

**THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
YEAR C
12th JANUARY 2025 : Mass Times**

Sunday 12 th January	11.00 am	THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Shirley David (B'day/TKS)
Tuesday 14 th January	9:30 pm	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Margaret Woods +
Sunday 19 th January	11.00 am	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Jo & Rita Farrugia +



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please feel free to contact Fr. Nnam Di Obi to arrange confession

If Father Nnam Di Obi is not available and a priest is required urgently, please call:

**Holy Family : 01793 297 256
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St Joseph's Catholic Church, Wroughton

We welcome visitors and anyone who is visiting us for the first time.

We pray for God's special blessing on you.

We wish you a very Happy and Holy worship with us.



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Readings	: Sunday Mass Cycle C : Ordinary Time Week 1 Year 1.
Eucharistic Prayer	: Psalter (or at Priest's Choice)
Entrance Antiphon	: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.
First Reading	: Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7
Psalm Response	: The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Second Reading	: Acts 10:34-38
Gospel Acclamation	: Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!
Gospel	: Luke 3:15-16. 21-22
Communion Antiphon	: Behold the one of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading

Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.

2nd Reading

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel

When Jesus had been baptism and was praying, the heavens were opened.

Baptism of the Lord is an important aspect of Christmas Season. It marks the end of Christmas and the beginning of the ordinary time.

Luke, in the uniqueness of his account, tells us that after all have been baptised, Jesus was baptised by John before the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

A voice spoke from the heavens in affirmation and confirmation of the identity and ministry of Christ.

In Baptism we go down into the tomb with Christ in order to be raised with him.

CONFIRMATION 2025: The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7:00pm. The application forms are available online and in the parish office. The first preparation session will start on 4th February 2025 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The preparation programme is on the parish notice board.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION : The date for First Holy Communion 2025 is on Saturday 10th May 2025 at 11:00 am. The next preparation session will be on 18th January 2025 at 10:00 am to 11:00 am in Holy Family Church Swindon.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: This is an important message for families in our parish. It concerns any sick or housebound person that needs the parish priest for a visit and for the sacrament of the sick. Please arrange an appointment with a priest or send us an email as soon as possible. It is better not left till the last minute.

TEA & COFFEE : Tea & Coffee will be served in the Parish Hall after mass on Sundays and Tuesdays.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE CHURCH: A very big thank you to all the volunteers in our parish community. We cannot thank you enough for the gift of your time and talents. However, we are mindful that our parish priest and the entire pastoral team have a duty of care for our staff and for those who volunteer to support us in any way. We have carefully discerned that some are beginning to be burdened by their voluntary services. Recently, we have received a good number of brilliant recommendations in the suggestion box; part of it being the need to make some changes and to relieve some volunteers of their duties. Therefore, without prejudice to the excellent services of our volunteers, we invite anyone who wishes to be relieved of their duties in the parish, especially those in the finance and pastoral committees of the parish, to inform our parish priest as soon as possible. We do hope that any decision taken in this regard will rightly be understood as having been carefully made with prayer and discernment.

PARKING: At busy times, such as at Sunday Mass, do consider parking in the free public car park in the Ellendune Centre, when the Church car park is full. Please keep the roads and pavements near the Church clear and avoid blocking people's residence and shops.

PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS

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Anniversaries: We pray for the dead, especially those who have died recently - and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Diocesan Prayer Link : *St. Catharine, Frome, St. Dominic, Mells.*

Pope's Message: Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of January. The intention is 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.