

<u>January 2025</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>	<u>FEAST DAY</u>
SAT 11th	6.00pm	Catherine Doyle+	The Baptism of the Lord
SUN 12th	8.30am	Parishioners	
	10.30am	Myra McNamara+	
Mon 13th	10.00am	Albert Guest+	
Tues 14th	10.00am	Harry Pickering+(MM)	
Wed 15th	5.00pm	NO MASS Reception of body into Church	
Thurs 16th	11.00am	Requiem: Patrick Collins	
Fri 17th	9.00am	Marjorie Sweeney+	
Sat 18th	12.00noon	Mass	
SAT 18th	6.00pm	Parishioners	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUN 19th	8.30am	Chris Booley+	
	10.30am	Bill Evans+	

READERS FOR WEEK
11th/12th January 2025

Saturday 6.00pm Christine Burton
Sunday 8.30am Amelie Olugbode
Sunday 10.30am Robin Brereton

18th/19th January 2025

Saturday 6.00pm Mary Jones
Sunday 8.30am Mateusz Stefaniak
Sunday 10.30am Christine Skyner

CLEANING ROTA

More volunteers for cleaning are needed.
Week Beginning 13th January 2025
Group 2: A Hansen/M Booley/A Bieniek
Week Beginning 20th January 2025
Group 3: S Morris/V Strong/M Holloran

REFRESHMENTS

Tea and Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after 10.30am
Mass Please come along for a drink and a chat after Mass.



REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers all those that have died at this time, praying especially for members of our own community. We pray especially for Patrick Collins, whose funeral will be celebrated this week. We also remember to pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

**CONTACTLESS DONATIONS
SCAN TO DONATE**

There is a DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE in church to use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone device to make a donation. You can now also donate via the parish website or by using this QR code.



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The Baptism of the Lord /Cycle C
Sunday 12th January 2025



Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for January 2025

Pope Francis has warned that, "We're experiencing an educational catastrophe," and underscores, "This is no exaggeration." There are 250 million boys and girls worldwide without an education due to wars, migration, and poverty. "All children and youth have the right to go to school," the Pope insisted, "regardless of their immigration status." Education, he went on to say, is a hope for everyone. In addition, he reminded, "it can save migrants and refugees from discrimination, criminal networks, and exploitation." Education opens the doors to a better future. This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention that "..... the right to an education, which is necessary to build a more human world, might always be respected."





The Jubilee Year 2025

The 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope' is now underway. The Jubilee Year began with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on **Tuesday 24 December 2024** and runs to the **Feast of Epiphany 2026**.

What is a Jubilee?

The Jubilee Years, also known as Holy Years, started in 1300AD and recall the great jubilee of Israel: a time for land to be rested and debts to be cancelled, when God called people to be reconciled with one another and with Him. They now occur every 25 years.

There is a particular focus on the Our Father, which presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the very basics of prayer. So this week, let us re-focus on the Our Father, and say the prayer slowly, making a special effort to attend to the words, and notice if a word, phrase, or line strikes you and remains in your heart. This year, we are invited as Catholics to have a deeper, prayerful encounter with Jesus; to go deeper in our commitment to pray, and to consider how we might share this with others.

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? How can I get involved? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more in this lively start to the Jubilee. Hear highlights of how we're celebrating as a church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse.

Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online.
Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

The dates for the Parish Days will be:-
Saturday 8th February 2025
Saturday 15th March 2025
Saturday 5th April 2025

CONFIRMATION 2025

The next meeting will be on
Tuesday 14th January 2025 in the Parish Centre from 5.00pm—6.00pm.

Annual Mass in Celebration of Marriage and Married Life Saturday 15th February 2025, 12pm Wrexham Cathedral

All are welcome to celebrate

Annual renewal of vows with Bishop Peter

Special blessing for engaged couples due to be married in 2025 from Bishop Peter

Buffet lunch afterwards

Please let us know by Thursday 23rd January if you are celebrating a special anniversary this coming year: 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th plus, or getting married in 2025, as even if you are unable to attend this Celebration Mass, you will still be kept in our prayers on that day.

Please contact Wioletta Trebska at mfl@rcdwxm.org.uk or 07542 268728.

FR RUSLAN

Fr Ruslan would like to thank everyone most sincerely for the donations last weekend and to all parishioners for their continued support and prayers for peace in Ukraine.

First reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go on up to a high mountain,

O Sion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!' Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Responsorial Psalm

**Bless the Lord, O my soul!
My God, how great you are!**

O Lord my God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and honour, wrapped in light as with a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

On the waters you lay the foundation for your dwelling.

You make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers, flame and fire your servants.

How many are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your creatures.

Vast and wide is the span of the sea, with its creeping things past counting, living things great and small.

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up; you open wide your hand, they are well filled.

You hide your face, they are dismayed; you take away their breath, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

Second reading Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

'Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'