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The Baptism of the Lord, Year A

Prayers and Readings are from page 129 in the missal

Entrance Antiphon:

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Psalm Response:

The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'. Alleluia.

Eucharistic Prayer: No. 3 (Page 613)

Communion Antiphon:

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-6. Ps 29(28). Acts 10:34-38. Matthew 3:13-17.

Divine Office: Week 1 (1st Week in Ordinary Time, Year 2 for daily readings)

Confessions Saturday 16.30 – 17.00 pm or by arrangement

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Sunday 11th January 2026 – The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 10 th	17.30 pm	<i>Special Intention</i>
Sunday 11 th	08.00 am	<i>For the Parish</i>
	10.00 am	<i>James Cahill</i>
Monday 12 th	10.00 pm	<i>Special Intention</i>
Tuesday 6 th <i>Benediction</i>	09.30 am	
	10.00 am	<i>Gorman family</i>
Wednesday 13 th	No Mass	
Thursday 14 th	10.00 am	<i>Wendy Thacker</i>
Friday 15 th <i>Funeral Mass of Olga Devonish</i>	11.00 am	
Saturday 16 th	17.30 pm	
Sunday 17 th <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	08.00 am	
	10.00 am	

Coffee and Tea on Sunday and Tuesday after the 10.00 Mass

Please email items for the newsletter by the end of Wednesday each week to michael.brookes@rcdea.org.uk

Collections

Sunday 11th January: £526.78 (of which £90 is gift aided) plus £316 in direct-to-bank contributions (average weekly figure). Many thanks for your financial support.

Prayer Requests

We remember in our prayers those who are sick: Fr Peter Leeming, Fatima Anja, Deacon Justin Cross, Patricia & Vittorio Cocuccio, Alicya Frydryk, Hazel Fullbrook, Albert and Maureen Huggett, Aneta, Theresa Lescott, Sheila Sheppard, Madeline Tanner, and Clive Townsend; and pray for the repose of the souls of Olga Devonish and Tessa Trappes-Lomax.

Yearbooks

The new Diocesan Yearbook containing contact details, parish statistics and the liturgical calendar for 2026 is available for purchase, cost £5 – please ask me for a copy if you are interested.

To Parents and Guardians of children taking part in the First Holy Communion Programme 2026

We would like to invite you and your children to the first meeting for the First Holy Communion Programme 2026, which will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 24 January 2026, from 9:00 to 10:30am. Your attendance is very important, and we kindly ask that all families make every effort to be there.

Raul & Mae Parreno, Catechists

26 Club

The January 26 club winners have now been drawn. Please ask Deacon Justin for your winnings!

1st #45 Sylvia Maxey

2nd #37 Ann Griffin

3rd #55 Mary McCambridge

Pray with the Pope

Each month throughout 2026, Pope Leo XIV will invite the Church to pray for a specific intention, touching on both global challenges—such as peace and disarmament—and issues within the life of the Church, including evangelisation. The initiative continues the legacy of *The Pope's Video*, launched ten years ago by Pope Francis and viewed over 260 million times worldwide. See:

www.cbcew.org.uk/pray-with-the-pope-a-real-network-of-communion-in-a-divided-world/

Maintenance Professional

Saint Mary's Parish Church is seeking a reliable, multi-skilled maintenance professional for short to medium-term work. The ideal candidate will have a strong work ethic, a range of trade skills, and a commitment to delivering high-quality results. Duties include general repairs, upkeep, and improvements to the church building and grounds. Contact Raul at: raulparreno@gmail.com