

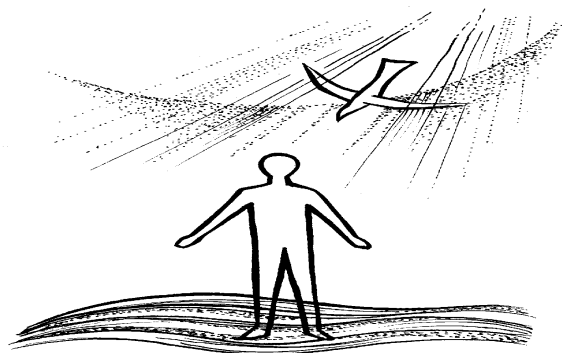
Gospel Reflection

John follows the vocation of his birth; he calls and Jesus responds; wanting to be part of John's vision; to help prepare the way for the Lord - to find to find that he is who they have been waiting for.

The baptism with water is only the beginning; the willingness to stand before others and be made clean; to stand in the river and be moved by its energy and its restlessness. Jesus is still Jesus. To be washed is to be made ready. To stand in the river is to sense the movement of creation yet not to be part of that movement; like a willow soaking up the life force of journeys it has never made.

Oh, the pride of his Father; and all so delighted with his Beloved that even the Holy Spirit takes physical form so as to embrace Jesus. All of the Sacred Trinity in one space; in one witnessing of divine love; of entranced recognition.

This was the beginning. John's gift of baptism - the catalyst - the means to cast off into the deeper life. Jesus, the Son; the Beloved; the Unexpected.



NEWSLETTER

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

10th JANUARY 2021 BAPTISM OF THE LORD (CYCLE B) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 9th January		
Sunday 10th January	10:00am	Mass
Monday 11th January		
Tuesday 12th January		
Wednesday 13th January		
Thursday 14th January		
Friday 15th January		
Saturday 16th January		
Sunday 17th January	10:00am	Mass

Please check the Facebook Parish Centre page for the times of the weekday Masses

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 Anne Johnson

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

Scam warning:

Fraudsters are sending out bogus text messages about the coronavirus vaccine in an attempt to steal bank details. The scam tells recipients they are "eligible to apply for your vaccine" with a link to a bogus NHS website, trading standards officers have warned.

That, in turn, asks for personal information and - crucially - bank details "for verification".

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 Mark 1 7 – 11



John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed life. John wore a camel-hair habit, tied at the waist with a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild field honey.

As he preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life. I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism - a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit - will change you from the inside out."

At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."



"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi