

THIS WEEKEND	Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord		Year C
Sat 8th January	5.00pm	St O	Patrick Burke (LD) Christopher Cooper (A)
	6.30pm	St T	Frederick & Margaret Brown
Sun 9th January	8:30am	St O	Violet & Harry Singleton & Family
	9.30am	St T	Mr & Mrs E.A. Stuart (RIP)
	11.00am	St MM	Parishioners
Divine Office Week 1			
Mon 10th January	9.30am	St O	Patricia Bishop
Tues 11th January	9.30am	St O	Sick Person
Wed 12th January <i>St Aelred of Rievaulx</i>			
Thu 13th January <i>St Hilary</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Fri 14th January <i>St Kentigern</i>	9.30am	St O	Leo Hunt (A)
NEXT WEEKEND	Second Sunday of ordinary Time		Year C
Sat 15th January	5.00pm	St O	Bernadette Berenice Knights B'Day Remembrance, Bernard Hamilton (A) Tom Barton B'Day Remembrance
	6.30pm	St T	Vera Conway B'Day Remembrance
Sun 16th January	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Reg Dorgu (LD)



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The Baptism of the Lord 9th January 2022

*'He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms'*

Today marks the end of the Christmas season, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It heralds the beginning of Jesus's public mission: the work of teaching, preaching and healing. God's great love and mercy offer salvation to all through Jesus, by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In the **Gospel**, God proclaims Jesus as his beloved Son at his baptism in the Jordan. St Luke draws our attention to the descent of the Holy Spirit while Jesus is at prayer.

The **First Reading** offers hope and joy. God has seen his people repent and will bring them home across the desert. He is both their defender and their shepherd, who gathers, guides and nourishes.

The image of God gathering and nourishing is echoed in the **Psalm**. The Lord renews with his Spirit all who look to him.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) tells us it is entirely due to God's mercy, love and compassion that we are offered salvation; not for anything we have achieved. God's loving kindness is revealed through 'the cleansing water of rebirth' and renewal with the Holy Spirit in Christ.

Today is an opportunity to reflect on the gift of baptism. We remind ourselves that the words spoken at Jesus's baptism also apply to us.

We, too, are beloved daughters and sons of God, called to make known the love of God to all we meet. Let's pray this week, and in the weeks ahead, for whatever grace God feels we need to help us.

Please adhere to guidelines when entering and leaving the church.

*Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)

* Hand sanitising will remain in place as people arrive.

*Weddings, funerals and baptisms. Guests will be limited by the capacity of each building.

Primary School Admissions 2021/22: The closing date for September 2022 admission applications is 15th January 2022. Apply online at... www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Synod Support Group: Leading on from a suggestion put forward to the group we now provide clipboards, colouring sheets (linked to the Sunday Gospel) and crayons for any children attending mass. There are also junior mass sheets for older children and a box of books and quiet toys. More chairs have been placed on Lady Altar side of church as this is favoured by many young families as there is more room for children and buggies. This has proved a popular move. However we still desperately need volunteer catechists at St Teresa's so we can restart Children's Liturgy. Please contact the parish office on 01772 743337 or see Fr Roy.

Joseph Tipping Bulb Sales to support The Sons of Divine Providence missions in Kenya. If you would like to order any bulbs please email : tipping.joseph@gmail.com or ring on 01772 743637. Collections or delivery can be arranged. Thank you for all your support.

Mini-daffodils £6, **Hyacinths** (Pink, Blue, White) £6, **Mixed Narcissi** £6, **Cheerfulness** £6, **Mixed Crocuses** £6, **Mixed Iris** £6, **Mini Tulips** £6, **Large Tulips** £8, **Snowdrops** £6, **2 bowls of bulbs** £10 and **Amaryllis** (Red, Apple Blossom, White) £8. Also, baskets £12 each of **Mini-Daffodils, Crocus and White Daffodils**.

St. Oswald: The funeral of John Sinnet will take place on Tuesday 18th January at 10.00am at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Chapel Lane, Lathom, Burscough. Eternal rest give unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.



St Teresa's Webcam:

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-teresas-penwortham>

Or by scanning the QR code left. If the picture 'freezes' then please refresh the screen to resume watching.

Prayer App of the Week

World Community for Meditation: WCCM is a great companion for your meditation practice, the app includes a simple meditation timer as well as the latest news and resources from WCCM.

<https://wccm.org/>



St Teresa: the Funeral of Shelia Helm will take place Preston Crematorium on 14th Jan 2022 at 1pm. Eternal rest give unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Universal Synod 2023: Archbishop Malcolm is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Universal Synod on synodality 2023, which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join. Although we have already engaged with the synodal process in the archdiocese as part of Synod 2020, which initially generated 27,000 responses, we may find ourselves in a different place on our journey. This may include fresh insights, which will be submitted to the Bishops' Conference together with the summary of the listening phases of Synod 2020. To participate in this world wide listening process, you can access and download the discussion questions from **Monday 10 January 2022**, as well as submit your responses online at www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023.

The deadline for submissions is 10 March 2022. For queries: vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk .

The Universe Catholic Weekly have launched their new on line newspaper with a special offer of £20 for 3 months. To order please visit www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call 0743661 7650 and ask for Michelle.

Prayer for the Week – Family Life

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

