

Readings for The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading

Is 55:1-11

Thus says the lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your god, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our god who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above the earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do. **The Word of the Lord.**

Ps: Isaiah 12:2-6

[R]: *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation*

Second Reading

Jn 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, nor with water only, but with water and blood; with the spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth - so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading

Mk 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' It was at this that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Mystery of Faith: *When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*



Holy Souls' Catholic Church

The Reminder

(NRCDT Registered Charity No 1134449)

Holy Souls' Presbytery, Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 7TA

Sunday, 11th January 2015

The Baptism of The Lord - Year B

Timetable for the Week

Day	Time	Intention
Saturday after Epiphany	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30pm Roxby 5.30 pm	Victims/Families of Air Asia crash Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish Susan Hoban RIP
Sunday 11th January 2015 Baptism of The Lord	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Faridi Ajouz & Family RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Shaun Cloherty RIP
Monday Feria	9.00 am	In thanksgiving (P & M)
Tuesday Feria	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Samantha Guinan RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday Feria	12.00 noon	Margaret Traynor Intentions
Thursday Feria	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	People of the Parish Polish Priest's Intentions
Friday St Anthony	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Intentions of Bernard Croft Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday, 17th January 2015 Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30pm Roxby 5.30 pm	Melda Barron & Family Polish Priest's Intentions Jim Tierney RIP Peter Kitchen RIP
Sunday 18th January 2015 Second Sunday	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Kit & George Stoppani RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Barry Fagan RIP
Confessions	<i>Saturday 11.00 am to 12 noon; 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm</i>	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Wednesday 11.00 am to 12 noon Thursday - 7.00 to 8.00 pm Saturday 4.30 to 5.15 pm concluding with Benediction</i>	

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This Week

Pastoral Letter

This weekend, we have a pastoral letter from Mgr Thomas McGovern, Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Nottingham, concerning marriage and family life. The Bishops of England and Wales are inviting us to pray and reflect with them, on the how the gift of marriage and family life and their place in the Church, in advance of next October's meeting of the Synod of Bishops on the vocation and mission of the family. To help us, they have produced The Call, the Journey and the Mission, copies of which are available from the download section of the parish web site or from Fr Eddy. If you would like to share any reflections, please send them to Fr David Palmer, Chair of the Marriage and Family Life Commission (The Presbytery, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 2BY; or email catholicdavid@mac.com), by Easter Sunday.

First Holy Communion Programme

Sheet 5 will be given out this weekend.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation evening is on Thursday (15th) at 7.00 pm. Any parents hoping to have children (aged under 5) baptised must attend this session.

Headship at St Augustine Webster

Advertisements have been placed in the Catholic Teachers Gazette and TES Online for a new head teacher to succeed Mrs Brolly in September. Subject to receiving suitable applications the Governors hope to shortlist, interview, and appoint before the February half term break. Please pray for a successful outcome to the process over the coming weeks.

Catholic Herald

How are readers finding the new magazine format? There seem to be more copies left at the back than when it was a broadsheet newspaper. Does this mean we can reduce our order? Please let Fr Eddy know.

CTS

The selection of CTS pamphlets at the back of the church and especially on the rack in the corridor between the church and the hall has been renewed. Please take a look. All items are individually priced, usually on the back cover, and please place any money in the CTS slot at the back of church.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

We are organising a pilgrimage for families on Saturday 21st February, the final Saturday of the half term break. A coach will depart from Holy Souls at 8.00 am and there will be activities for children on arrival at Walsingham. The cost is £12 for adults and £8 for children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please let one of the clergy know if you would like to go.

Marriage Preparation Day

All couples intending to be married this year are asked to clear their diaries for Saturday 7th March as they will be required to attend a Marriage Preparation Day which will take place at St Bernadette's between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. Further details will follow.

Proclaim '15

Building Missionary Parishes

This is the name of a new national Bishops' initiative being launched in 2015 to support the development of parish evangelisation. It is inspired by Pope Francis' writings and has five parts which include:

- the provision of free parish small group materials;
- the organisation of a National Catholic Evangelisation Conference in Birmingham on 11th July 2015 for 850 evangelisation representatives from across England and Wales;
- an invitation to parishes to host a parish Prayer Vigil on the night of 11th July 2015 with free prayer materials provided;
- the invitation to dioceses, deaneries and parishes to have their own Proclaim '15 event in autumn 2015;
- the publication of new evangelisation resources as a fruit of the National Conference to equip local evangelisers.

Please do get involved in what is a significant new step in service of the proclamation of the Gospel in our area. More information will be available over the coming months. There are some leaflets available from the sacristy or go to www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15

*Please come and join us in the Parish Hall
for tea and coffee after te 9.30 am Sunday Mass*