

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

Is. 40: 1-5, 9-11; Ps. 104 (103); Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

<p>Saturday 11th January 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Jackie Santo RIP (Val Hull)</p>	<p>Sunday 12th January 2025 8:30am: Clara Masi (Coward) 10:30am: People of the Parish</p>
<p>Mon. 13th January 2025 (Feria) 8:15am: Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy 9:15am: John Everson RIP (Hughes)</p>	<p>Tues. 14th Jan. 2025 (Feria) 8:15am: Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy 9:15am: Deceased Gjoni Family</p>
<p>Weds. 15th Jan. 2025 (Feria) 8:15am: Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy 9:15am: Private Intention (Joan McCormack) 11am: NO HOLY MASS AT SHALOM</p>	<p>Thurs. 16th Jan. 2025 (Feria) 8:15am: Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy 9:15am: Deceased Baker Family (D'Cruze)</p>
<p>ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT Friday 17th January 2025 8:15am: Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy 9:15am: Quin Francis (Francis)</p>	<p>Sat. 18th January 2025 (Feria) 11am: Holy Mass at Shalom</p>

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Is. 62: 1-5; Ps. 95; 1 Cor. 12: 4-11; John 2: 1-12

<p>Saturday 18th January 2025 5:00 - 6:00pm: CONFESSIONS 6:00 - 6:20pm HOLY ROSARY 6:30pm: Holy Souls</p>	<p>Sunday 19th January 2025 8:30am: People of the Parish 10:30am: In thanksgiving for my parents</p>
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ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Elizabeth Yeo, John Glover, Agnes Gilligan, Linda Savage, George Huggett, Kathleen Sheila Bowman, Francis Nicholls, Eileen Jones, Margaret Birks, William Field, Lois Linley, Connie Snelders, Brian White, Leonard Cope, Nick Flynn, Ruth Lardner, Gloria Florence Morgan, Sr. Angela Wootton (LSU), Herbert Brown, James Casey, Moira Harrington, Phil Nathanielsz, Paul Counsell.

YOUR ARE MY SON THE BELOVED.

The Holy Spirit of God came down upon Jesus, the beloved Son of God at His Baptism in the Jordan. The Spirit comes down on each one of us and helps us to live our Christian lives so that we are faithful to our Baptism.



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'And a voice came from heaven,
"YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON;



WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED."



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SUNDAY OFFERINGS:

Christmas Offerings: 24th/25th/26th December

Gift Aid: £1,207.84; Card: £30 ; Loose Plate: £1,061.76 **ATTENDANCE: 410 (4 MASSES)**

28th/29th December 2024:

Gift Aid: £199.00; Card: £110; Loose Plate: £153.28 **ATTENDANCE: 150**

4th/5th January 2025:

Gift Aid: £264.50; Card: £82.45; Loose Plate: £136.73 **ATTENDANCE: 195**

Thank you for your continuing generosity in these difficult times, *Fr. David.*

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

This weekend: for THE **BUILDING FUND.**

Gift Aiders can use one of the donation envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number, others please use one of the Square Brown Envelopes available at the Church Door.

25th/26th January: for **LEPRA, for WORLD LEPROSY DAY**

PLEASE ADD YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER. YOUR DONATION CANNOT BE ALLOCATED TO THE GIFT AID SCHEME IF YOUR GIFT AID NUMBER IS NOT ON THE ENVELOPE.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

Baptism was the way in which Jesus presented Himself to His people at the outset of His mission. That marked the beginning of His public ministry and the start of His life as a travelling preacher.

Today's feast reminds us of our own Baptism and presents us with an opportunity to reflect on the implications of leading the life of a Christian.

It is a time of special importance because it marks our spiritual birth - the beginning of the Lord reaching down, touching our lives, claiming us for His own and adopting us as His children.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18th-25th JANUARY 2025

The theme for 2025 is DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

The materials were prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy.

As we celebrate **1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea**, the worship service has at its heart, **THE NICENE CREED**. Reflecting this, the Scripture readings for this year focus on belief.

We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in **John 11:17-27**.

Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha:
"DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?"

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

A fulfilling and enjoyable day. This is guaranteed for all married couples who attend a day hosted by the Marriage and Family Life Team called 'Building a Better Marriage'. To celebrate this Jubilee year of 2025, a one day Building a Better Marriage opportunity will be on **Saturday 25th January at St Stephen Church, Well- ing** These are very popular and fill up quickly so please, without delay, book your place on such a wonderful opportunity and explore more how blessed you are in your marriage. Not to mention how blessed the Church is with your dedicated love to one another. To join one of these day's **please contact Carole** on **07983 524 727** or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Of your Charity, please pray for the repose of the Souls of

SR. MARIE CASEY (LSU) who died on Friday 13th December 2024.

RECEPTION AND MASS: at Shalom on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 5pm

REQUIEM MASS: Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 11am
followed by Burial at Brook Street Cemetery.

SR. FRANCIS CLARE (LSU) who died on Monday 30th December 2024.

RECEPTION AND MASS: at Shalom on Thursday 6th February 2025 at 5pm

REQUIEM MASS: Friday 7th February 2025 at 10:30am
followed by Committal at Eltham Crematorium.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. MAY THEIR SOULS, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

ST. MARY OF THE CRAY'S COMMUNITY SOCIAL CLUB

Please support this event in January in the Social Club:

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2025 at 12.30PM.

BINGO £1 a card with cash winnings

The Social Club is open on Friday and Saturday evenings from 7.30pm to 11pm, and on Sundays from 12 noon to 4pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

MISSIO AND MILL HILL MISSIONARIES: RED BOXES

Could all parishioners who have a Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries Red Box please bring their box to the Church for collection and counting.

Peter Tite, our Parish Local Secretary for the last 31 years, is now standing down from this important role. We would like to thank Peter for his dedication and service to the Parish.

If you or anyone you know would like to become the new Parish Local Secretary for Missio, please speak to Fr. David.

WORLD LEPROSY DAY

Please find below the link to a short film promoting **WORLD LEPROSY DAY** in support of our Lepra Appeal at St. Mary of the Crays on the weekend of 25th/26th January.

<https://youtu.be/iuTZbjOAKvo>

**100 CLUB WINNERS:
JANUARY 2025 £50**

19: SIOBHAN YOUNGS

22: DESMOND PIMENTA

Come and join our 100 Club. Please see Jim Saunders. It is a great way to raise Parish funds and for the Building Fund. Your continued support is always appreciated. Thank you.

**PARISH BRING AND
SHARE LUNCH**

5TH JANUARY 2025

Thank you to everyone who came to the Parish Bring and Share Lunch last Sunday. All prizes from the Hamper Raffle have been claimed and we raised **£71.00** for Church funds.

Please pray for the members of our Parish Family who are sick:

Anita Claridge, Anna Idahosa, Barry Alfred Colville, Bernard Glazier, Bernie Francis, Bridget Whitaker, Carmella "Nina" Stafford, Chandra Rawal, Chloe Mutimer, Christina Redmond, Clare Cooney, Erin, Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Morty O'Shea, Felicity Dyer, Jackie Dawson, Joan Veronica McCormack, Linda Rawlinson, Liz Algar, Luc Fitzpatrick, Margaret Harrington, Maria Hanks, Marie Rogerston, Pat Goodwin, Pat McGrory, Patrick Taylor, Pauline Cornell, Pauline White, Richard Hilsden, Rita Pearce and Sean Tansey.

**PLEASE, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY ONE ELSE WHO,
WITH THEIR PERMISSION, OUGHT TO BE ON THIS LIST?**