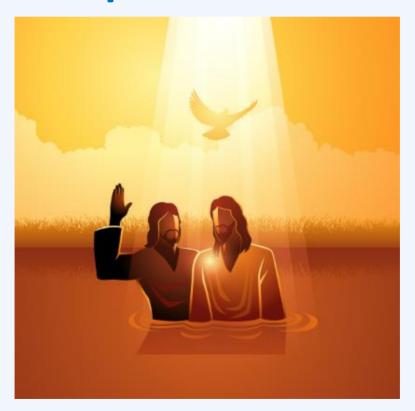


WORKSOP PRIORY AND ST PAUL'S



The Baptism of The Lord



Sunday 12 January 2025

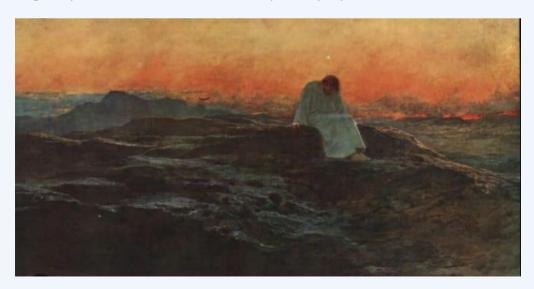
Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized in the
River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



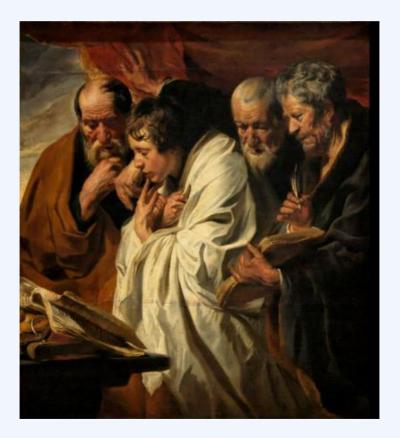
Background to the Gospel

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.



The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.



LOYOLAPRESS.

Please pray for

For peace especially in the Holy Land, Lebanon, Ukraine, South Sudan, Sudan, Yemen and Syria; for all who suffer hunger



for the sick, especially,

Bev, Christine, Christine, Hazel, Jan, Jon, Judith, Linda, Margaret, Mervi, Paul, Robert, Richard, Tuomas and Wendy

for those who are unable to attend Mass,

Anne, Becky, Eileen, Hazel, June and June

and for those who have died recently,

Joan Blood, Pearl Dixon, John David Adams and John Whittington

for those whose anniversaries fall around this time.



12 Jan	Clara Coupland,	
13 Jan	Hazel Statham, Maureen May James, John Hallam	
14 Jan	Joan Bembridge, Wilfred George Salmon	
15 Jan	David Robert Rodgers, Raphael Thomas	
16 Jan	Florence Attenborough, Olive Wells	
17 Jan	Arthur Warburton, Betty Gladwin, Michael Arthur Coe	

Services for the week ahead				
Today	9.30am 11.15am 11.30am	Mass at Priory with Junior Church Mass at St Paul's with Junior Church Mass at Clumber		
Monday 13 January Feria	9.30am	Mass at Priory		
Tuesday 14 January Feria	9.30am	Mass at St Paul's		
Wednesday 15 January Feria	9.30am	Mass at Priory		
Thursday 16 January Feria	6.30pm	Mass at Priory		
Friday 17 January St Antony	12.00pm	Mass at Priory		
Saturday 18 January Of Our Lady	9.30am	Mass at Priory		
Next Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am 11.30am	Mass at Priory with Junior Church Mass at St Paul's with Junior Church Mass at Clumber		

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment, or before mass on Thursday Evening or Friday Lunchtime.

Please contact Fr Spicer for either Prayer or practical need. If requested, we will come and visit if we can, and especially in extremis. If you go into hospital or a care home please give the staff our contact numbers so that we can visit.

Email: vicar@worksoppriory.co.uk

Tel: 01909 472180

Live streaming through Worksop Priory Facebook Page will take place whenever possible and technology permits.



Other Activities					
Today	12noon-1pm	Community Pantry at St Paul's			
Tuesday 14 January	10am	Coffee Morning at St Paul's			
	10am	Public Hour at St Paul's			
	1-2pm	CommuniTea at St Paul's			
	2-3pm	Community Pantry at St Paul's			
Wednesday 15	10.15am	Songs and Stories at Priory			
January	6 -7pm	Community Pantry at St Paul's			
Friday 17 January	10.30am	Public Hour at Priory			
Sunday 19 January	12noon -1pm	Community Pantry at St Paul's			

Public Hour

For booking Baptisms and Weddings and any general queries regarding Priory and St Paul's.



The Sacraments of Healing



- a. Reconciliation
- b. Anointing the Sick



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Our Giving

Bank details for standing orders or donations are:

Worksop Priory PCC:

Virgin Money Sort Code: 05-09-89 Account Number: 38125853

St Paul's Church (Manton) Worksop Parochial Church Council:

HSBC Sort Code 40-47-21 Account Number: 20724599

You may have a seen that many charity bank accounts have started charging fees for every day transactions. We were going to move our bank account (which already charged fees) to one of these accounts when they were free, but now won't be able to in the short to medium term. So, it costs us money to bank cheques and cash, which devalues the amount of the donation/payment.

