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**LITURGY Christmas Day**

**First reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**Second reading:** Apostles 10:34-38

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17



**Dear Parishioners**

Baptism confers life, but it is also connected with death; in order to gain new life, we must die to the old. The baptism of Christ foreshadowed his death. It was his mission to suffer, die and rise again.

When we received the sacrament of baptism, we were admitted into membership of the Church, the body of Christ, and became sharers in his mission. We were immersed in the waters, died and buried with him and we rise again because of the redemptive sacrifice of Christ.

The Church will explain to us the public ministry of Christ, the preaching of the kingdom, in the daily and Sunday readings. The divine, redemptive mission of Christ is still active. The kingdom will be preached and built up slowly and gently, often among the poor and outcasts, sinners, but whose poverty and weakness enabled them to grasp more easily divine truth. The mystery of the Trinity, present at the baptism of Christ, will be proclaimed; all these people will be welcomed into the kingdom.

As we begin another year, we do so in the knowledge of what has been conferred on us by our baptism, that we too, have been commanded to proclaim the kingdom in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who were present when Christ was baptised in the Jordan.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

# St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**Baptism of the Lord Year(A)**

**Week commencing Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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## Masses

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|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan      | 5.00pm  | Baptism of the Lord           | People of the Parish              |
| Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan      | 10.30am | Baptism of the Lord           | Zita & Harold Sollis & family RIP |
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan      |         |                               |                                   |
| Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan    |         |                               |                                   |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan     |         |                               | Michael Ryan RIP                  |
| Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan    |         | St. Benet Biscop (F)          | Wellbeing of the EBC              |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan     |         |                               |                                   |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan     | 5.00pm  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year A | Barbara Woodhouse RIP             |
| Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> January | 10.30am | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year A | People of the Parish              |

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

### Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell,

### Those who have recently died: .

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband  
Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons,  
Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy,  
Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley,  
Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse,  
Kathleen McLoughlin.

## Information

### Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy      £5,500 p.a.
  - Building's upkeep    £36,000.00
  - Insurance            £3,744.77 p.a.
- Three Church Windows    £1775.00

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

### Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We will be collecting any new, unopened Christmas gifts and gift sets after Christmas for future fundraising sales. Please keep anything that you think might be saleable and check the bulletin for details of when we will be collecting these items. Thank you!

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