

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered; This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.



An Act of Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. (Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in our daily battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

℣ Our Lady of Lourdes ℣ Pray for Us

℣ St. Theresa ℣ Pray for Us

℣ St. Anthony ℣ Pray for Us

Confession & Absolution

Confessions
Available after every weekday and Saturday Vigil Mass or by advanced booking.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 30 minutes before Weekday Mass

Anointing of the sick
In cases of emergency only.

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ~Mark 1:9-11

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry.

Jesus begins His ministry through an act of deep solidarity with the fallen human race. John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance. John's baptism was not the same as our baptism today. Instead, it was only a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Jesus, of course, had nothing to repent of. He was sinless in every way. But that didn't stop Him from freely choosing to receive the baptism of repentance. Why would He do that? Simply put, Jesus chose to unite Himself with fallen humanity, taking upon Himself our own sins and suffering their consequences. He humbly allowed Himself to be identified as a sinner in need of repentance. This was done out of love for us and out of His longing to become one with us so that we could become one with Him.

By bowing His sacred head to receive the baptism of repentance, Jesus united Himself and His divinity to everyone who had already chosen to repent. And He gave power to every forthcoming act of repentance others would make, even until today. When we repent today, we meet Jesus in that same water of repentance.

It was not only the Eternal Son Who was present at that baptism of repentance, but the Father and the Holy Spirit as well. The Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and the Father's Voice spoke to acknowledge His oneness with His Son. Therefore, every time we make a humble act of repentance, such as when we combine the crucifixion, the Trinity, and holy water upon entering a church and blessing ourselves, we not only meet our Lord but also receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and share more fully in our adoption as sons and daughters of the Father in Heaven.

As we commemorate Jesus' baptism liturgically, we celebrate the fact that our Christian baptism was the beginning of this new unity with the Holy Trinity. But we also celebrate our oneness with God, which is renewed every time we make an interior act of repentance for our sins. If we fully understood what happens every time we acknowledge our sins and repent of them, we would never grow tired of repenting. Every time we acknowledge and repent of our sin, we meet Christ anew, receive a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and affirm and deepen our adoption by the Father in Heaven.



St Theresa's and Our Lady of Lourdes with St Anthony's

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January Devotion: The Holy Name of Jesus

The Baptism of the Lord, Yr. A

11th January 2026
Psalter Week 1



Saturday, 10th January,

6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes – World Peace

Sunday, 11th January,

8.30am, St Anthony's – Elizabeth Evans RIP

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes – Shane Chessim RIP

11.00am, St. Theresa's – Birthday blessings for Sanctus and Benedict Daudu.

Next Weekend's Masses (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr. A)

Saturday 17th January
6.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes - Willibald Hegewald RIP



Sunday 18th January

8.30am, St. Anthony's - In Thanksgiving (MM)

9.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes - Mary & James Foley RIP

11.00am St. Theresa's - The Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially those with no one to pray for them.

Monday, 12th January, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday — The Sick & Housebound of Our Parishes

Tuesday, 13th January, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday — SVP Beneficiaries

Wednesday, 14th January, 10.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekday – Mr Finnegan RIP



Thursday, 15th January, 11.00am,

St. Theresa's

Weekday – Catherine McGinty RIP (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Our Lady of Lourdes: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sponsor: The Parish

St. Anthony's: Sandra Rawlings RIP

Sponsor: Irena & Bob Hunt

St. Theresa's: The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sponsor: The Parish

Sunday Readings:

1st Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7.

2nd Acts 10:34-38.

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17.



Responsorial Psalm: 29.

The LORD will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation, Cf. Mark 9:7.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him". Alleluia.

St Theresa's 200 Club
Winners
November Draw

If you know anyone who is sick or housebound and would appreciate a visit from Fr. Henry, please email or call the Parish Office so that this can be arranged. Parish Office contact details are on the front of the bulletin.

Children's Mass – Our Lady of Lourdes

The next Children's Mass will be on 18 January. If any children would like to sing in the choir, please speak to Jacek. There will be a rehearsal on Friday 16 January at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Thank you to all those took part in our Christmas Raffles.

