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## 12th January 2025 – Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time, Yr C

Day and Time	Mass or Service	Mass Intention	ADORATION Wednesday 1.30pm-2pm Thursday 9.00-10.00am  LECTIO DIVINA Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm (in the presbytery)
Sat. 6pm	The Baptism of the Lord	Roy Partridge	 <p>Scan this QR code with your mobile device to donate online. If you pay tax and would like to Gift Aid, please contact Franco Napoletano 07903 221263</p> <p>Chris Thorpe Parish Safeguarding Representative: <a href="mailto:psrenghishmartyrs@rcdmidd.org.uk">psrenghishmartyrs@rcdmidd.org.uk</a>, 07711 569880.</p>
Sun. 10.30am	The Baptism of the Lord	People of the Parish	
Mon. 7.30am	St. Mungo	November Dead List	
Tue. 10am		David Barber	
Wed. 2pm		Peter Maule	
Thurs. 10am		Jess Flint	
Fri. 10am			
Fri. 12pm	Bar Convent		
Sat. 6pm	2nd Sunday	November Dead List	
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### NEXT WEEK, 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

LATELY DEAD, Julia Sinkinson, Sr. Elizabeth O.D.C (Thicket Priory), Stuart Robson  
COLLECTION, £585.00, 100 CLUB, No. 71 Rita Miller

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**, Our annual retiring collection for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will take place next week (18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January).

**WELCOME**, To Fr. Jose Michael M.F, parish priest of St. George's who will be celebrating our Saturday 6pm Mass on 18<sup>th</sup>. To Fr. Kevin Trehy who will be celebrating our 10.30am Mass next Sunday. I am very grateful to them both.

**100 CLUB**, It would be good to get 100 people to join our 100 Club. If you get a full complement of members, it really does help with our parish finances. It is also a good but of fun! Please join for £1 a week or £52 a year. I buy number for little great nephews and nieces and sometimes they win!

**SVP PARTY**, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 3pm till 5:30pm. The SVP are inviting our senior parishioners and friends to a party in the hall on the above date. If you would like to come or know someone who might please pick up a slip from the back of the church, fill it in and return it to a member of the SVP or to Canon Michael. There will be tea, bingo, raffle and entertainment.

**MISSIO**, Our Parish sponsored seminarian is Bro Tafara Danga at St. Peter's Major Seminary in Malawi. Over Advent we raised £1,000 to pay for two years of his training. Thank you all for your generosity. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood. Chris Carling is returning to Rome after his Christmas Break. Please keep him in your prayers.

**YORK WALSINGHAM ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE**, The annual pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place from the 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Cost is £500 per person (no single room supplement) which includes coach travel, four nights half board accommodation and afternoon excursions. It is truly memorable experience and will be led by Canon Michael Loughlin and newly ordained, Fr. David Chadwick. If you are interested, please contact David Bryan on 01904 709733.



# SUNDAY PLUS

One in hope

## Something different

By Michael George



Sixteen and thirteen years ago, the baptisms of my children took place during Sunday Masses. The whole regular Sunday Mass congregations were witnesses to their baptisms: my children were immediately and physically united with the whole parish as baptised members of Christ's Church. We were all together as one community or as one body, one in prayer, one in faith and one in hope.

I am reminded of my daughter's and my son's baptisms by the fact that today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The sense of "oneness" and community enters my mind when reading St Paul's words in today's second reading. There need be no sense of competition when it comes to salvation; through God's grace salvation is possible for all.

In the Gospel, people were baptised by John; then they were awakened to the realisation that Christ was still to come. When my daughter was baptised, she was asleep as I carried her in my arms to the font. She awoke, startled but silent, when the priest, who was standing right beside us and was not wearing a microphone, raised his voice while speaking so that everybody could hear. She awoke with a jolt, even as a little baby realising that something different was taking place. Her baptism involved a literal awakening.

One in hope, may our hearts be awakened today, that we may build one another up and support one another, as together we seek to attain the salvation made possible by Christ.

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Jesus is more than a friend. He is a teacher of truth and life who shows us the way that leads to happiness.

Pope Francis

### Jubilee 2025

#### Church of St Prisca

St Prisca's church in Rome is approximately one mile from the Mamertime Prison, where Ss Peter, Paul and other early Christians were held captive. Notorious for its terrible conditions, as elsewhere, prisoners depended on food supplied by people whom they knew "on the outside". Was Prisca, a first-century young martyr

whom, as a thirteen-year-old, St Paul apparently baptised, one of those who helped to bribe the guards and feed those who would soon die for their faith? We don't know. Concrete information about Prisca is hard to find, especially as her death is surrounded by legends of miraculous – and perhaps unlikely – events such

as the Coliseum lions refusing to attack her. People wanted to show that power and brutality can be overcome by gentleness – and so the stories appeared. It seems that Prisca was possibly tortured and eventually beheaded. The church of St Prisca is considered one of Rome's most important Christian sites – hence its choice as a Jubilee Church.

## The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus's prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17:21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together

to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between 18-25 January. In the southern hemisphere, where January is a vacation time, churches often find other days to celebrate it,

for example around Pentecost, which is also a symbolic date for unity.

2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople, in AD 325. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the creed formulated during this council.

*The World Council of Churches*

Dearest Lord, none of us can live without hope. Give hope to those who cannot find it and give them a reason for laughter. Amen.

**Today:**  
Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7  
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday:**  
Hebrews 1:1-6  
Mark 1:14-20

**Tuesday:**  
Hebrews 2:5-12  
Mark 1:21-28

**Wednesday:**  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Mark 1:29-39

**Thursday:**  
Hebrews 3:7-14  
Mark 1:40-45

**Friday:**  
Hebrews 4:1-5, 11  
Mark 2:1-12

**Saturday:**  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:**  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
John 2:1-11