Godwin RIP

People of the Parish

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for Peter Lloyd who died recently. May he Rest in Peace.

**THE SICK, ELDERLY, HOUSE BOUND** and those in care homes are important members of our parish community, please pray for: Judy Kearney, Rosemary Roberts, Eileen Wyatt, Veronica Creaney, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Michael Darby and Andrea Burns.

**ANNIVERSARIES ABOUT THIS TIME:** Albert Waters, Helen Kulkowski, Christopher Gentile, Concetta Gretton-Watson, Joan Bullough, Margaret Cuffley, Margaret Jones, Peter Walsh, Frances Whelan, Mary Price, Edward Craggs and John Spencer.

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS:** This week its Sue with proceeds to CAFOD and next week its Catherine & Elaine with proceeds to the St Clare's SVP.

**NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January during 9.30am Mass - **Faith, Fun & Friendship**

**SINGING PRACTICE:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Church – all welcome

**FOODBANK DONATIONS:** 46kg of food collected by the School Mini Vinnies was taken to the warehouse recently. Please keep the donations coming and put them on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Altar of the Sacred Heart. Please do not put food donations in the understairs cupboard. Thank you for your support. Regards Steve

**ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE:** We gave a cooker to a single mum in difficulties this week. Please deposit used ink cartridges in the box by the Church Door. A small amount for the Holiday Home is earned from these. Please pass any request for help to us. Contact can be made via the website <https://stclaressvp.co.uk> or to Steve on 07838089298. Keep safe and as well as possible. God bless.

**OUR MISSION TOGETHER:** We seek your suggestions for project ideas that we can use the OMT funds on, things that will benefit the life of the parish now and that we can pass onto future parishioners. **Please complete one of the forms at the back of the church** and leave in the OMT envelope on the noticeboard or pass to Fr Patrick or any Parish Council member. **This is your chance to have a say on how this money can be spent – fill out a form today.**

**THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2025: For the right to an education.** Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**THE HOLY LAND COORDINATION** is a pilgrimage of 12 Bishops travelling to Jerusalem from 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2025. They are going to be present to the Christians who remain in the Holy Land, to let them know they are not forgotten; to pray with them; to encourage pilgrimage to their land and to advocate on their behalf. Bishop Nicholas Hudson asks us to pray: "Heavenly Father, we pray for all who suffer in the Land which your Son made Holy by his birth and life and dying and rising for us. May the Lord Jesus hold them in his Sacred Heart. Send forth again your Spirit to renew the face of the Holy Land and guide its people into the ways of peace and truth and reconciliation. We make this prayer through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen."

**ST CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Happy New Year! We are very proud of our Mini Vinnie's who launched and supported the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' in the run up to the Christmas break. They collected 46kg of food to donate to the foodbank. It has been a joy to welcome the children back to school this week, they have been full of tales of excitement from their holidays. The snow has added an extra layer of excitement in school this week.

**NEW TO THE PARISH OR JUST VISITING?** Either way you are most welcome. Please pick up a leaflet about our Parish at the back of Church. If you are a new Parishioner, please give your details to Fr Patrick or to Paula in the office.

**OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 takes place on 18<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> January with the theme, "Do you believe this"? (John 11:26). The biblical texts and materials for each of the eight days of prayer can be found using this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/material-for-each-day-of-week-of-prayer/>

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND:** Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January there will be a retiring collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund.

**SAINT ANTHONY:** Feast day Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. The originator of the monastic life, he was born in Egypt: He gave all of his belongings to the poor and went out into the wilderness to begin a life of penitence, living in absolute poverty, praying, meditating and supporting himself by manual work. Disciples gathered round him, attracted by his wisdom, moderation, and holiness. He died in 356.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION** – Still thinking about it? Why not resolve to get more involved in the Parish? Whatever your skills - admin, IT, gardening, cleaning, reading, singing, baking, odd jobs etc your help would be greatly appreciated. Speak to Fr Patrick, any Parish Council member or email [contact@stclares.co.uk](mailto:contact@stclares.co.uk)

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**If you wish to make a donation to St Clare's:** Bank sort code: 30 15 52 Acct: 54579560

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