



The Baptism of Christ

Sunday 11th January 2026

Hymns

- 147 Crown him with many crowns
- 142 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
- 442 Christ, when for us you were baptized
- 343 Be thou my vision

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp burns this week in loving memory of Juliette Walker, treasured daughter of Rosie and Rick. **R.I.P.**

100 Club: The 100 Club draw for January will be made after today's service. For membership details, please ask David Jones or email him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk.

Funeral of Sheila Roberts will take place at the Funeral Parlour of McCallum & Tritton on Stanley Road, Bootle on **Wednesday 14th January** at **11:30am**. Attendance is welcomed.

Blessed Sacrament Lamp Dedications: A BIG thank you to everyone who chose to remember their loved ones in this way. We reinstated the practice at Pentecost, and through your kindness, raised **£214.30** for Church funds, up to the end of 2025. We are very grateful for your support. If there is someone in your life who you would like to remember, family or friend, please speak to Judy Riley with a few weeks' notice and donations of £5 or more please. Thank you.

Donations and Giving: We rely on generous individual giving for much of our income at St Faith's. If you are a UK taxpayer donations can be Gift Aided to provide additional benefit to the church. If you worship here regularly then please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme by using this link - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/great-crosby-st-faith-liverpool/>. There is a contactless donation point at the back of church for phone or card use.

Events

Our Lady of Walsingham Group: A very informal but **important** meeting for everyone on **Saturday 17th January, 2:00pm to 4:30pm** in the Mackert Room, St Faith's Hall. We will be praying for peace and making plans for the year ahead. Usual fellowship and refreshments – please do come along!

There will be an Ecumenical Prayer Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity organised by Churches Together in Waterloo and Crosby at the Roman Catholic Church of St Peter and St Paul on **Sunday 18th January at 3pm** - all are welcome!

RSPB Big Birdwatch Count: St Faith's is signed up to take part in the annual national bird count on **Saturday 24th January, 10:00am to 11:00am**. You are invited to join us at St Faith's and fill in your own count. We will send the totals to RSPB, who use the data to see which birds are doing well and which are struggling across the country. You will have a chart to record numbers and an RSPB colour sheet of all the common garden birds. There will also be tea coffee...and even biscuits! Just turn up on the day for 10:00am to join in the fun!

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist The Baptism of Christ	Fr. Louis Johnson
Monday 12th January, 9:30am Morning Prayer	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 14th January, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Fr. Peter Cowley
Thursday 15th January, 12 noon Eucharist	Fr. Dennis Smith
Next Sunday, 11:00am, Eucharist The Second Sunday of Epiphany	Fr. Dennis Smith <i>Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7, Psalm 40.1-12, 1 Corinthians 1.1-9, John 1.29-42</i>

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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: St Christopher Norris Green, Monkstown School, Broad Square School, St John Tuebrook, Lister School, West Derby Comprehensive School, Holy Spirit Dovecot, Dovecot School, Blueberry Park School, St Cuthbert Croxteth Park, Emmaus School, Christ Church Norris Green, Leamington School, Ranworth Square School, Wellesbourne School, St Teresa's School, St Andrew Clubmoor, Roscoe School.

Parish: Park View, Brooke Road East, Alder Grove, Cedar Grove, Laurel Grove, Myrtle Grove, Pine Grove, Somerville Grove.

The World: For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods, famines and earthquakes. For emergency workers working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources. For all victims of cruelty, injustice and exploitation.

The Church: The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Ruth, Ven Pete Spiers, our Archdeacon, Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

Those who are sick: Joan McKortel, Alistair Byron, Fr. Michael Brinkworth, Angie Price, Susie Greenwood, Jill Deeprose, Holly Keira Barnes, Ken Welsby, Martin Goodwin, Evie Dunne.

The recently departed: Sheila Roberts.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: Edward Sydney Woods (Bishop), Harriet Salmon, Courtney Clarke, Roy Goodwin, Julie Walker, Irene Taylor, Sarah Simons, Dorothy Kent, Norah Rodgers, Henry Bonnici, Anne Holland, Pat Edwards, Marian Ashworth, Mary Cecilia Dixon, William Henry Simons, Martha Jane Pilkington, Emily Caroline Goodwin, Evelyn Hughes, Audrey Pearson, Frederick Beattie, Joan Holmes, Lilian Grieves, Sian Hawkins, Ada Margaret Pilkington, John Bell, Elizabeth Jane Williamson, Margaret Poole, George Nicholson, Elizabeth Williamson, Kenneth Hall.

The Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, *Isaiah 42.1-9*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29

Response (congregation):-

May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace!

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace!

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace!

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace!

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace!

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace!

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

May the Lord bless his people, bless his people with peace!

Second Reading, Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Gospel, Matthew 3.13-end

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God

descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Post Communion

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.