We are therefore asking that, wherever possible, people donate money using online banking, even for small amounts. This doesn't cost us a penny. Please indicate in the reference field who it's from, and what for, then we can Gift Aid your donation wherever possible.



Thank you.



Please note: If your cash giving is under £30 in any one instance, there is no need to use a Gift Aid Envelope as we can claim the tax back through the Small Donations Gift Aid Scheme.



Opening Hours:

Tuesdays 2pm -3pm Wednesdays 6pm -7pm Sundays 12noon – 1pm

All are welcome, no referral necessary!

£4.50 buys a mixed bag of produce, fresh and frozen and ambient products depending on availability.









Bassetlaw Food Bank



There are collection boxes at the back of Priory and St Paul's Churches

Regular financial donations make a huge difference!



As grants and funding get harder to come by, knowing we have regular donations in means we know we can continue to support households in crisis in Bassetlaw.

You can set up regular or one off donation here:

http://bit.ly/donate to BFB



Wednesday 8 January

£20	44	Mr M Steddon
£10	03	Mr T Harrison
£5	48	Mrs L Hutchinson
£5	35	Mrs M Patrick

There are still some numbers available for this Priory fundraising venture. In addition to the weekly draws there are two £100 draws and an annual £500 draw. Each number is £1 per week.

If you would like to be in it to win it, contact Ivy Underwood who will be happy to help you.

ivy.underwood1945@gmail.com or 07846 245859.

WORKSOP PRIORY NEW YEAR PRIZE DRAW

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle drawn on Sunday 5 January!

£75.00 Stella £50.00 Fr Williams £25.00 Graham Hutchinson

Bottle Prize Winners

Kate Walters
Pat Lakeland
Michelle Livesey c/o Susan
A Wright c/o Maddy
Sally Davison

Thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets. The total amount raised will be confirmed next week!

2025 ELECTORAL ROLL

If you haven't already completed an application form to be enrolled on the Church Electoral Roll, please do take one from the back of church and return at your earliest convenience and no later than Sunday 2nd February! If you would like a form emailing please contact Susan on

admin@worksoppriory.co.uk



SONGS AND STORIES FOR BABIES, TODDLERS & PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

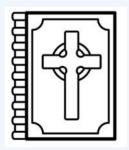
Every Wednesday 10.15am-11.am in church.

All parents, carers, grandparents and childminders are welcome to bring children to join in these friendly and fun sessions.

Most weeks we are also joined by a small group of nursery children & staff from Priory School who bring a craft activity along.

Please spread the word amongst your family and friends. Also, if you can help our lovely volunteers with helping set up, run or clear up afterwards we would love to hear from you.





THE NEW LECTIONARY is now in use in parishes in England, Scotland & Wales, making current Daily and Sunday Missals out of date.

If you would like to place an order through the parish for a **Sunday Missal**, please email Susan on <u>ad-min@worksoppriory.co.uk</u> or message/call 07355 850735. We can then get back to you with a confirmed

price and order date. The price of the last missals ordered was £18.55. Unfortunately, **Weekday Missals** are not going to be available until Spring 2025 at the earliest.

CHURCH CLEANING UPDATE

As you know we require help with cleaning the church. Thanks to those who have volunteered to continue or start caring for the Choir and East End Rooms, and the Lady Chapel - PCC are most grateful.

Please do consider if you are able to volunteer some time to assist with this incredibly important service. If you would like to give an hour each week to an area of church e.g. a transept or the porch or the sanctuary or the kitchen or nave, that'd be a great help.

If you are able to help please contact Susan (Parish Administrator):

admin@worksoppriory.co.uk or 07355
850735. PCC agreed to get quotes from a cleaning company to undertake the work that cannot be done by volunteers. Please let Susan know if you can recommend a company we can get quotes from.

CANDLEMAS PROCESSION AT PRIORY

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 6.00PM

Please join us for a service of prayers, readings and music reflections.

Our Priory choir will also be joined by the choir of Newark St Mary Magdalene

Not to be missed!



NOTICE: UNFORTUNATELY WE CAN NO LONGER GET YOUR BLISTER PACKS RECYCLED FOR YOU. Either put them in your general waste or take them in small quantities to:-

Superdrug, 11 Carolgate, Retford

They are not able to handle the bulk quantities where we were taking them! Thank you for supporting our efforts to recycle.



Email:

vicar@worksoppriory.co.uk

warden@worksoppriory.co.uk admin@worksoppriry.co.uk

Web:

worksoppriory.co.uk stpaulsworksop.org achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-st-cuthbert-worksop-priory

Safeguarding matters please contact:

Parish Safeguarding Officer:

admin@worksoppriory.co.uk 07355 850735

Diocesan Safeguarding Team:

safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org 01636 817200

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