

The Baptism of Christ

11th January 2026



Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

First Reading (Isaiah 42:1-9)

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.
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 (Psalm 29)

Response:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.
O give the Lord, you children of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord resplendent and holy. R

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. R

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. R

Second Reading (Acts 10:34 -43)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
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."

Gospel Reading (Matthew 3:13-17)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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 of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens
and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For your prayers

In our Prayers:

Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Terry Folan, Sheila Hoppenbrouwers, Eamon Irvine, Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Maggie Stevenson, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Joanne Dack, Jacqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini, Tommy Naylor, Albert Kwasi Kkwateng, Lenny Shaw, baby Maison

Among the departed:

Anniversaries of Death:

George Thomas Woolf, Thomas Burling, Walter Barber, Berkeley William Randolph (Pr), Florrie Page, William Sully, Philip Hitchin

In our parish:

We pray for Dingley Place, Mora Street and Gambier House

In the wider world:

We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between Israel and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts.

Notices

This week in church...

Wednesday Open Church: 10am-1pm
12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday Second Sunday after Epiphany
Sung Mass 10.30am

St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the **Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory** which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London. Please give what you can.

THE DUNLOE CENTRE always needs the following:

TINNED FOODS (ring pull for preference)

Corned beef and meats of all kinds.

Fish, Soups (all flavours), baked beans, spaghetti in tomato sauce. Fruit, rice pudding and custard.

Vegetables (chick peas and pulses are the least useful)

DRIED GOODS

Cup-a-soups, potnoodles and instant noodles.

TOILETRIES (mostly for men)

Shower gel, shampoo, soap, deodorant, face flannels Disposable razors, shaving cream, pocket-size packs of tissues.

Can you help?

Please speak to Sherry in you'd like to help set up for the service and with the refreshments or clear away on Sundays. We're looking for volunteers to help share out these jobs.

**Congratulations to Gordon and Ginny
on their
Golden Wedding Anniversary**



