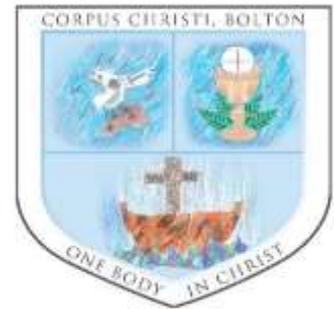


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

12 January 2020

## The Baptism of the Lord



It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

### Marriage Matters

**You are my chosen one:** Today, Isaiah and Matthew talk of Jesus being 'the Chosen One' and 'the Beloved'. So often, we are aware of the times when our partner annoys us. We need to develop a sensitivity so that, when we are tempted to be critical, we remember that this is my 'chosen one' and look for ways to affirm our partner, our 'beloved'.

### Think Vocation

At baptism, when we entered the family of God, we received the gift of faith as well as the promise of eternal life. In this Year of Faith let us try to find out the name of the priest or deacon who baptised us and pray for them whether they are living or deceased.

<i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> <b>Sunday Missal: Page 172</b> <i>Preface: page 176</i>
<b>Sunday 12 January</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 1pm Baptism (SB)
<b>Monday 13 January</b> 9am Exposition & Adoration 9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)
<b>Tuesday 14 January</b> 6.30pm Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)
<b>Wednesday 15 January</b> 9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 9.15am Whole School Mass (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 6pm Reconciliation Meeting for Sacramental Programme (SB School)
<b>Thursday 16 January</b> 9am Exposition & Adoration (SB) 9.30am Mass (SB)
<b>Friday 17 January</b> 9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 9.30am Mass (SJ)
<b>Saturday 18 January</b> 10.30am Adoration & Reconciliation (SB) 11.30am Mass (SB) 5pm Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i>
<b>Sunday 19 January - Peace Sunday</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Peace on Earth</i>

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<b>Prayers Please</b>
We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder, Christopher Scott, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Matthew Harvey, Margaret Russell, Anne Hurst, Kenneth Martin, Vernon Holt, Colin Spragg, Margaret Padfield
<b>Lately Dead:</b> Tony O'Neill, Nelson Vargas Londoño, Tommy O'Brien, Michael Margiotta, Patricia Cooper, Frank Cox, Mary O'Grady, Sheila Morrison, June Hindley, Kathleen McClusky
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Bernard Molyneux, Nellie Shechter
<b>Mass Intention:</b> Nelson Vargas Londoño, Tommy O'Brien, Bernard Molyneux, A sick person in hospital, Jessie Carter (Birthday Remembrance), Michael Margiotta, A Golden Wedding Anniversary, Patricia Cooper, May Ainscough (Birthday Remembrance), Mark & Norah Maher, A Special Intention, Nellie Shechter
<b>Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6)</b>
We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed
<b>Hope in the Future</b>
This week let us pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Infant and St Anthony, Astley Bridge, and for Fr Nathan Horne, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, Thornleigh College and the Salesian community.
<b>Facts and Figures</b>
<b>Mass Attendance</b> 4/5 January 5pm -145; 9.30am - 201; 11am- 170 Total - 516
<b>Offertory Collection</b> 4/5 January: £1,149.92 Standing Orders (30 December - 9 January) - £687
<b>Cheques:</b> Please make all cheques payable to <i>Corpus Christi</i> . Thank you.

**Churches in Harwood - Ecumenical Service:** St Brendan's Church on Monday 20 January at 7.30pm (led by Rev Iain Smart). All welcome.

**Needles:** No Needles on 20 January because of the Ecumenical Service.

**St John's Piety Stall:** The "sale" of all Christmas cards continues after the 9.30am Mass this Sunday.

**Harbour Room Book Club. Two dates for the Diary:** Wednesday 29 January *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. On Wednesday 26 February, Melanie Graaf, from Bolton Central Library, will be our Guest Speaker. Meetings begin at 1pm and all are welcome.

**A Reminder:** To members who may still have books from the "Lucky Dip", please bring them along to the next meeting. Thank you.

