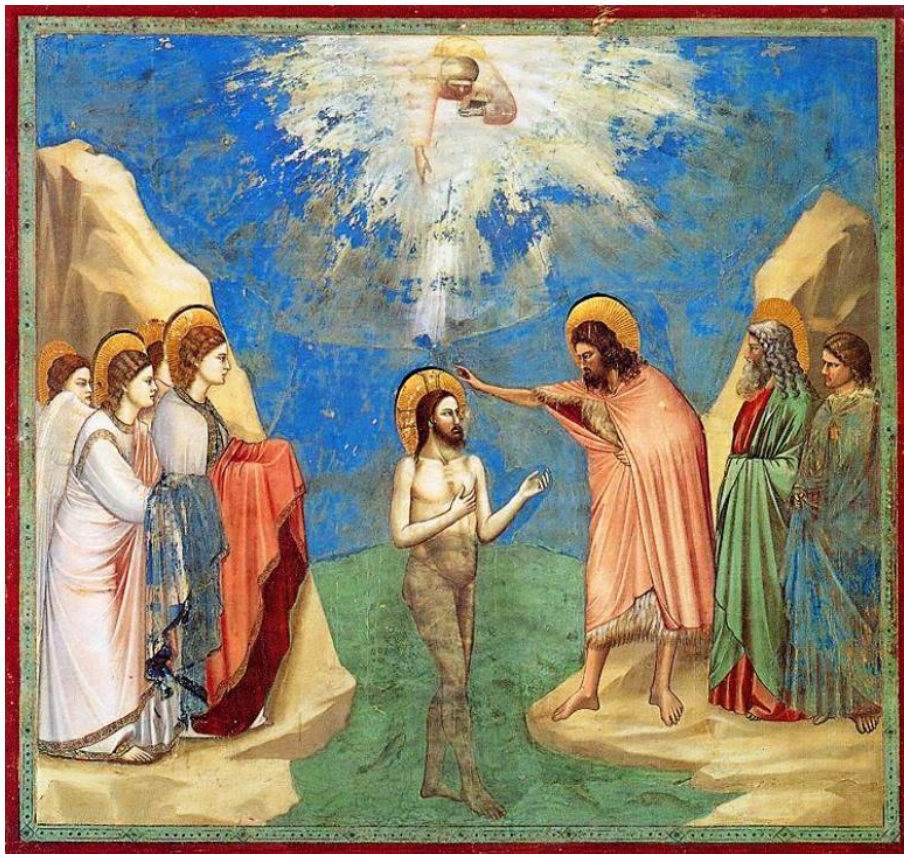


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**The Baptism of the Lord**

**12 January 2025**

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Karen Andrew, Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, 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.*

The Nigerian priests who work in our diocese, including the six working here in Sheffield, ask for our prayers for their homeland following the murder of a priest, Fr Tobias Chukwujekwu Okonkwo of the diocese of Nnewi, Onitsha, Nigeria, on 26 December 2024. He was shot dead by unidentified assailants at Ihiala where he worked as a devoted priest and pharmacist at Our Lady of Lourdes hospital. May he rest in peace and may the good Lord bless and console his bereaved family and friends.

The **Diocese of Hallam Jubilee Year Lourdes Pilgrimage** will take place from **27 June to 3 July**. The price of £899, includes: Return flight from Leeds-Bradford Airport to Lourdes, transfer to and from the hotel, six nights' accommodation, Full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner), and all taxes and charges and one standard piece of checked-in luggage. Further details and booking forms are available at the back of church.

### **The Jubilee Year, 2025**

On Christmas Eve, at the start of the Christmas Mass during the Night, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and officially inaugurated the 2025 Jubilee of Hope. He reminded us that the Christ Child of Bethlehem offers the world infinite hope and joy. By this act, the Pope began the Ordinary Jubilee, a historic event rooted in biblical tradition, which takes place every 25 years. The Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the same Holy Door on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

In his homily the Holy Father described Christian hope, not as a 'happy ending which we passively await, but rather, a promise, *the Lord's promise*, to be welcomed here and now in our world of suffering and sighs.' In particular, the Church invites us to experience this grace and hope, especially by celebrating and receiving the Sacrament of Penance.

### **Indulgences during the Jubilee Year**

An indulgence is a way to reduce the temporal punishment for a sin that has already been forgiven: it is a gift from God through the Church that allows a person to fulfil their divine justice debt, (a remission of the just 'pain' that comes from our sins, which can be earthly suffering or 'time' in purgatory).

Here are some of the many ways one can obtain indulgences during the 2025 Jubilee Year:

- **Make a pilgrimage to Rome**
- **Perform a Work of Mercy** the Jubilee Year sees us especially encouraged to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

According to the Apostolic Penitentiary, visiting prisoners, spending time with lonely elderly people, aiding the sick or disabled, and helping those who are in need are all instances whereby we might obtain an indulgence. Performing the works of mercy is, 'in a sense, making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them.'

- **Acts of Penance** can also obtain a plenary indulgence and the Holy See gives several examples, including:

- Abstaining for at least one day a week from 'futile distractions,' such as Social Media or television
- Fasting
- Donating 'a proportionate sum of money to the poor'
- Supporting religious or social works, especially in the defence of life
- Offering support to migrants, the elderly, the poor, young people in difficulty, and abandoned children
- Volunteering in service to your community.

- **Visit St Marie's Cathedral** we can gain a plenary indulgence by making a pious pilgrimage to our cathedral or to another church or shrine selected by our bishop and listed in the Pilgrim Passport.

### **The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.  
May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation of a new heaven  
and a new earth, when, with the powers  
of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.  
May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread the joy and  
peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever. Amen

**THE SACRED LITURGY**

<b>Sunday 12 January</b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	<b>8.45am</b> For the people <b>10.00am</b> Paul Andrew
<b>Monday 13 January</b> <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	<b>9.00am</b> Intentions of Janet Hutchinson
<b>Tuesday 14 January</b> <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	<b>12.30pm Requiem</b> Patricia Coddington <i>RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 15 January</b> <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	November Memorial Dead List
<b>Thursday 16 January</b> <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	<b>9.00am</b> Patrick Gallagher
<b>Friday 17 January</b> <i>St Antony of Egypt</i>	<b>9.00 – 9.55am Exposition</b> <b>10.00am</b> The Butler & Bradley Families
<b>Saturday 18 January</b> <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>  <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i>	<b>4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions</b> <b>5.00pm</b> Peter & Cecelia O’Hara
<b>Sunday 19 January</b> <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>8.45am</b> Thomas Conway Snr <b>10.00am</b> For the people

**Please pray for  
Fr Tobias Chukwujekwu Okonkwo & Neil Parkes *RIP*,  
for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur  
around this time.**

Last week’s collection was £379.85 (£185.35 in offertory envelopes, £194.50 in loose). Many thanks for your support especially on such a snowy Sunday!

As is traditional, our Crib will remain in the church until the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2 February. This year our **Crib Offerings** will be donated **to help the homeless here in Sheffield.**