



St. Helen's Parish

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10th January 2021

The Baptism Of The Lord

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Eucharistic Prayer: I
Preface Of The Baptism Of The Lord



**'You are my Son,
 the Beloved;
 my favour rests
 on you.'**

10th January 2021, The Baptism Of The Lord (Feast)

Sunday	8:30am	Kathleen Byrne
	10:30am	Kirsty Vater & People Of The Parish

17th January 2021, Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday	6:30pm	Thomas James Ricketts
Sunday	8:30am	Rosa Fulgoni
	10:30am	A.K Antony & People Of The Parish

Please pray for all the sick and elderly members of the Parish, their families, carers and all their families.

Parish Hall Events

No Parish Hall Events Until Further Notice

Sacramental Events

Baptism Preparations– Postponed until further notice.

RCIA– Postponed until further notice.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation– Postponed until further notice.

Collections– 3rd January 2021

No collections took place in church

Sanctuary Lamp: Sievewright Family

Weekday Masses: Mon 11th Jan– Sat 16th Jan 2021

Monday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Nicola Johnson Live Stream Only
Tuesday Weekday In Ordinary Time	12 Noon 10:00am	Laurence Murray Holy Hour (Live Stream)
Wednesday Weekday In Ordinary Time	Live Stream Only	Requiem Mass– John Humphreys
Thursday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am	Eva Tompkins
Friday Weekday In Ordinary Time	9:00am 3:00pm	Leslie James Parsons Live Stream Only Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations Of The Cross (Live Stream)
Saturday Weekday In Ordinary Time	No Morning Mass	Confessions/ Reconciliations By Appointment Only.

Mass Steward Volunteers

Sat 6:30pm 9th Jan	No Mass
Sun 8:30am 10th Jan	Pat Wilkins, Obi Ofokansi, Chris Owens & Menna Jones
Sun 10:30am 10th Jan	Soniya Johny, Eanna Harkins, Mervyn Jones & Rebeca Johnson
Sat 6:30pm 9th Jan	Leelamma Reji, Nikki Cole, Kasia Qobadi & Paul Burke
Sun 8:30am 10th Jan	Pat Wilkins, Obi Ofokansi, Chris Owens & Menna Jones
Sun 10:30am 10th Jan	Stephanie Tarling, Philip Kitchen, Soniya Johny & Eanna Harkins

+Live Stream

Live Stream Mass can be seen by visiting our website: www.sthelensrcchurch.co.uk

St Helen's Catholic Primary School

Mrs Michelle Clawson (Acting Head Teacher)

01446 700034

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

Mr David Blackwell (Head Teacher)

01446 729250

+Please Pray

For the repose of the soul of **John Humphreys & Terence Frank Wood** who died recently.

Funeral Arrangements:

John Humphreys: Reception into church on Tuesday 12th January. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 13th January.

Terence Wood: Funeral Service on Monday 18th January.

+Ordinary Time Of The Year

The Christmas Seasons ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Sunday 10th January.

As from Monday 11th January the readings at Mass will be from Weekday in Ordinary Time, Year 1, Week 1.

Readers: Please note the readings at Mass for Sunday 17th January will be those of Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B.

+Baptism Of The Lord -10th January

Please note that the readings at Mass will be the alternative readings.

+Schools

The challenges facing schools as a result of the coronavirus have led to a great deal of concern and anxiety for parents, teachers and all who are concerned about the wellbeing of our children.

A well educated young population holds out great hope for the future.

As in any profession, so too with our teachers, their skill and professionalism manifests itself more acutely in challenging times, such as we now endure.

It is gratifying to know that our schools, St. Helen's Primary School and St. Richard Gwyn Secondary School are admirably meeting the challenges. Not only has St. Richard Gwyn had to deal with the uncertainties of Coronavirus, it has had to cope with flooding.

To Mr Blackwell, teachers, support staff and all involved in getting the school and structures in place to meet the needs of the moment a sincere word of thanks.

St. Helen's Primary School has had its own challenges. The school has been managing the transition from Infant and Juniors schools to Primary School when the Coronavirus struck. The transition period is not an easy one having its own particular demands and takes time to bed in. The transition has been well led by Mrs Giernalczyk, ably supported by Mrs Clawson, staff and all involved, thank you for your ongoing commitment. Due to health issues Mrs Giernalczyk is now entering into retirement as headteacher. As she begins this new phase of her life we wish her every grace and blessing for the future.

Please continue to pray for our teachers.

+Catholic Education

Attached to the newsletter are two important documents that require the attention and action of parishioners.

+Sunday Mass Bookings

If it is your intention to attend Mass, booking is essential. Please book by email: barry@rcadc.org or by telephoning the parish office: **01446 735051** (option 2), please state which Mass you wish to attend and how many people are attending. **The parish office will be open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to receive bookings for Sunday Mass, either by email or telephone.**

+The Catholic People Newspaper

The Catholic People is now published online.

It can be accessed by visiting the diocese website: <https://rcadc.org/catholic-people/>

+Change To Weekday Masses

Weekday Mass times have changed for the foreseeable future due to the Coronavirus and the availability of stewards. There will now be two weekday Masses that parishioners can attend in person until further notice. Please see the front of the newsletter for further details on days and times. All weekday & weekend Masses will continue to be live streamed.

+Confessions/ Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard by appointment only until further notice. To make an appointment please contact the Presbytery 01446 735051.

+The Baptism Of The Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John as He was absolutely sinless and impeccable.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

-Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas