



12 January 2025

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him. (Luke 3:21)

Faith in Focus

From this day forward

Baptisms are rather like marriages. Not only are they family and community affairs that are accompanied by festivity, but they also work at a deeper level.

When two people marry, the words of the ceremony make it clear that they are embarking on something that will last a lifetime. In sickness and in health means that you cannot simply say that you are married and then do nothing about it. You have to work at a marriage, especially when unforeseen problems arise. That's why people say that a wedding takes only a day, but a marriage takes for ever.

In the same way, our baptism is not something that is over in a day. The ceremony may only take half an hour, but our baptism is something that stays with us for a lifetime. Even though we sometimes speak about "having the baby done", baptism is not a static thing, something over and done with, but it's a dynamic reality. We carry our baptism with us even when we don't feel it!

It's a sad fact that if people do not work at their marriage, then the marriage can go stale. And the same is true with our baptism. If we're not careful we can wake up one morning and find that our baptism has gone dead because we have not been giving it the care and attention it needs. Baptisms need plenty of fresh air and exercise!

Baptism means believing that only God's life can bring us true happiness. It means living by the beliefs and promises that we made years ago (or agreed to later, if we were baptised as babies). We were anointed with

oil to become members of God's family that is the Church, committed to telling others about the sort of God we have and the sort of promises held out to those who serve God.

At the start of this new year, it might be worth taking a look at what new Christians promise at their baptism (or what their godparents promise on their behalf). Ask at church for a copy; see what you agreed to; decide where you need to improve! Has your baptism put on so much weight because you have never exercised it? How do you proclaim your faith at home and at work? Does your life teem with that deep down joy that God promises to those who have been reborn with water and the Spirit? The feast of the Lord's Baptism tempts you to ask a few questions....

Votive lamps

This week, at Holy Name, the votive lamps burning either side of the Blessed Sacrament are for the **intentions of Aswin Thomas and Alwin Thomas.**

This week, at Our Lady & St Philomena, the votive lamp burning before the relic of St Philomena is for the **intentions of Walter and Mary Finn, RIP.**

Mass times in our family of parishes

Holy Name

Saturday 6 pm and Sunday 11 am

Our Lady & St Philomena

Sunday 9.30 am

Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4.30 pm and Sunday 10 am

Archdiocese of Liverpool
Parishes of Holy Name and
Our Lady & Saint Philomena

Clergy:

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Fr Anthony Afaako, Assistant Priest

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Serving the Churches of:

Holy Name, Moss Pits Lane, L10 9LG

Our Lady & Saint Philomena, Sparrow Hall
Road, L9 6BU

Parish office at Holy Name: Open Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am
to 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

Baptisms: By prior arrangement.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on
Wednesday from 6.30 pm or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Rosary: Before each weekday Mass.

Novena: After Wednesday evening Mass at
Our Lady & St Philomena.

Exposition: Holy Name, Thursday at 9.15 am

Visits to sick and housebound: Please
contact the parish office.

Hospital visits: If you wish to see a priest,
please let the hospital staff know.

Mass requests: Please complete the pre-
printed envelopes and place in the Mass
intention box. Please also specify the reason
for the intention, i.e. lately dead, anniversary
etc. For a particular day, please request early.
To enable more Mass intentions to be said in
the parish and not sent away, the Mass may
be shared unless you request otherwise.

Newsletter notices: Please e-mail to
holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Open before and after Mass.



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Readings at Mass

Scan the QR code for the Mass readings.

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

2nd reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22



Psalm response

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £951.62

Baptism

Congratulations to George Peter Clint and
Noah Ace Anthony Wong who receive the
sacrament of baptism at Holy Name on
Sunday 12 January.

Welcome

We welcome Rosie Florence Cowley and
Leo Oliver Cowley to Mass at Holy Name
this weekend as they will receive the
sacrament of baptism on Sunday 19
January.

Life in the parish

Thanks to all the catechists and volunteers
who help keep our parishes so vibrant. 2024
was another busy year with

93 Baptisms

80 First Communions

1 Wedding

56 Funerals

14 Confirmations

368 Average weekend Mass attendance

Catholic Pic

The January edition of the Catholic Pic is
on the parish website, Facebook page and
via <https://tinyurl.com/5cksvjda>. Printed
copies have not yet arrived.

