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**The Baptism
of the Lord**



9th Jan 2022



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

No sooner has the Christmas season come to an end, than we meet the mature Christ! No longer is he passively lying in a manger while visitors of every description—angels, shepherds, and kings—come to visit him; he is now inhabiting the fullness of his manhood, his identity, and his mission!

Many young adults have a desire to do something radical with their lives, and to “change the world”, but life gradually overtakes them and they find themselves losing their idealism, and settling down to a less ambitious and more ‘realistic’ life of career and family.

Not so with Jesus! Expansion of the carpentry business is not on his mind, and settling down to family life is not on his agenda! In his baptismal moment, Jesus breaks forth from his hidden life with his parents in Nazareth and bursts forth into the world with the most unbelievable power.

The message of Jesus is one of transformation of every world-weary human heart, of reform of every unjust structure; his message of hope is for all those who need to feed on a motivation which can't be satisfied by earthbound rewards and privileges.

“That's my boy!” exclaims the Father, in delight. And the Father speaks those words over us when we are immersed—body, soul, and spirit—into the life of Christ at our baptism.

May God's blessing be upon us,

Fr Gerard

“Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as you ever can.”



Commonly attributed to John Wesley

Synod

(a Church-wide consultation process)

Pope Francis has called a Universal Synod which is taking place in every Catholic diocese across the world. The Synod is themed: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission”. We want to hear from as many people as possible, those involved in the church and those who are not. You can take part by completing an online submission by following this link:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2.

Primary School Applications

If your child starts Primary school this September you will need to apply for a place. Please do so online by visiting www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. Closing date for applications: 15th January 2022 for Primary School.

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 10th January, 2022

Monday 10th January	Tuesday 11th January	Wednesday 12th January	Thursday 13th January	Friday 14th January	Saturday 15th January	Sunday 16th January
For times of Masses at Sacred Heart, Colne, click here.						Holy Saviour's 11.15am
CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	CC 10.00am	RCIA 10.00am Sacred Heart	CC 9.30am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 9th January	Gerard King	Maggie King
Next week: 16th January		Margaret Borman

Children's Liturgy returns this weekend at 9.30am Sunday Mass, and will now take place on a weekly basis. Many thanks to the team of leaders who are generously offering their service to make this valuable ministry possible. If you would like to be part of the team, then please speak to Monica.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Jan 9th, Annie Halstead
 Jan 10th, Fr T Baron
 (pp Holy Trinity, 1938 - 1941)
 Jan 13th, Alfred Allen



May the memory of the lives of those who have gone before us, inspire us to be a people of faith and prayer; may they rest in peace, AMEN.

Mass Intentions

Mary Fox and her intentions,
 Helen Sherman, died recently.
 Mary Anne Jennings, 20th anniv, 7th Jan.
 Minoo Wall, anniv, 10th Jan.
 Jack Lawrenson, RIP.

CHURCH COLLECTION

2nd Jan 2022: £190.50
 Standing Orders: approx. £340 p/w.

Fr Gerard is leading the Methodist Service at Christ Church at 11.00am on Sunday 16th Jan

From the undivided waters of Baptism we received the Life-giving Spirit.

May the power of these waters draw us ever more deeply into the Life of the Undivided Trinity.

We ask you Lord, to deepen our desire for unity in the Christian family, that we may witness to Your Love in our world. AMEN

POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10 Thomas Hancox;
 £10 Roger Lee;
 £10 Maureen Waddington.



£56 towards Parish Funds, thank you.

We have now finalised the accounts for the POUND DRAW for 2021:

The sum of **£4,200** was raised - a great result!

Thanks again for all your support.



Please continue to support the Draw each Sunday or by buying MULTIPLE WEEKS.

A big thank you to the ladies who run the tea and coffee after Mass every Sunday. In this strange year with all the restrictions etc they managed to raise the fabulous sum of **£300** for the work of C.A.F.O.D. Well done Ladies!

If you would like to help out with serving the tea and coffee after the Sunday Mass, then please talk to Barbara Hammond who you'll find in the kitchen! There's always room on the rota!