



# St. Joseph's, Warndon & Holy Redeemer, Pershore Parish Newsletter - 9<sup>th</sup> January



## BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR B)



	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Rev Fr Camillus. R.I.P.
	Vigil Mass	6:00 pm	St Joseph's	Dec. Mem. of Daniels & Smith families.
	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	People of Our Parishes
		11:00 am	St Joseph's	Annamma Abraham. R.I.P. [A]
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory.
	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	7:00 pm	St. Joseph	Mr Thomas (Tom) Daniels RIP (Aniv)
	Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Danial Antony Roch. R.I.P.
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Private Mass		
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	10:00 am	Holy Redeemer	Jeff & Winnifred Holston. R.I.P.
		7:00 pm	St. Joseph's	Natasha Price's Ints. [Birthday]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



	Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	4:00 pm	Holy Redeemer	Fr Jaya raj. R.I.P.
	Vigil Mass	6:00 pm	St Joseph's	Eileen Mary Digby. R.I.P.
	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	9:00 am	Holy Redeemer	People of our Parishes.
		11:00 am	St Joseph's	Baby Gowdy – Private Intentions

**Confessions - Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph's:** Confessions, during the restrictions, are now being heard by appointment only so please telephone **Fr. Amal (01905 454352)** if you wish to receive the sacrament.

### Celebration of the Mass – Safety Guidance

- It is reaffirmed that **the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.**
- **A limited number of “bubbles” can attend a service** (30 - St. Joseph's and 50 - Holy Redeemer).
- On government advice on “track and trace” a **contact phone number** will be kept, for a period of 21 days, for people who comes to Mass.
- The **toilet facilities** will be closed at all locations
- Given there is **no Sunday obligation**, we ask you to consider attending **Mass on a weekday.**
- Churches are opened based upon the **1 metre plus social distancing rule.**
- **All people attending church services are now legally required to wear a face covering.**
- The use of **Hand Sanitizer** when entering and leaving the Church must be observed.
- Any **“one way” system** in force in churches must be observed.
- Strict observance to the **seating arrangements** is in force as monitored by the “stewards”.
- All people must always observe at **least 1 metre separation.**
- Members of the congregation should not exchange the **sign of peace.**

Although the introduction of the National Lockdown does not substantially change our ability to hold public mass remember that one in three people who have coronavirus have no symptoms and will be spreading it without realising it. This means that we must all be more rigorous in following the “rules”.



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**Corona Update:** The whole of England was put into National Lockdown on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Although this increases many restrictions on our movements it does still allow us to attend public worship under corona-safe conditions. We will therefore be continuing mass as “normal”. The Archdioceses has issued updated guidance on this matter at:

**Opening Churches under Covid Restrictions**

**Useful Links:** the following links are to On-line mass, prayer and other resources

<b><u>Celebration of Mass, (Live Streams)</u></b>	<b><u>Parishes With Live Streams</u></b>
<b><u>Universalis Sunday Mass Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Baptism of the Lord</u></b>
<b><u>Universalis “Todays” Mass Readings</u></b>	<b><u>Mass Readings for "Today"</u></b>
<b><u>Picture Meditation</u></b>	<b><u>Picture Meditation</u></b>
<b><u>The Domestic Church:</u></b>	<b><u>Domestic Church Resources.</u></b>
<b><u>Prayers in a Time of Illness:</u></b>	<b><u>Liturgy Office Prayer in Time of Illness</u></b>
<b><u>CAFOD Children's Liturgy:</u></b>	<b><u>CAFOD</u></b>
<b><u>Holy Redeemer Primary School</u></b>	<b><u>Holy Redeemer School</u></b>
<b><u>St. Joseph's Primary School Website</u></b>	<b><u>St Joseph's School</u></b>
<b><u>COVID-19 Crisis Support Service</u></b>	<b><u>COVID-19 Crisis Counselling Support Service</u></b>

**Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion:** There will still be many people who cannot attend Mass in person, both for those who remain shielding and vulnerable, and also for those unable to leave home because of advanced age or illness. In such cases it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal. In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

**Act of Perfect Contrition:** Through this act you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, **on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.**

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift “My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins”. Contrition is ‘perfect’ if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.

**Act of Spiritual Communion:** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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# PARISH NOTICES

**The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord:** Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. Today we hear of His baptism in the Jordan by John.

John baptised Jesus along with sinners and outcasts. Hundreds of people were going into the Jordan wilderness to be baptised in the river by John. Most of those seeking baptism needed forgiveness and a fresh start. As sinners and outcasts, they were not welcome in the synagogues and consequently in their communities. By choosing to be baptised with them, Jesus was sending out the message that he wanted to stand alongside and be there for them. Jesus would not reject them.

