



# The Baptism of The Lord

**Week 3**
**11th January 2026**
**Year A(II)**
**Sat 10:**

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Mary Folan ann RIP

**Sun 11: The Baptism of The Lord**

8.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

10.30am: Rita Rawlings RIP

6.00pm Karen Goode (ints)

**Mon 12: St Aelred of Rievaulx**

9.30am Morning prayer

6.00pm: Charles Tissera (ann RIP)

**Tues 13: Saint Hilary**

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Kathleen O'Flynn RIP

10.30am Rosary in Church

**Wed 14**

6pm: Martin Soosay RIP

**Thu 15**

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Mr &amp; Mrs I Fisher (ints)

10.30am Rosary in Church

10.30am Tea &amp; Coffee in JP II Room

6pm Adoration &amp; Confessions (Church)

**Fri 16**

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Pat Cosgrove (RIP)

10.30am Rosary in Church

2pm Christian Meditation in Church

**Sat 17: St Antony**

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Tom Budrevicius (ints)

**Sun 18: Second in Ordinary Time**

8.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

10.30am: O'Connell Family (ints)

6.00pm:

## I Have Put My Spirit In Him

Christmas has been an effusion of fresh air, bringing peace, joy, and hope to the whole world, especially to the Christian faithful. We behold, face to face, Jesus, the Son of God, who made Himself visible to reveal to us the mystery of the Trinity. The "Invisible" God became visible in Christ Jesus, living as a citizen of this world among us.

This truth is an essential point of our Creed, illuminating our lives and giving us the certainty of God's presence among us and of our successful future in Him. Not all recognised and welcomed Jesus as the Light of the World and the Messiah. He who created the world and came to His own home was not accepted, preferring darkness to light and death to life.

Jesus gave us an example of humility by desiring to be baptised by John the Baptist. He taught us to acknowledge the need to pass from slavery to freedom, from sin to holiness, from death to life.

John the Baptist was initially opposed to baptising Him, but Jesus pleaded with him to do it to fulfil all righteousness. Then the Holy Spirit and God the Father entered into action, introducing Jesus as the "beloved Son of God, in whom He is well pleased." The Baptism was prefigured in the Old Testament by the crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites fleeing from Pharaoh's slavery into the land of freedom, where God sealed the Covenant with them. The real crossing of Christ was His baptism on the Cross. From the Cross, He led us to freedom. In every Baptism, this mystery is fulfilled thanks to Jesus' personal example.

God the Father presented His own Son to us, glorified Him, and made Him the Leader, the new Moses, who will lead the world to Full New Life. God the Father instructed us to "LISTEN TO HIS SON," to follow Him with all our heart, faith, and love. Though Jesus is "one dwelling with us," one like us except in sin, He is the source of full life and grace. From that moment, Jesus becomes the only way of salvation; all of us need to welcome Him as the gift of His Father to us.

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## NOTICES

**Any notices for the parish newsletter** can be emailed to the parish office: [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk) whilst Fr Godfrey is away.

**Fr Enrique Rituerto** is available at the presbytery whilst Fr Godfrey is away. Please contact him when necessary; for emergencies, he can be reached at 07440 265073.

**First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on two dates:  
**1st Group:** 3rd May 2026 at 10.30am. **2nd Group:** 10th May 2026 at 10.30am.

**Confirmation Mass** will be taking place on Sunday 24th May 2026 at 1.00pm, on the Feast of Pentecost. Please pray for our young people as they continue to prepare for the sacrament in the spring.

### **Our Jubilee Year: We Invite Proposals for:**

**A)** A Jubilee slogan and logo highlighting the renewal and growth of faith and our call to mission. This Jubilee marks **175 years of faith** and **100 years of a figure dedicated to evangelisation**. **B)** Share your ideas for Jubilee Year initiatives. Please email: [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk) or via the QR code by **15 Jan 2026**.



**Churches Together for Chipping Barnet Week of Prayer in Christian Unity 19 - 25 January 2026** invites you to join them at the following venues. **Theme:** 'One Body, One Spirit' (based on Ephesians 4:4). **Time:** 12.30pm-1.30pm followed by a simple Soup Lunch (no lunch available on Wednesday):-

**Mon 19th:** Underhill Baptist Church. Rev Martin Berry.

**Tue 20th:** St Peter's Church, Arkley. Rosemary Watkins.

**Wed 21st:** Hope Corner Community Centre, 185 Mays Lane. Rev Ray Thomas.

**Thu 22nd:** St Marks Church, Barnet Vale. Rev Tristan Chapman

**Fri 23rd:** Christ Church, St Albans Road. Rev Andy Rimmer.

**Sat 24th:** Wyburn Room at Wesley Hall. Rev Abe Yiadom-Konadu

**Sun 25th:** United Service at Barnet URC, Wood Street. Rev Dominic Grant. Guest Speaker: TBC.

**St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Reception Intake 2026** - The last date for submission of the School SIF is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Should you require any further information please contact Mrs Franzini: 020 8440 4946 or email: [admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.net](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.net)

### **MUSIC LITURGY 10.30 MASS:**

**Gathering:** Open your ears, O Christian people

**Psalm** **The Lord will bless his people with peace**

**Gospel Acc:** Vs: Ainslie Christmas Carol Alleluia

**CHORUS:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

1. And Mary bore Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. 2. Good News! Good News!

**Offertory:** **O Living water**

**Communion:** Behold the lamb of God, behold the lamb of God. He takes away the sins, the sins of the world.

**Going Forth:** **The voice of God** (Omit vs 2)



**Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them:** David Kelly, Shawn Kelly, Rosemary Chester, Lorraine Norrie, Catherine Evans, Janine Kelly, Louie Sheehy, Stephen Mealy, Bernadette Mealy, Martin Harrison, Victor Annan, Mary Spearman, Alice Power, Carlotta Brunelli, Nula Mole, Bunty Flynn.

**Deceased Anniversaries:** Charles Tissera, Ann Folan, Olive Bull, Rhona Jarvis, Wally Small, Cornelius Blessington

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**OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 10.30am-12 noon AND 4.00pm-5.30pm**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & WEEKENDS: CLOSED**

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