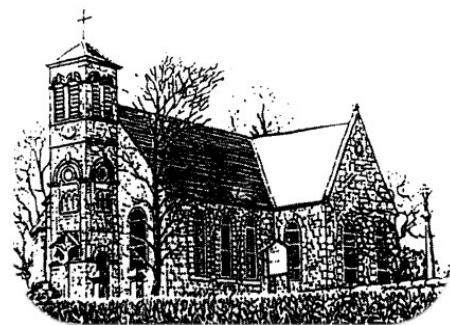


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12th January 2020. Week 1, Year A. Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

MASSES / INTENTIONS

Saturday	11 th January	NO VIGIL MASS	
Sunday	12th January	10.30am FAMILY MASS	Cicely & Frank Billington
Monday	13 th January	No Mass or Eucharistic Service	
Tuesday	14 th January	9.15am Eucharistic Service	
Wednesday	15 th January	9.15am Eucharistic Service	
Thursday	16 th January	No Mass or Eucharistic Service	
Friday	17 th January	No Mass or Eucharistic Service	
Saturday	18 th January	NO VIGIL MASS	
Sunday	19 th January	10.30am MASS	Vincent Noblet

Weekend Mass times. *Please check newsletters for weekday Mass times.*

St Chad's: Sunday 10.30am

St Joseph's: Harpers Lane: Sat 6.00pm, Sun 8.30am, 4.30pm

St Bede's: Sat 6.30pm, Sunday 11.00am

St Gregory's: Sun 9.30am, 11.00am, 6.30pm

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am at St Joseph's Harpers Lane, Chorley

This is my beloved Son Mt 3:13-17



Why did Jesus need to be baptised? Most of those coming to John the Baptist were repentant sinners. By being baptised in the River Jordan Jesus shows his total solidarity with us. In becoming a human person, Jesus identified with us in our weak human-ness. Jesus had the same feelings and reactions that we have; the only difference being that he never committed any sin.

What happened here was beyond an ordinary baptism. The Spirit of God in the visible form of a dove comes down on Jesus. A voice, clearly that of the Father, says, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." It is a clear endorsement from his Father for the work of teaching, healing and liberating enslaved souls that Jesus is about to begin.

At his baptism, that Spirit came down on Jesus. It was not for him alone but so that he might bring "true justice" to all. A just society is one where everyone has what they need to have, where their dignity is respected and where people live in right relationships with each other.

Today is an opportunity to reflect on our own baptism. It was the beginning of a lifelong journey, of growing into the Body of Christ as its members. Our baptism involves active participation in the life of the Church and not just passive membership. Each one of us is called to be a living witness to the Gospel. Our baptism is a never-ending call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. So let us today renew our faith in and our commitment to follow Jesus. Let us re-affirm our readiness to carry on his work. (Sacred Space)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: From the First Sunday of Lent, the 1st March 2020, The Archbishop is appointing Fr. Mark Beattie to take responsibility for the Parishes of St Bede's & St Chad's! More details to follow!

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lily Day, Kathleen Mitchell, Peter Marsden, Frank Turner. Frank died on 10th Jan 2020, aged 100. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Chad's at 10am on Tuesday 21st January followed by his burial in the church graveyard. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Alex Fleming, Kathleen Addison, Robert Knowles

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: George Morris, Peter Deacon, Amy Greenhalgh, Vincent Cahill, Margaret Gray, Thomas Hesse, Ray Briant, Winifred Baxendale, Rosalia Lakot

READER: Sunday 19th Jan. E Humphrey

COLLECTIONS: Jan 5th : £334.99 incl £222.15 Gift Aided.

DIARIES for 2020, which include the Mass, are on sale now for only £1.50. Please put the money for them in any slot of the money box. It all goes to our Treasurer! Thank you.

NUGENT CRIB APPEAL: Have you donated a Christmas gift for poor children and the elderly yet? The collection box (Blue) is by the crib. Nugent, at the moment, has over 500 children across the North West waiting for adoption. If you are interested please contact 01744 613 041 or youcanadopt.org.uk

AN OCTAVE OF PRAYER for Christian Unity runs from Sat 18th Jan to Sat 25th Jan.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE organises pilgrimages to Medjugorje throughout the year. Between April and October pilgrimages of 7 nights stays and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split cost £266 per person sharing. A poster at the back of church gives more information or tel 02032398662 or visit www.med-irishcentre.com

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: If anyone is unable to get to church and wishes to receive Holy Communion **regularly at home** or can get to **church but has difficulty going** to receive Holy Communion we can help. Please let Josie Noblet or Elizabeth Humphrey know and they will make the necessary arrangements for you.

CAFOD update: You may remember that the photograph on the 2019 Lent Fast Day leaflet was of Mahinur and her family in Bangladesh. Sadly her son Rabiul, has died of a fever. He was receiving treatment but the doctor at his local clinic was not able to save him. His parents would welcome our prayers that he may rest in peace. Since then Mahinur's family have been part of a new project in southern Bangladesh, helping communities to adapt to a changing climate and earn a living. Mahinur is earning money from the goat she now has and is being trained in new farming techniques.

FEASTS: Monday, 13th, St Hilary. Bishop and Doctor

Tuesday, 14th St Kentigern. Bishop and secondary Patron of the Archdiocese

Friday, 17th St Anthony, Abbot

FEAST OF THE WEEK: St Kentigern was born about 516, in the century when the Mission to our lands was arriving from Ireland. Via what is now Scotland. He became Bishop of Glasgow, where he earned the nickname Mungo - 'One dearly loved, beloved' - and was vigorous in defending the faith and outstanding in piety and missionary zeal. Nevertheless he was eventually driven out and fled to Wales where he lived for a while with St David in Menevia. He built a monastery and a school there, which he left in the care of St Asaph when he was able to return to Scotland. He ruled as Bishop of the Diocese of Strathclyde for a further 40 years. The diocese stretched from north of Glasgow to the Mersey. He died in 601, having earned the position of an eminent saint of the ancient Church of North Britain.

RECYCLING: Please put the following items in the box provided at the back of church. Batteries, Computer toners and cartridges, spectacles, old mobile phones, pens and unused Charity bags. These will be passed on to school for recycling. Thank you very much.

STAMPS FOR DERIAN HOUSE: Please remember to place used (cut from envelopes) and unwanted postage stamps in the box at the back of church. They go to Derian House where they help to raise funds.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. Please contact St Joseph's Presbytery (01257 262713) if any member of your family is admitted to Chorley Hospital and would appreciate a visit. In an emergency the hospital will contact the on-call Catholic Priest. You can request this from any member of staff.

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Baptisms and Marriages are by appointment only. Initial enquiries should be made personally to Fr Peter Stanley. At minimum of 6 months' notice is needed for a Marriage. If a specific date is required for a Baptism or a Marriage please ensure it is available before making any other arrangements to avoid disappointment. We always do our best to accommodate everyone's wishes.