The Mary's Meals Raffle raised a fabulous £250.00

The St Anthony's Christmas Raffle raised £133.00

Thank you





Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Love & Beauty in St John's Spiritual Canticle,
20 - 22 February 2026

2026 marks the centenary of the declaration of St John of the Cross as a Doctor of the Church. In honour of this anniversary, Fr Matthew Blake, OCD will offer a weekend reflecting on the themes of love and beauty in the most celebrated poetry of the great Spanish mystic.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/love-beauty-in-st-johns-spiritual-canticle/>

<p><u>Support for St. Wilfrid's Centre</u></p> <p>Tinned ham, chocolate biscuits and crisps for light lunches and snacks</p>  <p>Food Donations</p>	<p>Foodbank</p> <p>We are now supporting the Gleadless Foodbank in their new premises, and they are very happy to accept all donations. Their current ask is for tinned meat and fish, but any items are gratefully received. Thank you.</p> 
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<u>Weekend Cash Collections 3rd/4th January</u>	
Our Lady of Lourdes.....	£374.12
St Anthony's.....	£154.00
St Theresa's	£355.79

<p>Guarding Representatives Theresa's—Debi Stringer —Tessa Taylor</p> 	<p>School News St John Fisher School news: www.st-johnfisher.org</p> <p>St Theresa's School news: www.st-theresas-sheffield.co.uk</p>
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These QR Codes can be used to make an offering using your smartphone.
Simply scan the relevant QR code and follow the on screen instructions.



St. Theresa's



Please pray for all the elderly, the sick and the housebound of our three churches including those named below.

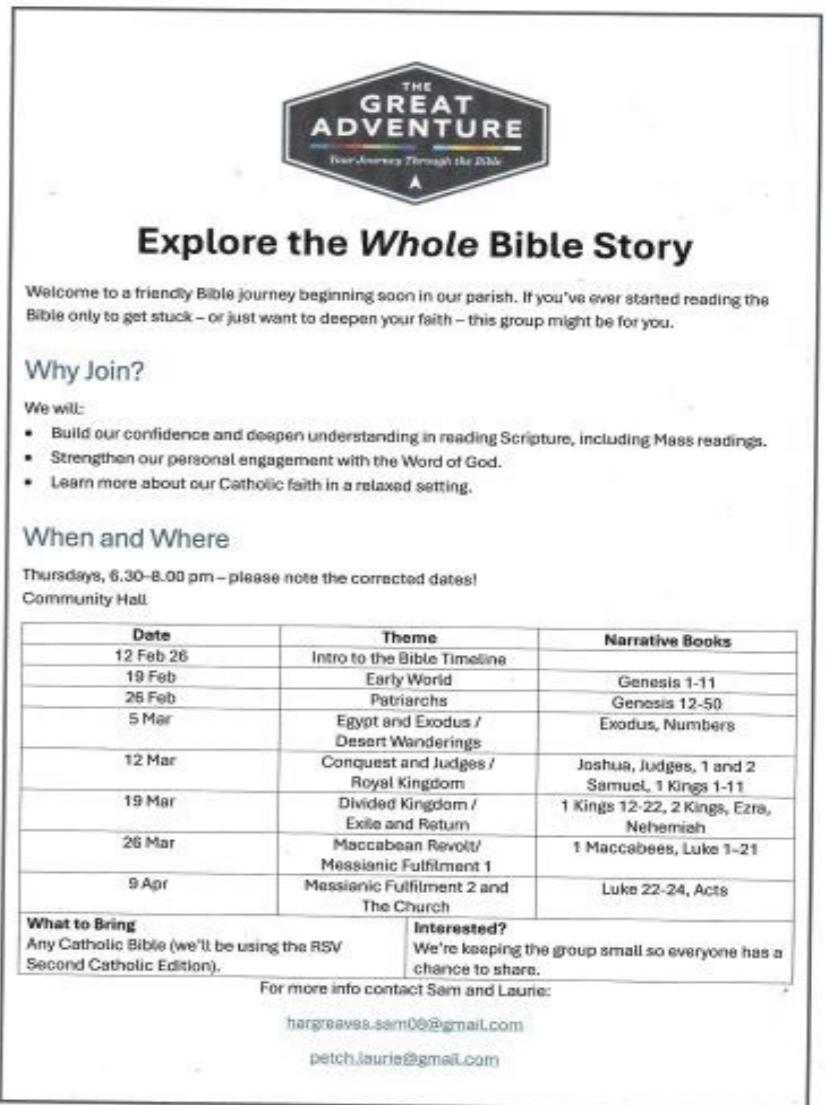
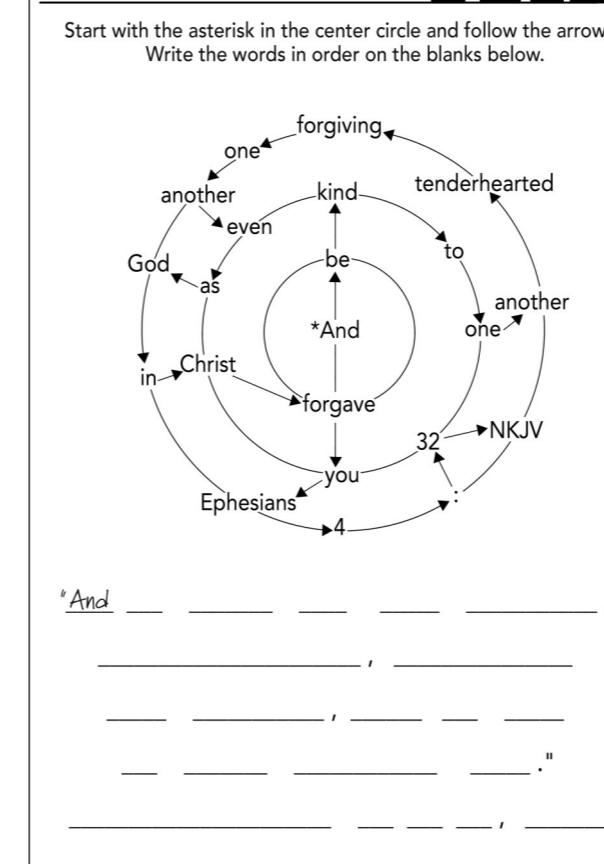
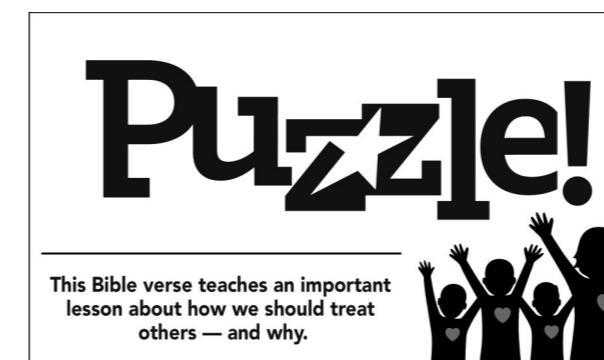
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Lawson, Patricia Foster, Christopher Browne, Mr. Shannon, Margaret Betson, Paul Manning, Annabel Taylor, John Nicholson,
Philomena Walker, Lesley Osborne, Gail Hook, Elizabeth Dodson, Gemma Thomas, David Dowling,

