



**St. Joseph's, Warndon &
Holy Redeemer, Pershore**
Parish Newsletter - 11th January 2025
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



	Sat. 11th Jan. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Victoria & Vincent Pillai. R.I.P.
		6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Rev Fr Bosco. R.I.P.
	*** Sun. 12th Jan.	8:30 am	Holy Redeemer	Mr Thomas (Tom) Daniels RIP (Aniv)
		10:00 am	St. Joseph	People of our Parishes.

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



	Sat. 18th Jan Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Dec. members of the Daniels & Smith Families
		-----	St. Joseph	NO MASS
	Sun. 19th Jan.	-----	Holy Redeemer	NO SUNDAY MASS
		12:00 am	St. Joseph	Anne Minett & Geof Hill. R.I.P. By Mary Hill

Today's Gospel continues the theme of the end of Christmas - revelation. Jesus is revealed to the world by his birth, by his baptism, and by his miracles - the "signs" as John calls them. The wedding in today's Gospel is interpreted in many ways: today we can see it as an image of the way in which God is so close to his people, it is as though he is married to them. Thus Jesus, the spouse of the people, shows God's closeness by revealing his glory in this miracle.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



	Sat. 25th Jan. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
		-----	St. Joseph	NO MASS
	Sun. 26th Jan.	-----	Holy Redeemer	NO SUNDAY MASS
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	People of our Parishes.

After our brief excursion last week into Saint John's Gospel, we are back on track this week with Saint Luke - whom we will follow for the rest of the year. Today is about beginnings: the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It begins with the Word of God, in the synagogue. Jesus reads from the Old Testament, as we do every Sunday, and tells the people that it is fulfilled in him. Everything that God has said to his people, through his prophets, comes together in Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



	Sat. 1st Feb. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Harry & Lyndsay Morgan & Michael McLoughlin.
		-----	St. Joseph	NO MASS
	Sun. 2nd Feb.	-----	Holy Redeemer	NO SUNDAY MASS
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	People of Our Parishes.

The whole episode in today's reading emphasizes the most simple and homely situation: the young couple with the child in their arms; the old man who rejoices and embraces, the old woman who prays and proclaims, those listening who appear to be indirectly involved. At the end of the passage, we also get a glimpse of the village of Nazareth, of the growth of the child in a normal context, the impression of a child extraordinarily gifted with wisdom and goodness.

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



8 th Feb.	Sat. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	People Of our Parishes
		-----	St. Joseph	NO MASS
9 th Feb.	Sun.	-----	Holy Redeemer	NO SUNDAY MASS
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	Holy Mass

We hear the call of another prophet this week - Isaiah. This introduces the Gospel, where we see Jesus calling his first disciples to follow him - not with words, but with a miracle that is also a parable. If the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. In Christian discipleship we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



15 th Feb.	Sat. Vigil	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
		6:00 pm	St. Joseph	Holy Mass
16 th Feb.	Sun.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Holy Mass
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	Holy Mass

Weekdays between Monday 13th January and Friday 14th February Eucharistic Services.

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTIC SERVICES

Monday	10.00 am	Holy Redeemer	13 th , 20 th & 27 th Jan. & 3 rd , & 10 th Feb
Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Redeemer	15 th , 22 nd & 29 th Jan. 5 th & 12 th Feb
Friday	9.30 am	Holy Redeemer	Adoration & Eucharistic Service 17 th , 24 th & 31 st Jan 7 th & 14 th Feb.
	5:45 pm	St. Joseph	Adoration. Eucharistic Service & Divine Mercy Chaplet 17 th , 24 th , 31 st Jan, 7 th & 14 th Feb.

Change of Mass Time: Please take your Newsletter home as it contains all the changes to mass times etc. during my Winter Break

Jubilee 2025 - The Year runs from the opening of the Holy Door on 24th Dec 2024 to the Feast of Epiphany 2026. Details and a calendar of dates and events can be found on the Diocesan website.

