



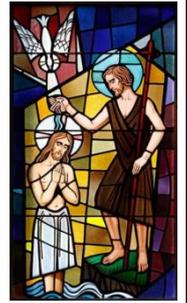
## St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

This Sunday's Gospel recalls a time of key decision in the life of Jesus. By entering the waters of the River Jordan, Jesus chose purposely to put himself on the side of sinners and to take on the burden of our sins. He came on earth to share fully our way of life and to die that we might live forever. This first act of His public ministry was one of humility, His mission of loving service to all. The voice from Heaven was the announcement that Jesus truly was the long-awaited Saviour of the world.



The Baptism of Jesus was not an isolated event but the beginning of a mission. So too for each of us, our baptism is not a distant childhood event but rather a lasting relationship with Jesus. Baptism is a calling and we are drawn into the family of God to take responsibility for making our world a better place.

*Eternal Father, You have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and revealed Him to us at his Baptism in the River Jordan. Grant that we, who have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit. Amen.*

We pray for our Churches, all made one through our common baptism, that we may be united in spirit and action to live and give true witness to the message of our loving Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those people throughout the world who are suffering from the Corona Virus and particularly for those in intensive care. We pray also for the sick and elderly who at this time are housebound, isolated and unable to see or be with their loved ones.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

We pray for those whose earthly lives have ended. We remember those whose anniversary falls at this time and for the souls of all who have passed away recently. May they find rest in the eternal joy of heaven and let all who mourn their passing find comfort and peace.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>			
10	Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
11	Monday	9.15am	Mary Sykes
12	Tuesday <b>St Benet Biscop</b>		
13	Wednesday		
14	Thursday		
15	Friday	9.15pm	Special Intention
16	Saturday Vigil Mass	4.00pm	Audrey Bentley Confessions after Mass
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
17	Sunday	9.00am	Pat O'Brien
<b>Recently Deceased:</b>		Norma Robinson, Fr. David Milburn May they rest in peace. Amen	
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Kathleen Jones, Eileen Lyons	
		Riska Okninski Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd. Rose Marie Bruno, Teresa Carrick	



As we recall the Baptism of Christ we remember and pray for all those Baptised in our Church and their families, that the seeds of faith may continue to grow. Amen

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .**

- **First Reading ~ Isaiah 55:1-11**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Isaiah 12:2-6**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 John 5:1-9**
- **Gospel ~ Mark 1:7-11**



**It is with sadness the Diocese has informed of the death of Fr. David Milburn** who died at St. Joseph's Care Home in Newcastle on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, he was aged 94 years. Bishop Robert Byrne CO will celebrate Fr. David's Requiem Mass at 1.00pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. The Mass will be live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube Channel. Please pray for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace. Amen

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January ~ *Human Fraternity***



May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



## **DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE**

**The Vicariate For Faith & Mission:** As we welcome in 2021, we hope that the year will be a joy-filled time. We reflect on all that we have experienced during 2020, including the lessons that we have learnt. As the Vicariate for Faith & Mission, we have been reflecting on the changes that we have made to re-adjust to new ways of working and new ways of being Church. Most notable of these being live-streamed Masses and online formation. A short video is available to watch and it explains the Diocese thinking on the future of virtual learning and formation. Visit the Diocesan website: [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) select Diocesan E-Newsletter January 2021 and scroll down the page.

**Holocaust Memorial Day 2021: 'Be a light in the darkness'** is the theme for 2021's Holocaust Memorial Commemoration. As the Diocese is unable to hold their commemorations in the two host schools, St. Mary's, Newcastle and St. Michael's, Billingham the department is currently putting together an online commemoration, which should be available to view from Monday 25th January. This online event will feature contributions from both schools as well as a witness testimony provided by cellist Anita Lasker Wallfisch, recalling her memories of playing in the Auschwitz Orchestra. Her grandson Simon, a cellist and tenor has also provided a recording of 'Kaddish', the Jewish memorial prayer. More information on how to access this commemoration will be posted on the Diocesan website

**The Vicariate for Faith & Mission are able to provide copies of lockdown prayer resources** to those without internet access. You can ring and leave your name and address and resources will be posted free of charge. Please contact the Vicariate by ringing 07375 934713. If you know anyone who might like to use this service please pass on this information.

**ST. BENET BISCOP ~ (12th January) . . .** As a young man, Biscop Baducing was a nobleman at the court of King Oswy of Northumbria. His desire to enter the monastic life took him on two pilgrimages to Rome. After his second visit, he joined the community at Lérins, off the coast of France, taking the name Benedict. He stayed there for two years. While in Rome in 669 he was asked to return to England with Theodore, the new Archbishop of Canterbury, and he remained there as abbot for a further two years.

He was then helped by King Egfrith to found two monasteries in the north: one at Wearmouth in 674 and the other at Jarrow in 682. Benet continued to visit the continent and brought back a great wealth of books and artwork. His library was an invaluable resource for the work of St. Bede. When Benet died his monasteries had already become important centres of learning and Christian culture.

**Cardinal Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, stressed the importance of keeping churches open, especially during these challenging times.**

Cardinal Nichols has commented that: "The regular practice of our faith in God is a well-established source of both personal resilience and dedicated service to those in need. Such resilience and enduring service are vital in these difficult circumstances. I am glad that no measures have been introduced that would obstruct or curtail this essential source of energy for the common good. Catholic parishes will continue to serve the needs of their local community."

**THANK YOU** to all St. Patrick's parishioners who are delivering bulletins, providing treats and for all other acts of kindness during these difficult times.

**Please forward any prayers**, thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and they will be included on the bulletin. Thank you.

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