<b>Financial Summary for November/December 2019</b>	
<b>Income (for General Use)</b>	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	4,397
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	7,549
Standing Orders	4,860
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	1,018
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	1,305
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	748
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	993
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,870</b>
<b>Restricted Income (Specific Use)</b>	<b>2,287</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Church Expenses	6,535
Presbytery Expenses	2,928
Clergy Allowances	3,272
Wages	4,243
Diocesan Levy	4,120
Fundraising (200 Club)	75
<b>Total Monthly Expenditure</b>	<b>21,173</b>
<b>Balance of Income/Expenditure</b>	<b>-303</b>
<b>Restricted Expenditure</b>	<b>1,825</b>

**Poinsettia Memorials:** Thank you for all donations. The total amount came to £307 which will go to church funds.

**European Art Through English Eyes:** An evening talk given by Professor Keith Hanley exploring the Christian spirit of European art through the eyes of Victorian polymath, John Ruskin. This talk will take place on 23 January at 7.30pm (doors opening at 7pm). Rooms available at a discounted rate for this event.

For more information, please visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/ruskin-talk/>

To book or for further information, please email [events@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:events@christianheritagecentre.com) or call 01254 827 074

**The God who Speaks Through Matthew:** Monday 20 January at St Anne's Parish Hall, Ashton Old Road, Higher Openshaw, Manchester M11 1GR (7.30 to 9pm tea & coffee from 7pm). We will be hearing The Gospel according to Matthew at Sunday Mass for much of this coming Year of the Word. Fr Chris Lough will lead an introduction to this great teaching Gospel, outlining some of the main themes and ideas to look out for over the coming weeks and months.. All welcome! There is no charge for the evening (optional donation to Cornerstone Day Centre). Please book to give us some indication of expected numbers. Contact:

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## Hope in the Future, Living the Sunday Eucharist (The Baptism of the Lord) INTRODUCTORY RITES: Sprinkling with Holy Water

At Sunday Mass there is the option of a Sprinkling with Holy Water replacing the Penitential Rite - though it has to be said that this happens very rarely! Perhaps this Sunday (The Baptism of the Lord) and Easter are the only times it is frequently used. This is a shame, because it can give a variety and interest to the Introductory Rites which can sustain our understanding and devotion week by week. Perhaps consider using it more often - especially in the Easter Season, or at celebrations where a large number of children are present, or even just once a month! John the Baptist preached “*a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*”, and this is the meaning of this action at this moment of the Mass. There are many symbolisms at work in the waters of baptism, but when that water is sprinkled it is a sign of cleansing and purification - the washing away of sin and guilt and all that hinders us from the joys of life in God’s Kingdom. In some ways this action is an extension of something we have already done - dipping our fingers in the holy water stoup on the way into church: that was a reminder of baptism, which washed sin away and welcomed us as children of God and sisters and brothers of Jesus. So, to, in these “Introductory Rites” whose purpose is to draw us together and prepare us for worship, the Sprinkling with Holy Water can be a powerful moment of repentance and reconciliation. A priest tells a story of a parishioner who collared him after Easter Sunday Mass, where this rite had been used, complaining that “the water never touched me!” As a “sacramental” Church we make ample use of physical symbols, and should be generous in their use: without asking people to bring raincoats, if the Sprinkling with Holy Water is used, everyone should get wet! The chant or hymn that accompanies it should be both penitential and joyful, because Jesus, the author of baptism, has made holy these waters in which we celebrate our reconciliation.

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JESUS	JORDAN	JOHN
BAPTISM	FITTING	DEMANDS
WATER	HEAVENS	SPIRIT
DOVE	VOICE	SON



**Hope in the Future  
Music & Liturgy Workshop Day  
With Jo Boyce  
Saturday 8 February 10am-6.30pm**

At St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Heaton  
To register or for more information please  
visit:  
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**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for  
18/19 January**

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	J O'Connor	TBA
9.30am (SJ)	P French	P McArdle, M Speed A Rawlinson, F Smith, L Rule, A Grundy
11am (SB)	E Rankin	P Carolan J Murphy, K Wilkinson,

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