

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS – 11th JANUARY 2026

“ Renew Your wonders in this our day, as by a New Pentecost. Grant to Your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Come, Holy Spirit in Your Power and might to renew the face of the earth” (Pope St. John XXIII).

Mass Intentions this Sunday (Sunday 11th January – The Baptism of Jesus) Saturday (St. John Kemble) 4-00 p.m. Angela Healey (Sp.Int.) (All at St. John Kemble); 6-00 p.m. (St. Joseph's) Siobhan Fitchett (Sp.Int.) (June & David Vaudin); 10-30 a.m. Parish & People.

Weekday Mass Times No weekday Mass.

Baptism of Jesus - Psalm Response “ The Lord will bless His people with peace ” (We are now in Year A and Week 2 in the Breviary/Missal)

Mass Intentions next Sunday (Sunday 18th January) Saturday 4-00 p.m. St John Kemble - Parish & People; 6-00 p.m. St. Joseph's – Ann Williams (RIP) (The Family). 10-30 a.m. Carol Curnow (RIP) (SVP).

Readers: This Sunday (11th January) 6-00 p.m. Ceri McAteer; 10-30 a.m. Des Nicholas. **Next Sunday** (18th) 6-00 p.m. Gerald Smith; 10-30 a.m. Bernadette Payne.

Candles: Sacred Heart - John & Jane Smith (Sp.Int.); Our Lady – Donie O'Connell (Sp. Int.); St. Joseph – Dennis Huxtable.

Anniversaries Alice Francis (2009); Mervyn Blackmore (2024); Susan Evans (2025); Robert Coffey (2016); Fr. Eugene Monaghan (2011); Peter Flynn (2008).

Malcolm Holloway (RIP) Please remember Malcolm in your prayers and the family at this time.

Catechesis We shall be re-starting our “ten minute” catechesis sessions this Sunday (11th January) after the 10-30 a.m. Mass. If you are thinking of becoming a catholic or have recently come back to the Church and have questions, we meet together before joining others for tea & coffee in the Hall afterwards.

The Sick and Housebound Please continue to remember in your prayers all those who are sick and housebound, those in hospital and in our local care homes. Especially at this time, Bridie Johnson, Julie, Stephen & Jason Saunders, Elizabeth Fluck, Lorna and Joe O'Brien, Margaret Jeffrey, Marion Brocksopp., Marlene John, Pat Day, Daniel John, Adrian Macpherson-Jones, Roger Horton, Kath Davies, David Vaudin, Agnes Collins, Angela Healey., Mark Thomas, Siobhan Fitchett, John & Jane Smith, Donie O'Connell, Dennis Huxtable, Colin Mulligan, Sheila Williams. If you would like others to be remembered in this prayer list (with their permission) please supply their names.

The Parish S.V.P have been overwhelmed by your generosity this Christmas – including Des baking a cake for competition. We have been able to give presents to housebound parishioners and help local charities and to fund our buffalo project. Thank you. (The SVP).

Last Sunday's Collection: (4th) St. Joseph's £245-74 (Plus Direct Debits) - Crib Collection £223-25; and many thanks for a further donation of £100 to parish funds. All donations gratefully received. St. John Kemble £45-00. Many thanks. **White Flower Appeal** Our second collection next Sunday is the annual collection in support of SPUC (The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children).

Fr. Neil will be slowing down and taking time off during the month of January.

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