Fr. David Stafford, Ursula & Paul Parker, Lissa Taylor.

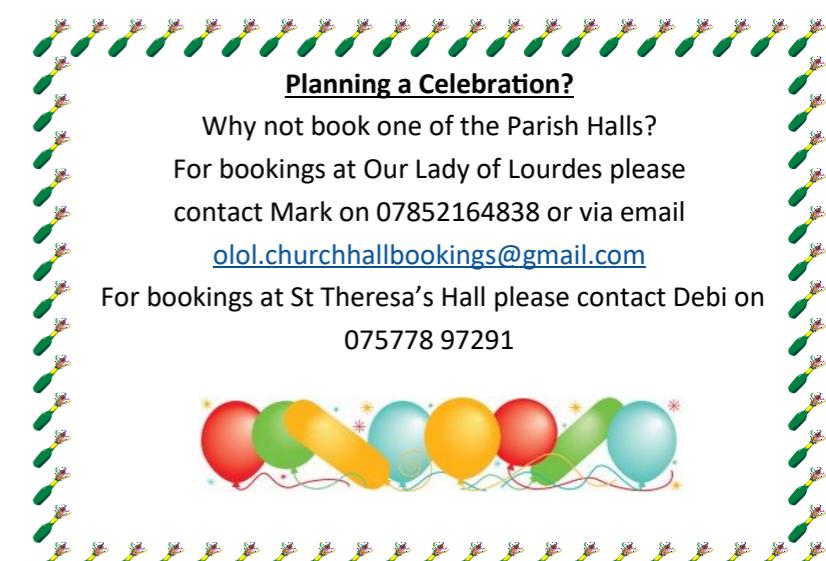


We are very blessed to welcome Fr Henry again who is here with us while Fr Bede is away.

Please make him feel very welcome and keep Fr Bede in your prayers as we pray that he has a restful and peaceful holiday.



Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You came to me in my baptism and united me in my fallenness with You in Your divinity. I pray that I will continuously be aware of all that divides us and will never grow weary of repenting of my sin. I do repent once again, dear Lord. I beg for Your mercy and forgiveness and open myself more fully to You, Your Father, and the Holy Spirit. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I trust in You.



The bulletin for January has been sponsored by Caitlyn Mensah-Olojede in celebration of their birthday. Thank you.