

<p>The Baptism of Our Lord</p> <p>First Reading Isaiah 55:1-11 Those who thirst are invited to “come to the water”.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.</p> <p>Second Reading 1 John 5:1-9 Christian life requires both faith in Jesus and love of other people.</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Alleluia!</p> <p>Gospel Mark 1:7-11 Mark’s Gospel starts with the “good news” of Jesus’ baptism at the beginning of his ministry.</p>
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Sunday 10th January 2021 Sunday Year B
The Baptism of Our Lord Weekday Cycle II

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael’s)	9 Jan	5.30pm	Reta Nicholson RIP
Sunday (St Michael’s)	10 Jan	9.00am	Maureen Singleton RIP
Sunday (St Helen’s)	10 Jan	11.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	12 Jan	12.00pm	Canon Lawrence Lister (Leeds)
Wednesday (St Michael’s)	13 Jan	12.00pm	Key Workers
Thursday	14 Jan	12.00pm	Fr. E Antony Pearson (Leeds)n
Friday	15 Jan	12.00pm	Mr Irvin Bennett RIP
Saturday	16 Jan	12.00pm	Mrs Stella Bennett RIP
Saturday (St Michael’s)	16 Jan	5.30pm	Nora and Wally Price RIP
Sunday (St Michael’s)	17 Jan	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen’s)	17 Jan	11.00am	Edward Stasiukiewicz RIP

Please go to the link below so you can join in with Masses and Services, streamed live by Fr Declan, or catch up later at the following link:
[www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiDearneValley/live _ videos/](http://www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiDearneValley/live_videos/)

“You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.”
On this weekend last year more than twenty thousand Christian pilgrims flocked to the Jordan River to be baptised in the spot where John the Baptist is said to have baptised Jesus. Qasr al-Yahud (“tower of the Jews”) is located in the West Bank about twenty-five miles east of Jerusalem, on the border with Jordan. It is one of the most important Christian pilgrimage sites in the world.
Before the opening of the site in 2000, the location was closed to visitors and pilgrims as the area was filled with landmines that had been planted there following the Six Day War in 1967. After the signing of the peace agreement between Jordan and Israel in 1994, the site was cleared of mines, paving the way for the return of the ancient site from a war zone into a pilgrimage site. Care of the site today includes ecological work around the Jordan River itself, as its shores have become polluted and its levels are at historic lows as water gets diverted for human use. Yet many people want to be baptised in the Jordan River for both its historical and spiritual significance.
Jesus grew up in the backwater town of Nazareth in Galilee. When news reached him that John was baptising in the Jordan near Jericho, he seems to have interpreted it as a sign that the time had come for his public ministry to begin. When Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened suddenly, and Mark records that the Spirit descended like a dove upon him. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.” We learn that Jesus is sent by God and the “Beloved” of God.
As Jesus begins his public ministry, we are granted a revelation of the Holy Trinity. At this moment we see for the first time the union of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The three persons of the Trinity are participating in this baptismal ritual. But we see something else as well. We see Jesus accepting baptism by John, mingling with those who have come to confess their sins, be baptised and receive forgiveness. He joins the queue of people for baptism, wanting to share the joys and sorrows of his people. Jesus shows that he intends to engage with humanity in all of its struggles, limitations and problems.

The baptism of Jesus begins his plunge into the life of the people. In the depths of the water he enters into the depths of his own humanity, human society and the natural world which is the context of all life on earth. We could say that Jesus has entered into that part of all of us which laughs and sings, dances and cries, feels for those who are sick and suffering, desires the best for others, and cares for God's creation. Baptism builds up the faith, not only of the person being baptised, but of the rest of the church community.

Today we are reminded of the implications of our own baptism in Christ, which requires us to live as Christ did and immerse ourselves in the grief and joy of all God's people. We are called to show compassion to people in need, be advocates for justice and peace, and care for the gifts of earth, such as water. We are to be a healing presence in the world. And note that Jesus is told that he is "Beloved". As human beings, we have an instinctive need to be loved as well as to love others. Hopefully, each of us has people in our lives who love and care for us. Have you told them lately how much they mean to you? Today may we be mindful of the people who love us and be grateful for the great gift they give us. And also today, may we be more dedicated in our loving, and resolve in the coming year not to let petty quarrels and jealousies get in the way of caring for those around us. Our love for and service to one another is a sharing in the love of God. Let us be reminded of that as we reflect on the beautiful image of Jesus, the voice of God the Father and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove of peace revealing themselves at the Jordan

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Amy Moore, Paddy McNicholas, Peter Hutchinson, Clare Dingwall, Anne Whittingham, Terence Dyson, Sue Bird, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Carol Beard, Edna Yates, Justin Phillip Collins, Hannah Prentiss, Pat and Colin Hermitage, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Lesley Easton, Val Armstrong, Minnie Helen Pozorski, Terry Mullins, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Anne Lacey, Kath Cragg, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher, Andrew Chandler.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the souls of Ronald Hibberd and Maxwell Stephenson who both died recently. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers.

Donations and Weekly Offerings

Please continue to donations via PayPal, online payments and Standing Order. This is our main source of income. Donations to the parish can be made online via PayPal at corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/ Another way is to donate is by Standing Order and the form is available on the website. Please note that the full name of the account is

Diocese of Hallam, Corpus Christi Parish`.

Gift Aid

A number of our parishioners have queried their contributions for the last tax year, especially those who paid by Standing Order. The missing information has now been forwarded to the Gift Aid Coordinator in Leeds, who will make the necessary adjustments. Please accept my apologies for the error.

If there is anyone who is able to take on the role of Parish Gift Aid Coordinator, that would be a great help. I am looking for someone for the tax year beginning 6th April 2021. Please let Fr Declan know if you are able to assist.

Marion Harrison

CAFOD Volunteers Required.

Join our CAFOD Volunteer Team: Just a few hours a month could help us to share updates and enable our parish community to take action for global justice. Please help us to keep the conversations about human rights, social justice and climate action going, and stay connected with those who are impacted by poverty and injustice. You will be supported by Angela Powell, our local CAFOD worker for the Diocese. Contact Angela for more details apowell@cafod.org.uk or sign up here www.cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Sign-up

Mass Offerings

There are plenty of Masses available for your intentions, especially for weekday masses. Please use one of the specially printed envelopes from the back of church, or you can send an email or telephone.

Apostles` Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous Father: it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. In particular, you call some to serve you as ministers in your church. Bless our Diocese of Hallam by raising up faith-filled and dedicated priests, deacons and religious. Bless our families and choose from our homes those who are needed for your mission.

Blessed John Anne	Pray for us
Blessed Robert Ludlam	Pray for us
Blessed Nicholas Garlick	Pray for us
Blessed William Richardson	Pray for us
O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help	Pray for us