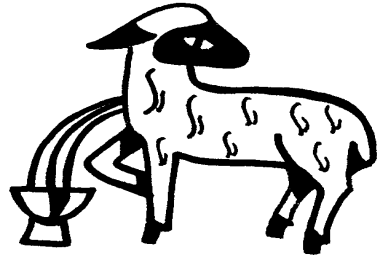


## NEWSLETTER

### Gospel Reflection

A dramatic moment on the bank of the River Jordan! John declares Jesus to be the Lamb of God, innocent and vulnerable. Had he a sense that Jesus was destined to become the Passover Lamb of Sacrifice, "like a lamb that is led to the slaughter" (Isaiah 53:7)?

Yet John must have gazed on Jesus with wonderment and great regard. Who could have anticipated that this sturdy young village craftsman, friendly and unassuming, was the Son of God? John fulfils his role of preparing the way of the Lord. Jesus was to say of him, "Among those born of women no one is greater than John" (Luke 7:28). Jesus' own mission now begins.



*Behold the Lamb of God*

**The Annual Diocesan Mass to Celebrate Marriage** will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church, North Road, Birkenhead, CH42 7JY on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. All married couples and their families are welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary (25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>) and wish to attend the Mass, please let your Parish Priest know (by the 26<sup>th</sup> January) and you will receive a special letter of invitation. If you are not celebrating a significant anniversary, but still wish to attend the Mass and enjoy the refreshments, please let the Bishop's PA know [curia@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:curia@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) - 01743 290052, so that you can be added to the numbers for catering purposes.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm.that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

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"United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind"  
Philippians 2:2

19th JANUARY 2020 2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 18th January	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Tracy Simpson RIP
Sunday 19th January Peace Day	9:30am 11:00am	Liam O'Hare RIP People of the Parish
Monday 20th January	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 21st January	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Coffee morning</b>
Wednesday 22nd January		No service
Thursday 23rd January	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 24th January	Noon	Funeral Service – John Bersantie RIP
Saturday 25th January	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Kath Harrison RIP
Sunday 26th January	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Hilda & Albert Clarkson RIP
Monday 27th January	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

### 200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize  
This week – Mrs Bernadette  
Eastwood

**WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB  
AND HELP THE PARISH?**

### FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers please add your name to the list in the porch and place your donation into the wall box.

**New porch light:** A new porch light and sensor has been installed at a cost of £200. The money came from the money raised from the coffee mornings. Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee mornings and to those who organised the coffee mornings.

**Coffee morning:** If you would like to come to our coffee mornings for a chat, laugh, cuppa or even a bargain in our bring and buy sale or for a game of bingo you will be made very welcome. Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday January 21st 2020 at 10:30am, we look forward to seeing you there.

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers** The new Rota List is now available in the porch. Please check the schedule as there have been some changes made.

### PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

### Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish  
and grant us a new vision of your glory,  
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word  
and a new consecration to your service,  
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,  
through Christ our Lord.

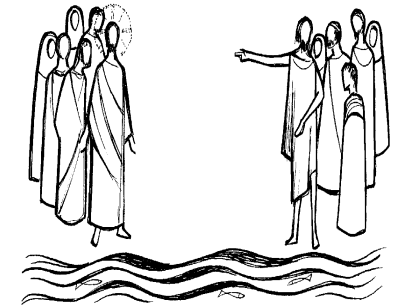
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St Joseph pray for us

### Gospel Reading John 1 29-34



The very next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and yelled out, “Here he is, God’s Passover Lamb! He forgives the sins of the world! This is the man I’ve been talking about, ‘the One who comes after me but is really ahead of me.’ I knew nothing about who he was—only this: that my task has been to get Israel ready to recognize him as the God-Revealer. That is why I came here baptizing with water, giving you a good bath and scrubbing sins from your life so you can get a fresh start with God.”

John clinched his witness with this: “I watched the Spirit, like a dove flying down out of the sky, making himself at home in him. I repeat, I know nothing about him except this: The One who authorized me to baptize with water told me, ‘The One on whom you see the Spirit come down and stay, this One will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ That’s exactly what I saw happen, and I’m telling you, there’s no question about it: *This* is the Son of God.”



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

**Parish Register:** If you are new to the parish – or if you haven’t filled in one before - or if you have but your circumstances have changed – can you please pick up a Parish Register form from the shelves in the outer porch.

Please complete it and bring it back and drop it into the Box so that we have your up to date details.

Rest assured that this information will be kept in the strictest confidence.