Indulgence for the Jubilee: To help us during the Year, a plenary indulgence can be gained not only by making a pilgrimage to a Jubilee church, but by devotedly performing one of the acts prescribed by the Church.

Jubilee Churches in Our Diocese: - Churches so far...

- St Chad's Cathedral – Shrine of St Chad
- St Anne's Church, Caversham – Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham
- Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford – Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes
- St Michael's Church, Penn, Wolverhampton – Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis
- The Immaculate Conception & St Egwin Church – Shrine of Our Lady of Evesham
- Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster
- Bl. Dominic Barbari Church & St John Henry Newman College, Littlemore, Oxford



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PARISH NOTICES

Winter Break: From Sunday I am on my “Winter Break” and will return on 14th February. During my absence, if there is a need to contact a priest, please call St George’s Catholic Church on 01905 23688 / Mob 07950 655 941.

Mass Sheets: Please take the Mass sheets home with you or leave at the back of the Church. Please **do not leave in your seats**.

The Jubilee Companion Booklets: Now Jubilee Companion Booklets available at back of the church. Please help yourself.

Prayer Group starting on **Wednesday 15th January @ 2pm** at 25 Holloway. They will meet fortnightly to sing praise, read and contemplate the following Sunday’s Gospel and to pray for each other and the wider community.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: this annual event takes place from the **18th January to the 25th**. Churches Together in Pershore have decided not to hold a unity service this year but instead to reach out to a wider group of people by hiring the Town Hall on **Saturday 25th January, 10 am – 12 noon**. Free tea and coffee will be available and there will be opportunities to meet members of other Christian Communities in our town, to find out what they are doing as well as say a prayer for the unity of Christ prayed for. Please do pop in and support this initiative.

Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes: We are delighted to announce the dates for the next Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Archdiocese of Birmingham, **Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025**.

You can now book via the [Archdiocese of Birmingham Lourdes website](#), and find out more about the theme: "*With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope*".

Baptism: Brody Tan Timothy is to be baptised 16th February 2025 at St Joseph, Warndon after the 11 am mass. We welcome him to our Parish Community. Please keep him in your prayers.

A Prayer For Those Affected By Conflict: God of refuge, the rock in whom we trust, watch over our sisters and brothers in areas suffering conflict and war. Bring comfort to those who grieve, shelter to those who are homeless, and sustenance to those who hunger and thirst.

God of mercy, open our hearts to your grace, so that we are filled with compassion and a generosity of spirit, and inspire us to take action. Spirit of love, pour out your peace like a healing balm, which brings hope in place of despair. **Amen**

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The Word this Week – 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. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

Spiritual Matters

Today we recall St John the Baptist baptising Jesus, and the Holy Spirit descending from Heaven like a dove. We too are filled with the Holy Spirit and are blessed to receive His gifts including love, patience, peace and joy. As the World can sometimes seem to be a dark place, we need these gifts to shine with the Light of Christ. By the Spirit we can show the World the love of God, and be more generous, loving and caring; and goodness knows how much this is needed! It is also the Spirit that keeps us faithful and happy, and this in itself provides a great witness for the Lord. So, as we remember Jesus' Baptism, let us thank the Lord for ours, and for the many gifts this brings us. Then, let's pray that the Holy Spirit will help us spread his love to everyone, every day. **(Louise Bowen)**

For Your Prayers:

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital, **Maureen Womack, Lucy Orchard, Chris Kelly, Jim Wilson, Claire Lording, Mark Baker, Alan Smith, Stephen Hales, Susan Vial, Peter O'Shea, Lynda Horne, Rachael Nielsen, Sarah Cole, and Siobhan Stillwell** We also remember their carers and the sacrifices they humbly offer.

We pray to the merciful Heart of Jesus for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries occur this week. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine.....**

If you would like someone to be prayed for by the parish, please complete a privacy consent form.

"What happens in Baptism? We become united forever with Jesus, to be born again to a new life." - **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

Parish Safeguarding

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Ann Marie Wallbank 01684 294040**. She can also be contacted at:*

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