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## **The Baptism of the Lord**

**9 January 2022**

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Sheila Armstrong, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Fr Frank Flynn, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Madge Wolstenholme, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Jonathan Dempsey, Andy Mitchell, Eileen Valance, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Sheila Habershon, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Jimmy Cahill, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

**Last week's collection was £634.05** (£433.60 in offertory envelopes, £200.45 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!

**Our Crib Offerings will be donated to help the Homeless.**

**This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:**

The sick & the dying

**This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:**

Healthcare Workers & Carers

**Please pray for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.**

### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. *St Alphonsus Ligouri*

**Money Matters:** Thank you to everyone who has made a financial contribution in these difficult times, your continued generosity towards our churches is greatly appreciated. **To make a standing order or one-off payment the details you need please contact the office.** Gift Aid makes a significant contribution to our income and, if you are a taxpayer who does not use the scheme but would like to know more, then please contact Fr M. Thank you for your support. **A box for any offering you wish is available as you enter the church. Thank you.**

**2022 Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop Heskett:**

Friday 24 June to Thursday 30 June (6 nights) £765.00, full board, flying from Doncaster Airport with insurance at £33. Booking forms and further details are available from [www.hallam-lourdes.com](http://www.hallam-lourdes.com) or telephone 07724 650066. Please note: *everyone participating in the 2022 pilgrimage must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.* We feel that it is possible to plan for the pilgrimage to take place safely, but if it does not prove to be possible and the diocese cancels, then full refunds will be made. Thank you for your support, Alex Prior, Pilgrimage Director.

**A reverse Advent Calendar for St Wilfrid's Centre**

Thank you for all the items you have kindly donated. They will be much appreciated.

# **The Synod of Bishops 2023**

## **A consultation**

Pope Francis has invited us to help prepare for this upcoming synod. As we journey together through life, finding ways to live and communicate the Gospel of the Lord, we discover we are not alone in our Christian Faith. The word *Synodal* means “*journeying together*” and the question Pope Francis has asked us to pray, listen and to discern is:

*“How does this “journeying together” take place today on different levels (from the local to the universal one), allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel?”*

He has asked the bishops of the world to ask you and then tell him and Bishop Heskett will collect our thoughts and take them to a meeting of the bishops of England and Wales. Later, some of our bishops will go to Rome for the Synod in 2023. Following this Pope Francis will write to the whole Church reflecting what has been discerned from this process.

### **Questions**

Pope Francis has asked us to consider these questions:

- What are your experiences of ‘journeying together’ in your diocese, your parish, for you personally?
- What joys or difficulties have you encountered?
- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you in your experiences?
- What steps is the Spirit inviting you to take in order for the Church to grow as a Synodal Church?

Given the current circumstances and the advisability therefore of avoiding meeting in a large group I ask you to consider these questions personally as individuals, families or small groups. You can respond with as much or as little detail as you wish. Simply place your comments in an envelope and mark them as ‘Synod’ and drop them off in church or the presbytery letterbox. You do not need to put your name on your response. Alternatively, you can e-mail [ssjosephandcharles@gmail.com](mailto:ssjosephandcharles@gmail.com) and put ‘Synod’ in the subject heading should you wish. Your comments should be submitted by Sunday, 6 February. Thank you.

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that we your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Mass Intentions***

<p><b>Sunday 9 January</b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i></p>	<p><b>8.45am</b> For the People</p> <p><b>10.00am</b> The Marklew Family</p>
<p><b>Monday 10 January</b> <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p><b>10.00am</b></p> <p><b>12 Noon</b> Funeral service of Leanne Wainwright <i>RIP</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 11 January</b></p>	<p><i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 12 January</b></p>	<p><i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>
<p><b>Thursday 13 January</b></p>	<p><i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>
<p><b>Friday 14 January</b></p>	<p><i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday 15 January</b> <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p><b>5.00pm</b> Bernard Hodges</p>
<p><b>Sunday 16 January</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in</i> <i>Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>8.45am</b> Jeff Mason</p> <p><b>10.00am</b> For the People</p>
<p><b>Monday 17 January</b></p>	<p><i>St Antony</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 18 January</b></p>	<p><i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 19 January</b></p>	<p><i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>
<p><b>Thursday 20 January</b></p>	<p><i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>
<p><b>Friday 21 January</b></p>	<p><i>St Agnes</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday 22 January</b> <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p><b>5.00pm</b> Thomas Conway Snr</p>
<p><b>Sunday 23 January</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in</i> <i>Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p><b>8.45am</b> Ian Selwood</p> <p><b>10.00am</b> For the People</p>

**Face coverings are mandatory unless you have an exemption.**

You **MUST NOT** come to church if you are unwell or somebody in your household has coronavirus symptoms, for example a cough or high temperature.