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The Month of January is devoted to The Holy Name of Jesus

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Sunday, 9 January 2022 Psalter Week 1

*Baptism
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Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Tom Foley

Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Angela McKinney

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Kath Jarman

Wednesday St Aelred of Rievaulx, abbot
St Benedict (Benet) Biscop, abbot

10.00 a.m. Danny Grant

Thursday St Hilary, bishop

No Mass

Friday *Feria*

10.00am Dead List

Saturday *Feria*

No Mass

Next week's Masses

Saturday (Totley)

5.00 pm. Patsy Gallagher

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Teresa & Tomás DeVilly

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Robert Batley, Tom Bennett,
Alison Bingley Pauline Souflas,
Teddy Howes, Katie Glackin and
David Gage.

Lately dead : Danny Grant and
Neville Garratt. **RIP**

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord will bless His people with
peace. OR*

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

Events for the Coming Week

Monday SVP Parish rooms 8-9pm (Alternate weeks from 20th September)

Tuesday Exploring Faith 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Wednesday Rainbows 6.15pm (Parish Rooms)

Brownies 6.15pm (Hall)

Parish Prayer Group (in church) 7.45pm

An Invitation to respond to Pope Francis

"I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation" Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium n.27).



What do we need to transform in our parish community? We are approaching the final phases of the synod process within the Diocese with only 9 weeks to submit our responses after the Christmas Holiday. Make sure that your voice is heard by either joining the discussion in our parish or going along to one of the open meetings in either Wick-ersley on 22 January or Sheffield on 5 February 2022 10:00-12:30. Book on Eventbrite. Additionally, make sure you submit your response in the questionnaire included with the Christmas issue of the Hallam News or via the Synod pages of the Diocesan Website www.hallam-diocese/synod. The deadline for responses is 7 March 2022.

2022 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Friday 24th June – Thursday 30th June

(6 nights) £765.00 Full Board flying from
Doncaster Airport. Insurance £33.

Booking form and further details from
www.hallam-lourdes.com
or telephone 07724 650066.

See the poster at the back of church

Please note:- Everyone participating in the
2022 pilgrimage must be fully vaccinated
against Covid-19. We feel that it is possible
to plan for the pilgrimage to take place
safely, but if it does not prove to be possible
and the diocese cancels, then full refunds will
be made.



The next Parish Outreach meeting will be different! We are taking the time to focus only on the Synod discussion. And we would welcome anyone to join us to hear a wider range of views, experiences and reflections. It will be held at 7.30pm this Monday 10th January.

So please contact david.angela.wood@gmail.com for the Zoom link.
Do please join in this important response to Pope Francis' invitation.

The Laudato Si Movement was launched 7 years ago on 15th January in response to the Pope's call for Care of Creation.

Find out more at www.laudatosimovement.org and check out their 52 Ways to Care for Creation – some good ideas for New Year Resolutions!



52 ways to care for creation



Gardening!? As we go to press it looks like this Saturday (8th) will be a wash-out so we'll try again next Saturday 15th from 10am. If you can spare an hour or two to help with the Parish gardens at Meadowhead, please, it would be a great help. Thank you.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2022:

7 Nights Apartment B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Agape

*I sail my fragile craft into a terrifying sea
Trusting in the lifeguard that I hope will rescue me.
For the ocean is vast, and my boat is so small.
Confident, despite the storms I know are bound to rise,
That I am seen, protected, will be saved if I capsize.
Though the ocean is vast, and my boat is so small.
Constant and unending care,
Unconditional, always there.
Asking nothing, giving all,
Past my comprehending.
Patient, gentle, just, and fair,
Omnipresent as the air,
Reaching out to break my fall
World beyond an ending.
That small, cherished boat that bears me safely on the sea
Crafted by a master shipwright, gifted unto me
Out of love that is vast though my heart is so small,
Bears the maker's promise, an eternal guarantee
From a person willing to give up their life for me
Who is Love that is vast yet embraces the small.*

Does anyone know the whereabouts of a cardboard box containing home-made candles left over from the Outreach pop-up sales? Neither of the ladies running the stall took them home after the event, so presumably they are either still stored somewhere at OLST or have been disposed of. I'd appreciate any information about this. Thank you, Claire Parsons.



When then song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky has gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are
back with their flocks,
then the work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
to heal those broken in spirit,
to feed the hungry,
to release the oppressed,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all peoples,
to make a little music with the heart.

And to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way,
in all that we do, and in all that we say.

Then the work of Christmas begins.

(Howard Thurman 1899-1981)



Personal Column

Our congratulations to Tobias Weller on being awarded the BEM in the Queen's New Year Honours List. The youngest ever recipient!!

Reflecting on our Baptism

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS is the last of three great manifestations or revelations which we celebrate in the Christmas season.

Christmas: when God comes among us with the Good News for the poor, the outcast and the sinner. This is Luke's version, where Jesus is born in poverty and the first to come to pay him homage are poor and marginalised shepherds.

Epiphany: when God comes among us with a message of salvation for everyone, for all the people of the world, and not just for one select group. This is Matthew's version and the description of the strange visitors from the East.

The Baptism of Jesus: God is seen as specially present in Jesus and working in him and through him.

Today is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own baptism. It is not something which happened a long time ago and which "made" us Catholics. It is not just a ceremony lasting a few minutes which produces magical effects; it is the beginning of a lifelong journey; of a process of growing into the Body of Christ as its members. Our baptism is essentially a community experience; not just a private or a family event. It involves active participation in the life of the Church and not just passive membership. Perhaps we could paraphrase the words of John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what the Church can do for you but what you can do for the Church."

Each one of us is called to be a living witness to the Gospel: to be the salt of the earth, a city on a hill, a lamp radiating light for all. Our baptism is a never-ending call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Every word of Isaiah can also be applied to each one of us who has been baptised. So let us today renew our faith in and our commitment to follow Jesus. Let us re-affirm our readiness to carry on his work. Without our co-operation, much of God's work will never get done.

From www.sacredspace.ie (Irish Jesuits website)



After the Three Wise Men left, the Three Wiser Women arrived.

Prayer for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised 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, one God, for ever and ever.

This Week's Readings BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 OR Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

Responsorial Psalm: 28 *OR* 103

Second Reading: *Acts 10:34-38 OR Titus 2:11-14, 38-7*

Gospel: *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

Next Week's Readings Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: *Isaiah 62:1-5*

Responsorial Psalm: 95

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

Gospel: *John 2:1-11*

This week's ministries for 8/9 January

Readers	5.00 p.m.	E Watson A Southeran
	9.15 a.m.	J Fojut S Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock D Lewis
Communion	9.15 a.m.	R Portaluri
	11.15 a.m.	F Glaze

Next week's ministries for 15/16 January

Readers	5.00 p.m.	G Wilkinson, H Simmerson
	9.15 a.m.	J Fojut, S Farragher
	5.00 p.m.	J McNally, M Richardson
Communion	9.15 a.m.	C Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	S Campos
Welcomers	9.15 a.m.	N Parsons
	11.15 a.m.	D Lewis

May God's love light your way
and lead you into a New Year
that shines with his special joy.

Happy New Year!