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## **Baptism of the Lord (B) 10.01.2021**

Sat 9 Jan 6.00pm Fr Archie Snell A  
Sun 10 Jan 9.00am Glorita Graham A  
Baptism of Jesus 10.15am Ludlow family  
Mon 11 Jan No Mass  
Tue 12 Jan 6.30pm Mannion Family & Friends  
St Aelred of Rievaulx  
Wed 13 Jan No Mass  
Thu 14 Jan No Mass  
Fri 15 Jan 6.00pm (Burford)  
Sat 16 Jan 6.00pm Elaine Barry GE  
Sun 17 Jan 9.00am People of the Parish  
10.15am Dermot Long LD

**There is NO OBLIGATION to come to Mass at present. In view of the lockdown and the greater transmissability of the new virus strain or for some other reason, you may judge it would be inadvisable to do so. Please use your discretion.**

**St Mary's, Bampton is CLOSED. Sunday 9.00am Masses will all be celebrated at St Joseph's, Carterton for the foreseeable future.**

**Owing to a lack of stewards Thursday evening 6.30pm Masses can no longer take place.**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January** Please pray for unity and our Christian brothers and sisters in Carterton.

**Please pray for those who have died:** Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett, Olive Harcourt, Christopher Murphy, Joan Clements, Monica Owen, Kate Gargan, Anne Jennings, Angela Overton, Marie Drew, John Robinson, John Joseph O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Rose Lane, Mary Hannah, Robert Eszenyi, David Gotelier, Sue Hand, Graham Copping, Romy Sadler-Tomkins, Jim & Lily Rooney.

**Anniversaries:** Mark Porter, Karen Garry, Bede Walsh, Amanda Oliver, Richard McCarthy, Ann Barnes.

**Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war:** Pat Hay, Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Peter Doran, Lukasz Konieczny, Brendan Reynolds, Marie Whelan, Brendan Farrow, Dominic Martin, Phil Rice, Natalia Romanek, John Middleton, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Dom Michael Phillips, Kathleen Fagan, Jen Thomas, Ann Heaton, Celia McCauley, Pat Hand, Elaine Barry, Rodrigo Bantug, John Pollock, Bernard Curtin, Richard, Nkechi, Celia Fairbrother, Annette Steele, Pauline Allen.

**Parish Bank details for Standing Orders**  
Natwest, 23 High Street, Witney, OX28 6HW  
Account: St Joseph's Catholic Church  
Account No: 43009530 Sort code: 60 24 60

**Aluminium and metal cans / scrap metal**  
We can sell alu tins (and non-alu tins) if you collect them: we need sackfuls. **All** metal tins can be turned to good use, but please separate them into alu and non-alu to save us doing so! **Current Prices (approx.) Alu 84p/kilo, car batteries 21p/kilo, steel £1.80/kilo.**

## Readings

Isaiah 55:1-11

I John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11

### Baptism of Jesus (B) 10.01.2021

*For as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return before watering the earth, fertilising it and making it germinate to provide seed for the sower and food to eat, so it is with the **word** that goes forth from my mouth: it does not return to me unfulfilled or before carrying out my purpose and achieving what it was sent to do.* Jesus is that word of God made flesh and he does not return to the Father without perfectly accomplishing what he was sent for, his divine vocation of re-uniting God with his people. He is the one whom John says will baptise with the Holy Spirit. Jesus saw the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him and heard the voice from heaven saying: *You are my Son, the Beloved.*

The baptism of Jesus is different from all the others John did. The others underwent a baptism of repentance and confessed their sins. Jesus is without sin and obeys the Father as a perfect son. The voice of the Father declaring, *You are my beloved Son; with whom I am well pleased,* revealed firstly, his unique status as beloved Son of the Father; and secondly that he is pleasing in his perfect obedience.

Repentance is more than regret for sin. It is also about turning back to God. Sin brings about division and separation from God and from our true selves. It isolates and it wounds. Jesus seeks out the sinner. He draws us to him, forgives our sins and heals us.

John declares, *I have baptised you with water but he will baptise with the Holy Spirit.* We are baptised likewise through water and the Holy Spirit. Baptism by immersion under water is a symbol and prefiguring of death, both for Jesus and for us. The opening of the heavens and descent of the Spirit after baptism the glory of the resurrection is prefigured for Jesus and for us.

