



# St. Mary Immaculate Church

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## Baptism of the Lord

12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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### Your Prayers are asked for the Sick

Gwen Stanton, James & Louise Clark, Jack Prendergast, Norma Walsh,

### Lately Dead

Ann Beard, Kathleen Fitzpatrick.

### Anniversaries

Dorothy Dearden, Kevin Moran, Eric Winstanley, Bernard Boardman,  
John Fitzgerald, Michael Maleedy



## The Baptism of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord- it is the last day of the  
Christmas season liturgically.

The baptism of Jesus marked the end of his quiet years in Nazareth  
and the start of his public ministry.



### 1st Reading

The Church believes Isaiah 's words refer to Jesus,  
who is ' the glory of the Lord' and like a shepherd.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Salvation is possible for all people because of  
God's great compassion, which we see in the gift of baptism.

### Gospel

The events celebrated are described in today's Gospel.

## A prayer for peace. - FATHER FORGIVE ME



God of mercy and compassion - when I have not loved my neighbours  
as I love myself, or done to others what I would want them to do to me,  
held grudges or tried to get even after I have been hurt....

Father forgive me and grant us your peace.



**Mass Intentions**  
**Week beginning Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Saturday 6 pm Michael & Ivy Moran

Sunday 8 am Parishioners  
 9.30 am Martin Owen  
 11 am Lillian Lawrenson

Mon 9.15 am Anne Higgs  
**11 am Requiem Mass Jack Case**

Tues 9.15 am Sally Jackson

Wednesday 10 am Michael & Maureen

Thursday 9.15 am Stephen Power -  
 Private Intension

Friday 9.15 am Kevin Moran

Saturday 6 pm Andrew Walker

Sunday 8 am Angela Platt  
 9.30 am Parishioners  
 11 am Eric Winstanley



**During the week**

Monday to Friday Mass at 9.15 am

**Monday at 11 am**  
**Requiem Mass for Jack Case**  
*May he rest in peace.*



Confessions 11.30 - 12 noon.  
 Saturday 6 pm which fulfils the obligation to  
 attend Mass

Sunday Mass Times  
 8 am 9.30 and 11 am.



Rosary at 7.30 pm on Monday evening.

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**The Clarke Family** thank all who attended  
 Norman's Requiem Mass.

For the cards received, Mass cards and  
 sympathy cards, Vera and the family  
 are so grateful,  
 May God bless you all.

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**Feasts this week**

**Monday - St Hilary Bishop and Doctor of the Church** - interpreted the Sacred Scriptures  
 and published works which are outstanding in their wisdom and learning.

**Tuesday St Kentigen Bishop and Secondary Patron of the Archdiocese, Scotland.**  
 He vigorously defended the Church against Palegism. Preaching in North-West England and  
 Wales, he eventually returned to Scotland where he was born. He is buried in Glasgow.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January World Day of Peace** -Pope Francis' message is  
 'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'

Pope Francis' message in the year of Jubilee inspires us to seek  
 the liberating justice of God in our world and by ' opening our hearts to all  
 we will restore of God's justice on earth and move forward to achieve the goal of peace.'



**The Deanery Synod Council** event for clergy and invited parishioners is due to take place  
 at Birchley St Mary's Club on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 11 am -1. 30 pm.

Lunch will be provided.

It is suggested that each parish aim to send 10 Parishioners to this meeting.  
 Some Parishioners have offered to attend ...if you are interested please contact Fr. Dooley or  
 Jimmy McNamee-our Parish representative.

