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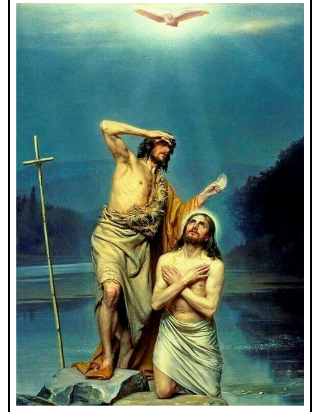
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**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**



DATE

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January  
2021**

SUNDAY

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
Year B**

DIVINE OFFICE  
**Week 1**

**Live-streamed Masses: Sunday at 9.30am, and all weekday Masses.**

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Norman Hegarty RIP
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b> Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	People of the Parish Denis Carter RIP (D&MH) Jo Jones RIP (SVP)
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> Feria		No Services Today
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> St. Aelred of Rievaulx Abbot Memorial		No Services Today
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> St. Hilary Bishop, Doctor of the Church Memorial		No Services Today
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> Feria		No Services Today
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> Feria		No Services Today
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	Victor Alonzo RIP (MB)
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am 4.30pm	Brian Hornblower RIP (Birthday Ann.) (MH) People of the Parish Int. of Leo Jones (SVP)

### Pope Francis:

Like the Magi, we too are called to allow ourselves to be attracted, illuminated and converted by Christ: He is the journey of faith, through prayer and the contemplation of God's works, which continually fill us with every new joy and wonder.

### Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed for those who at this time cannot be with us in church. The camera is situated at the front of the church so that only the Sanctuary is visible. If, however, you are sitting on the right side of the church you will become visible, in a way in which you might be recognisable, for a brief moment as you return from receiving Holy Communion. If you do not wish to appear on the live-stream please inform one of the stewards who will ensure that you are seated on the left of the church.

### Christmas Crib Collection



Throughout the Christmas Season there will be a collection basket on the table at the back of the church for our annual Christmas Crib Collection. This year we are taking this collection to help the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). ACN work to help our suffering and persecuted Christian throughout the world. Since the beginning of the pandemic many of our Christian brothers and sisters have been some of the most severely affected as a result of Covid-19. Your generosity could help support the work of ACN in places like Iraq, Syria, Pakistan, Nigeria, Lebanon, India & Eritrea.

### Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of January: **Human Fraternity**. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

### National Lockdown

Under the Government's Guidelines for the 'New National Lockdown' Places of Worship can remain open. Whilst this is good news, we must remain vigilant, following the guidance at all times.

### Sick in the Parish

Please pray for all the sick in the parish, that God will bless and comfort them. Please remember especially:

**Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Maureen Carr, Pat Hopley, Leo Jones, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia <sup>(Dotty)</sup> Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan <sup>nee Meehan</sup>, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Evelyn Hawkey, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.**

### Recently Deceased

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Janet Reeves & Leslie Roberts**, on whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may they rest in peace. Janet & Leslie's funeral arrangements will be announced shortly. Please also pray for John & Mary, and for their families at this difficult time.



Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

**Live Simply Prayer – Week 7**

**With John the Baptist we behold ‘The Lamb of God’ and we ask You, Lord Jesus, to take our sins away**

**CAFOD NEWS**

As you will recall our parish has been supporting an area in Columbia – Magdalena Medio. This is through CAFOD’s “HANDS ON” Project to help young school students, to build community, to promote the peace settlement, to counteract violence and to bring aid to poor families.

Recently CAFOD sent us some bad news, which is, of course, also good news for Christians, in the same sense as the martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Romero over two decades ago in El Salvador.

CAFOD is sorry to tell us that Carlota Isabel Salina Perez was killed last March. She was part of our peace-building project in Magdalena Medio. She worked alongside other local experts in an area women’s group. Carlota was a mother of three, a proud protector of the environment and a courageous human rights defender. She supported her community with love and care, continuously - even during her final days. On the day of her killing she had been organising food supplies for local families affected by Coronavirus. At her home at 8 o’clock in the evening she was shot dead. She was 38 years old. It is important that Carlota’s death does not go unnoticed. Her life and work are to be valued. Those responsible for her killing need to be brought to justice. As Catholics we know that death is not the end. CAFOD asks us to join in praying for Carlota – that she may rest in peace. Others there in Columbia are, thanks be to God, continuing the same work



**COVID-19 – a very challenging time for many marriages.**

With so much uncertainty around health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing many married couples have begun to feel the stress of living with the current situation. The many different ways of seeing things, coping with change and the managing of fears can for so many become a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, support and comfort one another when there is so much uncertainty. Then on top of all this there is the added challenge of being together all the time. All of this can bring many challenges to our marriages. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps to nourish and grow your marriage – and you don’t even have to leave your home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend, commencing on 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 call or text 07887 296983, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Praying for the Unborn**



As we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, we recall our own Baptism and the promise of life we have gained through it. We pray that all would be given the opportunity to experience life in its fullness, both in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or a prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy yourself it is then your family who should take on this responsibility.

### Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please visit the 'Baptismal Enquiry' page of the parish website using the following link:

<https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html>

Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'.

### Assisted Suicide

**Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide.**

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign putting pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is made clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from the assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right to Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsidered this important piece of legislation. It only takes 30 seconds to email you MP by visiting the link below:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

**And finally:** In 1979, shortly after his election, Pope St. John Paul II made a Papal visit to his home country of Poland. During this visit he went to his hometown of Wadowice, and to the church which he had known from his earliest days. Upon entering the church the Pope made his way straight to the font, knelt down, and kissed it. He did this because he knew that the most important day of his life was not his ordination as a priest, his consecration as a bishop, or even his election as Pope – but the day of his baptism! In a similar vain, at the beginning of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged all Christians to make a pilgrimage to the font where they were baptised, and to find out the date on which their baptism took place saying: “To know the day of your Baptism is to know a blessed day”. Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we celebrate the moment when Christ the giver of baptism, made holy the waters in which we would one day be baptised. On the day of our baptism, we were not only set free from Original Sin, we were “immersed into the inexhaustible source of life which is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love in all of history”(Pope Francis). Today, as we celebrate this feast, may our hearts be filled with thanksgiving for the gift of our baptism, for the life promised to us in Christ; and let us pray that each day, throughout this year, we may experience ever more the graces we received on the day of our baptism.

*May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig*