



9 January 2022

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him. (Luke 3:21)

Faith in Focus

### From this day forward

Baptisms are rather like marriages. Not only are they family and community affairs that are accompanied by festivity, but they also work at a deeper level.

When two people marry, the words of the ceremony make it clear that they are embarking on something that will last a lifetime. In sickness and in health means that you cannot simply say that you are married and then do nothing about it. You have to work at a marriage, especially when unforeseen problems arise. That's why people say that a wedding takes only a day, but a marriage takes for ever.

In the same way, our baptism is not something that is over in a day. The ceremony may only take half an hour, but our baptism is something that stays with us for a lifetime. Even though we sometimes speak about "having the baby done", baptism is not a static thing, something over and done with, but it's a dynamic reality. We carry our baptism with us even when we don't feel it!

It's a sad fact that if people do not work at their marriage, then the marriage can go stale. And the same is true with our baptism. If we're not careful we can wake up one morning and find that our baptism has gone dead because we have not been giving it the care and attention it

needs. Baptisms need plenty of fresh air and exercise!



Baptism means believing that only God's life can bring us true happiness. It means living by the beliefs and promises that we made years ago (or agreed to later, if we were baptised as babies). We were anointed with oil to become members of God's family that is the Church, committed to telling others about the sort of God we have and the sort of promises held out to those who serve God.

At the start of this new year, it might be worth taking a look at what new Christians promise at their baptism (or what their godparents promise on their behalf). Ask at church for a copy; see what you agreed to; decide where you need to improve! Has your baptism put on so much weight because you have never exercised it? How do you proclaim your faith at home and at work? Does your life teem with that deep down joy that God promises to those who have been reborn with water and the Spirit? The feast of the Lord's Baptism tempts you to ask a few questions....

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**Holy Name**, Moss Pits Lane, Fazakerley,  
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**Parish Office at Holy Name:** Open Monday  
to Friday from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm, and 1.30  
pm to 5.00 pm.

**Baptisms:** By prior arrangement. Baptisms  
take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at  
11.00 am at St Philomena's, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of the month at 11.00 am Mass at Holy Name.  
Please see Father John at a weekend Mass.

**Confessions:** Holy Name on Saturday from  
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on  
Wednesday from 6.30 pm or by request.

**Funerals and Marriages:** By arrangement.

**Visits to sick and housebound:** Please  
contact the parish office.

**Hospital Visits:** If you wish to see a priest  
please let the hospital staff know.

**Mass Requests:** Please complete the pre-  
printed envelopes and place in the Mass  
intention box or with weekly collection. Please  
also specify the reason for the intention, i.e.  
recently deceased, anniversary etc. For a  
particular day, please request early.

**Newsletter Notices:** Please e-mail to  
[holyname@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:holyname@rcaol.org.uk) or hand in to the  
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

**Repository:** Open before and after Mass.



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## Parish Social Media

Facebook: [HolyNameandStPhilomena](https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameandStPhilomena)  
Twitter: [@holyphilomena](https://twitter.com/holyphilomena)  
YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>

## QR code



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website where the readings can  
be found. If the QR code does  
not work, download a QR code reader  
from App Store or Google Play store.

## Readings at Mass

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Response to the Psalm: Bless the Lord,  
my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

## Thank you

Your offerings for the last two weeks  
(including Christmas) total £1,550.63 and  
£1,178.75

## Pax Christi

A second collection for Pax Christi will  
be taken next weekend.

## Pax Christi and Peace Sunday

Sunday 16 January, is Peace Sunday and  
this year Pope Francis asks us to think  
about 'Education, work and dialogue  
between generations: tools for building  
lasting peace'.

In this country we have an active  
Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi,  
which does a great deal of good work to  
promote peace and nonviolence through  
parishes, schools and social media.

Their website has the Pope's message  
and suggests ways we can all become  
better peacemakers.

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

## Celebration party

A free 'thank you' celebration party is planned for the evening of Shrove Tuesday, 1 March in the Holy Name Social Club. All welcome.

To help with catering arrangements, please add your name to the 'sign-up' sheets ASAP if you would like to join the celebrations.

## Psalms at weekday Mass

After consulting with parishioners and discussions at parish meetings. It was agreed that at weekday Mass we would all say the Psalm together. A sheet with the words to each Psalm has been prepared and is available in church. We'll give this a go until Easter and then review.

## Synod 2020: Deanery reps

The new Dean is establishing a Deanery Synodal Council to take the Synod 2020 proposals forward at a deanery level. Sr Kathleen has agreed to join. A further representative from our churches is sought. Please see Father John at Mass if you are interested.

## Counters at Holy Name

Some additional volunteers to help count the weekly collection at Holy Name would be a help. If you are interested, please see Father John at Mass. Training will be provided as required.

## Living Faith

The January to March Living Faith booklets are available in church.

## Numbers Galore

Numbers are 12 and 36. Rollover.

## Unclaimed raffle prize

The 1<sup>st</sup> prize from the Holy Name raffle is unclaimed, winning ticket yellow 81 – 85. If the prize is not claimed, it will be distributed to a needy family of the parish.

## Universal Synod 2023

Archbishop Malcolm is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Universal Synod on synodality 2023, which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join. To participate in this worldwide listening process, you can download the discussion questions from Monday 10 January and submit your responses at [www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023)

For queries: [vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk). Further information is available on the parish website, the Vatican website [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va) or the Bishop's Conference site [www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/synodal-church/)

## J&P: Memorial lecture

The J&P Memorial lecture is on Sunday 16 January from 2 to 4 pm. The lecture is a very relevant and timely talk looking at the environment in relation to Synodality. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/yc4bebbu>

## Piety stall

The 2022 Archdiocese of Liverpool Directory is available, along with 2022 calendars at reduced prices.

## Nugent Shop: Stock appeal

The Nugent Charity Shop is in urgent need of donations of clothing, shoes, accessories, handbags, books, jigsaws and bric-a-brac. At this time toys, soft toys, furniture, electrical items are not required.

Donations can be made at Nugent Charity Shop, 73 Allerton Road, L18 2DA

## Word for today

Our baptism is something we have to say 'yes' to each day. It is the challenge to look at the world with eyes that see beyond the obvious and to respond to God's invitation to live according to the values of his kingdom.

Day	Time	Church	Intention
<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b>			
Saturday 8th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Alfred James Rae (Anniversary)
Sunday 9th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Claire Smith Benson (11 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes
Monday 10th			No service
Tuesday 11th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Hayley Jayne Walker, lately dead
Wednesday 12th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Alan Addy, lately dead
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50 pm
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	John Connolly, 4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary, RIP (Followed by Novena)
Thursday 13th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Susan Knox, lately dead
Friday 14th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Kelsey & baby son
<b>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
Saturday 15th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes
Sunday 16th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Frances Lowe, lately dead
	11.00 am	Holy Name	David Rankin, RIP (Birthday remembrance)
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently:  Veronica McIver, Joan Coburn, Gerald John Ventre  Susan Wise, Agnes O'Donnell, Kevin Connor  May they rest in peace</p>			
<p>COVID-19 guidance: When coming to a church service a face covering must be worn unless exempt or children under the age of 11</p>			
<p>Mass is uploaded daily to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26">https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26</a></p>			

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