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8TH JANUARY 2023

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

5pm (Ch) Vigil Mass (*E. Lennon RIP*)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

Mon 9th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass

Tue 10th January

Requiem Mass Pope Benedict XVI

12.10pm (Ch)

Wed 11th January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12pm Mass (Cor) (*John Falvey RIP*)

Thurs 12th January

Saint Aelred of Rievaulx

12.10pm Mass (Ch)

(*Ian MacCallum & Family RIP*)

Fri 13th January

Saint Hilary, Bishop

12pm Mass (Cor) (*J & S Rodrigues*)

Sat 14th January Our Lady on Sat

4.15pm Eucharistic Adoration (Ch)

4.20pm – 4.50pm Confessions (Ch)

15TH JANUARY 2023

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5pm (Ch) Vigil Mass (*K & P Mollaghan*)

9am (Cor) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

11am (Ch) Sung Mass (*Pro Populo*)

with Holy Baptism

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Feast is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. This event is documented in all the gospels except John. Christ's baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptised, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father's will. When Jesus comes to John, John hesitates to baptise him. John's is a baptism of repentance, and Jesus has nothing for which he needs to repent. Why then does Jesus insist on being baptized? By choosing to be baptised, Jesus fulfils all righteousness – preparing himself to be a perfect sacrifice for us.

POPE BENEDICT XVI We are saddened by the death of Pope Benedict XVI. His funeral was celebrated in Rome on Thursday. Bishop Declan will celebrate Mass for Pope Benedict at the Cathedral on Tuesday 10th January at 11am. A Requiem Mass will be offered at St Mary's on Tuesday at 12.10pm. Pope Francis said, "His acute and gentle thought was not self-referential, but ecclesial, because he always wanted to accompany us in the encounter with Jesus." May Pope Benedict rest in peace and rise in glory.

ORDINARY TIME begins this week and continues until the Season of Lent. Our weekday readings are from Year 1 / Liturgy of the Hours Week 1/ Sunday Readings Year A. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green, evoking life and growth.

THANK YOU Our churches looked beautiful for the celebrations. Thank you to everyone who helped. If you have any Christmas photos of the churches, please email them to Teresa as we'd like to put them on the website. We thank Fr Nick King for helping out during Fr Michael's illness over the New Year period.

POST CHRISTMAS LUNCH A reminder that the postponed Christmas lunch will take place on Tuesday 17th January in St Mary's Hall. Please sign the sheets at the back/front of the church to book your place and encourage a friend to come. There will be plenty of food, drink and fun! There will be no charge, but donations to the parish are welcome. Parishioners from Corsham are also most welcome to come.

HELP THIS SUNDAY PLEASE Could we have some volunteers please to help to take down the Christmas tree, crib and decorations in St Patrick's and also to undress and take down the Christmas trees at St Mary's after the Sunday 9 am and 11am Mass respectively? More hands will make light work of this. Thank you.

ST MARY'S HALL CLEANING After many years of devoted service, Finola McWilliam is retiring from cleaning St Mary's parish hall after the parish lunch on 17th January. We thank Finola for her hard work and dedication. Please get in touch with Fr Michael or Teresa Gosling in the Parish Office if you would be willing to volunteer to help with the hall cleaning.

UKRAINE Humanitarian Appeal: Please continue to support CAFOD and CARITAS Ukraine who are on the ground helping people affected by the war. Caritas Ukraine has 19 centres across the country. Whatever you can give today will help us reach more families with urgent assistance. Your support will have a direct impact on the people of Ukraine. You can donate today directly on the CAFOD website. <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

THE NEXT PPC meeting takes place at Corsham on 19th January at 7pm.

NEXT FILM NIGHT on 'Catholicism' by Bishop Robert Baron will be held in St Patrick's Hall Corsham, on Thursday 12th January at 7.30pm beginning with drinks and nibbles.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING Fr Michael would like to thank everyone for their generosity over the Christmas period. A big 'thank you' to all who sent cards, gifts and, of course for the traditional Christmas offering to your parish priest. It is very much appreciated. Thank you to you all.

