

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.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Or

O God, whose Only Begotten Son
has appeared in our very flesh,
grant, we pray, that we may be inwardly transformed
through him whom we recognise as outwardly like ourselves.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the
nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 28

RESPONSE: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

- O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **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 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "The truth I have
now come to realise" he said "is that God does not have favourites,
but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what
is right is acceptable to him.

"It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to
them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ –
but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the
recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how
he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God
had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because
God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all
who had fallen into the power of the devil."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:
"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John.
John tried to dissuade him. "It is I who need baptism from you," he
said, "and yet you come to me!" But Jesus replied, "Leave it like
this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all
that righteousness demands." At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water,
and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God
descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke
from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the offerings
we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son,
so that the oblation of your faithful
may be transformed into the sacrifice of him
who willed in his compassion
to wash away the sins of the world.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,
we may be your children in name and in truth.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment.

Please contact either Fr Paul, Fr Luke or one of the other Ipswich priests if you or a family member are going in to hospital.

Please consider setting up a standing order in favour of the parish instead of a weekly cash offering. If you can Gift Aid your donation, please complete a form which you can find in the church porch.

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The Baptism of the Lord – 8th January 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A.

Today we welcome Fr Chris Dobson who will be celebrating the Saturday Vigil Mass and Fr Luke who will be celebrating our Sunday Masses

Sunday Hymns: Entrance: No. 418 On Jordan's Bank Offertory: No 158 Gifts of Bread & Wine Communion: No. 183 (verses 1-3 only)
God's Spirit is in my Heart Recession: No. 198 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Services During the Coming Week

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| Saturday 7 th January | 5:30pm | Confessions |
| | 6:00 pm | The Baptism of the Lord – Vigil Mass, Reader M Kenning. |
| Sunday 8 th January | 8:00 am | Holy Mass offered for the Vieira family, Reader F Vieira, Eucharistic Minister C Moore |
| | 10:00 am | Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish. Reader M Pakes, Eucharistic Minister M Long <i>Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass today</i> |
| Monday 9 th January | Feria | |
| | 10:00 am | Holy Mass |
| Tuesday 10 th January | Feria | |
| | 10:00 am | Holy Mass offered for the Vieira family. |
| Wednesday 11 th January | Feria | |
| | No Mass Today | |
| Thursday 12 th January | Feria | |
| | 10:00 am | Holy Mass |
| Friday 13 th January | Feria | |
| | 10:00 am | Holy Mass, followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy |
| Saturday 14 th January | 5:30pm | Confessions |
| | 6:00 pm | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Vigil Mass |

Fr Luke writes:

Christ's baptism cuts to the heart of the gospel message. For, the profound truth is that when God the Father looks at each of us, he says to each of us what he said to Jesus on that day. He sees us, not as we are in ourselves, but as we are in Jesus Christ. Now, this might be a difficult thing to get our heads around, especially for those people who perhaps have never had this kind of support or relationship from their earthly parents, but it is true: God looks at us and says: "you are my dear, dear child; I am delighted with you, my favour rests on you." In these dark days, I thoroughly recommend as a good prayerful activity to simply read this sentence slowly and put your own name at the start of it. Find a time and a space to be still and reflect quietly on God on what God is saying to you: God is still saying to each one of us as he said both at our baptism and every day since, that we are His beloved children, sons daughters in him and his favour rests on us!

Putting Christmas Away

After 10:00 Mass today, the Christmas decorations and nativity arrangements will be dismantled and returned to storage. If you can spare half an hour or so after Mass to help with this work it would be much appreciated.

Farewell Mass for Bishop Alan

Our new bishop, Peter Collins, will be hosting a special Mass of thanksgiving and farewell for Bishop Alan Hopes, the recently retired bishop of East Anglia. The Mass will be celebrated at the cathedral church of St John the Baptist on Tuesday 24th January at 11:30 am and will be followed by a light buffet lunch. This is an open invitation to all members of the Diocese. To allow numbers to be gauged for catering purposes, if you would like to attend please advise Fr Luke today and the names of those wishing to attend will be collated and passed to the organisers.

Deacon Clive Brooks RIP

On Wednesday 25th January at 10:00 am there will be a Requiem Mass for Deacon Clive Brooks at St Marks Church, 180 Hawthorne Drive, Ipswich, IP2 0QQ at 10:00 am. The newly ordained bishop of East Anglia, Bishop Peter Collins, will be officiating. Clive's coffin will be received into the church at 4:30 pm where it will lie overnight.

The Sick of the Parish

We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit:

John Anderson-Hurst, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Josephine Kalagira, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Pauline Newton, Mary O'Reilly, Carol Sims and Pippa Williamson.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Hugh Roger, Vera Johnson, Timothy Downey, Regina "Queenie" Scott, Godfrey Schofield, Albert Thaine, Rita Aldis, William Taylor, Peter Eaton, Margaret Howes and Kevin Finegan whose anniversaries occur about this time. A complete list of parish anniversaries can be found on the web site.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.