Although Jesus chose to be baptised alongside sinners and outcasts, the presence of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) and the voice from heaven remind us that Jesus is marked out as different. He is the Son of God. Through Jesus' words and actions, we understand, more closely than ever before, who God is and what God asks of us.

The Baptism teaches us that:

- Jesus, who is God, welcomes and values all people. Whatever their background, God welcomes everyone and stands alongside them in their struggles and in their celebrations.
- It is God's desire that we, like Jesus and the others who sought baptism from John, should freely choose to follow God more closely - not to be swayed by the attitudes of others, but to make our own faith commitment.

The Baptism teaches us that through God's love and mercy there is always a chance to see things differently and make a fresh start, provided we resolve to follow more closely the example of Christ. This would be the best New Year's resolution we could make for ourselves and for our world: To see things as God does and commit to sharing Christ's love and mercy with others.

**Thanks to Holy Redeemer "Gardeners":** I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to tidy up Our Parish garden. You did a wonderful job, May God Bless you all.

**Pershore Food Bank** would like to thank everyone who donated to the foodbank over the Christmas period. 70 Christmas hampers were distributed, and 2.5 tonnes of food was given out. This means that 268 people were fed of whom 117 were children.

The Bank now needs UHT milk, tinned carrots, tinned fruit and instant mash potato. No baked beans please! Items can be left at ASDA, the Co-op or Costcutter or delivered direct to the food bank on Tuesdays (10am - 1pm), Fridays 1pm - 3pm. Thank you for your continued support.

**Financial Support by Standing Order:** I would like to thank all those parishioners who have transferred their weekly giving from cash to standing orders. Email: [Holy Redeemer](mailto:HolyRedeemer@pershore.org.uk) or [St Joseph's](mailto:StJoseph@pershore.org.uk) or phone the office with your name and address if you wish to transfer.

**Newsletters:** We are really grateful to those who print off newsletters and deliver them to those not on the internet. Please consider doing this if you know a parishioner in this situation.

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### **The Word this Week:**

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As today we come to the end of Christmas, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

### **Spiritual Matters**

After the joy of Christmas many of us are probably now feeling anxious and fed up. Once again, we are experiencing a health crisis, with the Corona Virus news filling us with horror, fear and sadness. Whilst we understand the need for another lock-down, we may be dreading not seeing our loved ones and the possibility of loneliness. During such challenging times, it can be easy to blame Jesus or question our faith. Ironically, it is during these distressing days that we really need His love and help; and it is imperative to remember that Jesus hears, and answers, all of our prayers. Indeed, we are never alone and Our Lord's light shines through the darkness. So, let us ask for His ever-lasting comfort and grace and pray for all sick people. Then let us ask for the Spirit's gifts of love, hope and fortitude today. **(Louise Bowen)**

### **For Your Prayers:**

Continue to pray for all those who are sick at this time, those at home and in hospital, **Susan Vial, Mary Hill, Peter Oshea, Lynda Horne, Doug Smith, Elena Petta, Mary Waring, Mary Jenkins, Hannah Bratt, Rachael Nielsen, Sarah Cole, Helen Abbott, Richard Milnes, John Allison, Sandra Bryer, Hazel Tester and Siobhan Stillwell.** We also remember their carers and the sacrifices they humbly offer.

We pray to the merciful Heart of Jesus for those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries occur this week. **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine.....**

**If you would like someone to be prayed for by the parish, please complete a privacy consent form.**

*"What happens in Baptism? We become united forever with Jesus, to be born again to a new life."*

**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

**Thank You to Our Volunteers:** Without their support, we would be unable to open our churches for Masses. Their help is really appreciated. Please keep them all in your prayers.

### **Volunteers at Holy Redeemer and St. Joseph's**

Sat. 09/01	H.R. 4 pm	Christine Dodd,	Pat Haines,	Jane Morgan	Anne Halliday
	S. J. 6 pm	David Vas,	Sharon Vas,	Martin Fletcher	
Sun. 10/01	H.R. 9 am	Christine Dodd,	Bernard O'Keefe	Sheila Oldman	Jenny Masser
	S.J. 11 am	Boby Kappen	Biju Joseph,	Mandie	Ann Gowdy.
Mon. 11/01	H.R. 10 am	Christine Dodd,	Sheila Oldman	Caroline Farey	
Tus. 12/01	S.J. 7 pm	Ann Gowdy,	Biju Joseph,		
Wed. 13/01	H.R. 10 am	Christine Dodd,	Sheila Oldman	Caroline Farey	Bernard Oldman
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