Sacrament of confirmation

If you are in year 8 (or above) and would
like to receive the sacrament of
confirmation, register at the Liverpool
Archdiocesan confirmation website
<https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk>. Registration is
open from 13 January to 17 March.

Pope's intention - January

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Epiphany blessing

20+C+M+B+25

Please take a copy of the Epiphany blessing for your home to ask the Lord's blessing on you and your family in this new year.

Holy hour of adoration and intercession

At Holy Name, on Saturday 18 January from 11 am to 12 noon, Vigil of the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, there will be a time of prayer and intercession before the Blessed Sacrament for our parishes of Our Lady & St Philomena and Holy Name to ask the Lord's blessing in this new year.

Parish feast day

In the liturgical calendar, the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus is on January 3rd, though we are allowed to celebrate it on the nearest available Sunday. As Sunday 5th is the Epiphany and Sunday 12th is the Baptism of the Lord, we will celebrate our patronal feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus on Sunday 19th January.

The Romero rosary

The Romero rosary is launched on Friday 24 January at 2.30 pm at Pauline Books, 84 Church Street, Liverpool. See church noticeboard for more details.

Jubilee: A Year of Hope

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? How can I get involved? CAFOD are hosting an online event on Saturday 18 January from 10.30 am to midday. Register at <https://cafod.org.uk/jubilee>

Deanery minutes

The latest approved minutes for the Liverpool North deanery synodal council for 14 November are available in church, on the noticeboard and the parish website.

Numbers galore

Numbers are 17 and 37. Two winners.

Peace Sunday

Sunday January 19 is Peace Sunday and the message from Pope Francis is 'Forgive us our trespasses; grant us your peace.'

At 1.15 pm in the Gibberd Room at the Cathedral, the Peace Sunday lecture will be given by Dr Gee Walker, who will talk about the murder of her son, Anthony, forgiveness, reconciliation and justice.

Awakening convention

AFCM UK invite you to a day of spiritual renewal including Holy Mass, confession, talks, healing services, praise and worship on Saturday 25 January from 9 am to 4 pm at the Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich, B70 7JW. Coach available.

For more information see noticeboards or contact Justin (a parishioner in our parishes) on 07990 623054 or visit <https://afcmuk.org>

Could you be a Deacon?

Diaconate information evening on Thursday 30 January (new date) with the Archbishop. Refreshments from 7 pm, evening starts at 7.30 pm. At St John's Presbytery, 13 Powell Street, WN1 1XD

New Archbishop: An invite

You are invited to contribute to the process to appoint a new Archbishop of Liverpool. There are two meetings, on

Thursday 16 January at St Mary's Leyland, PR25 1PD, from 7 pm, and

Saturday 18 January at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA, from 10.30 am

Open to all members of our community here in the Archdiocese. To reserve a place, go to <https://bit.ly/ASCMeetingAOL>

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord			
Saturday 11th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Monica Matthews, 4 th anniversary of death
Sunday 12th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Cathy Frackleton, anniversary Richard Hartless, lately dead
	9.30 am	Hospital	Mr Paul Gavin, RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Pelica family, thanksgiving Kathleen Davies, lately dead
Monday 13th			No service
Tuesday 14th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Late Kochuthresia, late Mathew, late Devassu, eternal peace
Wednesday 15th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Joseph and Karian Tommy McDonagh, healing
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50 pm
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Peggy Black Fletcher/M ^c Carty family
Thursday 16th	10.00 am	Holy Name	John and Donna Maire and children, healing Stephen Thompson, healing
Friday 17th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Joe Hagan, RIP Bill Jones, RIP
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 18th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Canon Mount Jean's intentions and parishioners Eddie Yanez, RIP
Sunday 19th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Porche (sick) intention Baby Kiraz, still born, RIP
	9.30 am	Hospital	Jean M ^c Kane, RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Linda Smith, RIP
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fred Spike</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May they rest in peace</p>			

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