



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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The Baptism of the Lord



10th January 2021



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New! Live-streamed Masses each day from
Christ Church.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Christian faith is most definitely a "plunging in" faith! You can never learn to swim by sitting on the side of the pool, dangling your toes into the water! The rather strange experience of being held afloat is open only to those who go through that rather frightening experience of letting go of the more familiar dry-land securities and discovering that in the water we can enjoy rather different freedoms.

The word 'baptism' which means 'immersing' or 'dunking' is an apt initiation ritual for entering into the Christian life because it speaks to us of a lifetime of letting go of familiar securities until our confidence lies in God alone. "Let go, and let God" is one of the well-known maxims which captures the Christian attitude of abandonment to the will of the Father.

Today, we celebrate the baptism of the Lord who teaches us that to follow him into an "out of our depth" experience of life is to discover a whole new confidence in God's love, giving us the courage to emerge from the water and to throw ourselves into the mission of the Church!

May God bless you and your families, and hold you in his love,

Fr Gerard.



Readers for Sunday Mass

I would think that many of us have been putting off all sorts of things until after the pandemic is over, but our procrastination (great word!) can't go on for ever! One thing that I keep thinking about is that it would be very helpful to have a rota for readers for Sunday Mass. It's very unfair of me to give someone two minutes notice before Mass! To my knowledge, the current readers are Margaret Borman, Margaret Needham, Roger Lee, Joan Penny-Hayes, Maureen Rawlinson, Gerard King, Maggie King, Monica McArdle. If you are already a reader or would like to offer to serve as a reader then could you let me know of your availability? You can use the email at the top of this page. If we could re-establish a rota, then that would be great help for everybody. Thank you!

The Requiem Mass for Joan Simm will take place at Sacred Heart church on Wednesday 13th Jan at 2.30pm. The Mass, unfortunately, will be for family and invited guests only, due to Covid restrictions. We keep Joan and her family in our prayers at this time.

Sunday Prayer Resource

"The Lord's Day at Home"

[The Baptism of the Lord \(10th January\)](#)

[Monica's Children's
Liturgy Video](#)

Filmed on location
at Christ Church!



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 11th January 2021

Monday 11th Jan	Tuesday 12th Jan	Wednesday 13th Jan	Thursday 14th Jan	Friday 15th Jan	Saturday 16th Jan	Sunday 17th Jan
SH No Mass	SH 10.00am	SH 10.00am	SH 6.30pm	SH 10.00am	SH 11.45am	SH (Booking) 9.30am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	HS (Booking) 6.30pm CC No Mass	CC (Booking) 9.30am

SH = Sacred Heart

CC = Christ Church

HS= Holy Saviour's

Online booking for **Sunday Masses** (booking available from 11.00am on previous Sunday)
[Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Saviour's, 16th January at 6.30pm](#) (Good Shepherd Newsletter)
[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 17th January at 9.30am](#)

Masses, live-streamed and recorded,
to be found here:

[Sacred Heart, Colne](#)
[St John Southworth's, Nelson](#)

CAFOD



This week we sent a cheque for £355.00 to CAFOD. This was the total amount collected through the CAFOD Box at the back of church during the Christmas period. Many thanks for your generosity!

Ray Whalley, hard at work, inscribing names in the Book of Remembrance.

Thanks Ray for your dedication to this labour of love at the service of the community.



Jan10: Fr Thomas Baron
(PP Brierfield 1938 to 1941)
 Jan 13: Alfred Allen
 Jan 16: Paul Brady
 Jan 16: Fr William Brierley
(PP Brierfield 1944 to 1975)



The Telephone Mass!

You can listen-in to the recorded Sunday Mass from Middlesbrough Cathedral at any time, 24 hours a day. Just phone 01642 130120. There is no charge beyond that of a local call.

Church Collection

£131.00
 Standing Orders: approx. £265 p/w
 Many thanks!

POUND DRAW.

Winners this week: £10 M. Hillary,
 £10 A. Proctor,
 £10 J. Manley,
 Towards Parish Funds £67, Thank you.

While this lock down lasts and Churches are still allowed to do Services, we will carry on with the draw each Sunday. We have a good few members paid up for the next ten weeks so we will be able to make it work.