CHIPPENHAM FOODBANK This Christmas the Foodbank gave presents to 315 children and delivered food parcels to 187 families and individuals. They would like to thank everyone who gave donations. The Foodbank would like donations of rice pudding and long grain rice. Please leave your donations at the back of the church.

THANK YOU to those parishioners who helped launder the St Mary's albs before Christmas.

CHIPPENHAM 100 CLUB WINNERS This month's winners are: £100 Ann Watts, £5 Liz Glass, £5 Anne Martin, £5 Hyacinth Fernandes. Please collect your cheques from the Sacred Heart altar at the front of the church.

OUR NEWSLETTER Please note the deadline for material for the Newsletter is Wednesday morning. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Pope Emeritus Benedict. Corsham: Julia Wright, Coleen Milne, Tony Tredgett, Richard Keat, Anne Keat, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, Lindsay Price, Derek Keohane. Chippenham: Graham Masters, Brian Tuersley, Lydia Connell, David Lunt, Jon Taylor, Michael Kenny, Mike Merry, Jane Kelson, Nic Pollastrone, Anne Marie Naylor, Chris Rosario, James Carine, Michaela Finn. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Recently Departed: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

RIP Anniversaries: Hugh Rooney, Baby Georgina Morea, Yvonne Miles, Madeleine Ordano, Moyra O'Donnell, Margaret T Comport

The Holy Father's January Prayer Intention: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St George/St Teresa of Lisieux, Taunton; St John Fisher, Wellington with Wiveliscombe

In compliance with the requirements of GDPR permission must be sought from an individual (or next of kin) before their name can be added to a list of those who are sick. Do please advise of any changes to be made to this list.

January– Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus, and it's an ideal time to strengthen our connection to the beautiful name of our Lord. On 3rd January, we celebrate the memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus at Mass. A name is an emblem of one's dignity, but the name of Jesus in particular should be held in the highest regard; spoken and heard only in a sacred way. The Jews had the highest esteem for the name of God, a holy acclaim that finds continuation in the Our Father: "Hallowed be Thy Name."

"Jesus" means, "God saves", the name conveyed in a dream, to Joseph, together with its meaning and to Our Lady at the Annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel. So, the name of Jesus is not only the name of our Saviour but also, by its meaning, states the purpose of His existence, reminding us of the incredible blessing of salvation. Let us therefore give that name great honour! Also, let us remember that Jesus's name in Aramaic is "Yeshua" So that is what Jesus was called in his own native language (the name Joshua is derived from this name, too).

There continues a lovely custom of bowing your head whenever you say or hear the name of Jesus. Scripture tells us: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). The Council of Lyons in 1274 stated: "Each should fulfill in himself that which is written for all, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow; whenever that glorious Name is recalled, especially during the sacred Mysteries of the Mass, everyone should bow the knees of his heart, which he can do even by a bow of his head."

The Holy Name of Jesus has been venerated since the beginning of Christianity and appears in the earliest Christian manuscripts in Greek. In the second century the final Greek character was added to the IH abbreviation making it IHS. This in turn was transliterated into Latin or English characters as IHS, the monogram later adopted by the Jesuit Order as an abbreviation for Iesus Hominum Salvator which we see today on Pope Francis' coat of arms.

The Collect for the Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race
on the Incarnation of your Word,
give your peoples the mercy they implore,
so that all may know there is no other name to be invoked
but the Name of your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

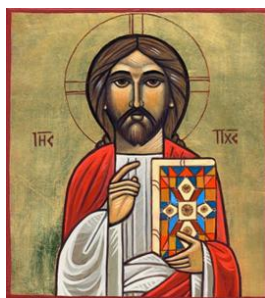
A Prayer for Ukraine



Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Psalm 28(29):1-4,9-10

O give the Lord, you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

Second reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

cf.Mk9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel**Matthew 3:13-17**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord