

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



ST MARGARET'S, DUNFERMLINE
AND
CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME, OAKLEY

VIRTUAL  WEEK 41

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RESPONSE FOR THE SUNDAY MASS AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

PSALM	With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'</i>

Day	Time	Date	Intention
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	10	People of the Parish and Francesca Giudice (birthday remembrance)
MON	10am (SM)	11	James and Jean Duffy R.I.P.
TUES	10am (SM)	12	Joan Wells R.I.P.
WED	10am (SM)	13	Jim Norman R.I.P.
THURS	10am (SM)	14	John Barrett (Anniv) & Sheila McColgan R.I.P.
FRIDAY	10am (SM)	15	Francie McMenemy R.I.P and Colin McIntosh R.I.P.
SAT	10am (SM)	16	Peter Lynagh R.I.P.
SUNDAY	10am (SM)	17	People of the Parish and Pat Busby (Anniv.)

Please remember in your prayers Jim Norman who has died recently. Jim's Funeral will take place at Dunfermline Crematorium on Thursday. May he rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass celebrated for a particular intention please get in touch by email, phone or drop a note through the letterbox or, if at a service, pop into the box for offertory collections.

If you wish a Mass card, write your name and address and one will be posted.

PARISH ZOOM GROUP

On Sunday's at 11am there is a gathering for coffee after Mass and on Thursday evenings starting at 7:30pm there is a social quiz evening. These events are open to all parishioners. To find out how to join them please email Tom Scott on tom.scott0711@gmail.com.

LEGACY PROJECT: The latest invoice for a mere £25,321.34 has been paid. Thanks for your continued support.

DEAR FRIENDS

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

It is the last day of the Christmas season and acts as a bridge between Christmastide and what is called “ordinary” time. In the Feast of the Baptism we meet the adult Christ, it is another Epiphany, another showing forth of who Jesus really is. We, the readers of/listeners to the Gospel are given a privileged insight into the identity of Jesus. From the outset, unlike the disciples, we know who Jesus is. Does that knowledge alter our lives for the better? Jesus accepts his mission from the Father and is fully immersed into humanity. He stands with us in all closeness. He didn't need to undergo baptism, but he did, as another sign that God in Christ shares fully in the poverty of our human life that we may share in the riches of God.

Both Pope Francis and I have had to cancel baptisms scheduled for today. It reminded me that the Church teaches that there are other types of baptism: of desire and by blood. The fervent desire to be baptised by an individual or a child's parents brings the grace of the sacrament if the physical act cannot be carried out; those who are killed in hatred of the faith, even if before baptism, receive the grace of the sacraments. God communicates His life to us through the Sacraments, they are privileged moments of encounter with God, they are doors to the sacred. But God, being God, is not shackled to them and still shares his life and love with those who sincerely wish to receive it. As public worship is once again suspended, we should try to remember this fact. The Bishops have written to the First Minister protesting against Church closures. Personally, I agree with the First Minister. As I read the “debate” taking place on social media over this I have thought that if I was considering joining the Church at this time I would be seriously reconsidering if I was doing the correct thing after reading a lot of these comments.

With best wishes and prayers for the coming week

Fr Chris

LIVESTREAMING

AS THE PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF MASS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL THE END OF THE JANUARY AT LEAST, OUR LIVESTREAM ACCESS REMAINS AVAILABLE.

For both weekday and weekend Masses at 10am, livestream access from St Margaret's (as well as prior recordings) please go to <https://stmargaretsdunfermline.co.uk/stream/> or at <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-margarets-rc-church>

In addition, his grace, the Archbishop also holds his Sunday Mass, information via the Archdiocesan website

Funeral Masses may be celebrated in Church with a maximum congregation of 20 people.

St Joseph's in Clarkston are continuing with their telephone Mass service. The Number to call to hear Fr Stephen's Mass is 0141 473 4869.

THANK YOU

I have received a letter from the Children and Families Team at the Social Work Department in Dunfermline thanking everyone for the donation of gifts at Christmas.

Scott writes: "amid a heath pandemic it is heart-warming to see that there are still individuals capable of such generosity. These gifts make a huge difference to the families who are less fortunate at this time of year and we always make them aware of the source of the gifts we pass on to them.

Once again thank you from all the teams and please pass on our gratitude to your members."

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

'My Jesus, I Believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
Although You have already come,
I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.'



PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

From 'Patris Corde' proclamation by His Holiness Pope Francis announcing a Year of St. Joseph.

ST MARGARET'S NOVENA



Almighty God, we thank you for all of your gifts to us. We thank you for the gift of our faith, for our families and for the example and prayers of St. Margaret of Scotland. Through her intercession we approach you now, asking that we may grow in our love for you and in service of our neighbour. With confidence and through the intercession of St Margaret, we ask you to hear our prayers and grant us the graces that we need. (In silence we ask St Margaret to carry our prayers to the Father.) Let us pray. O God, who made Saint Margaret of Scotland wonderful in her outstanding charity towards the poor, grant that through her intercession and example we may reflect among all humanity the image of your divine goodness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

St Margaret of Scotland. Pray for us.

St. Margaret's Memorial Church, Dunfermline is the custodian of the Major Relic of St. Margaret of Scotland, The novena is prayed before her shrine on the 10th -18th of each month.



Visit <https://archedinburgh.org/childrens-liturgy-at-home-get-ready-for-sunday-31/> for some great ideas to celebrate and explain this Sunday.

More resources can be found at <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

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JESUS	JORDAN	JOHN
BAPTISM	FITTING	DEMANDS
WATER	HEAVENS	SPIRIT
DOVE	VOICE	SON



FIRE AND WATER: THE POWER OF THE SACRAMENTS



We invite you to explore the power of the sacraments in a new series of talks hosted by the Archdiocese.

The first talk is titled Fire & Water and covers Confirmation and Baptism. Sr Anna Marie McGuan, our Catechetics Advisor, leads the 45-minute session and is encouraging Catholics across the Archdiocese to take part.

She said: "It's a new year and this a great opportunity to renew our understanding of the sacraments. The sacraments of the Catholic Church are central to our life of Faith and in the talk, I hope to help people better understand their power.

"The grace of Baptism is completed in Confirmation, and the gift of the Holy Spirit is given so that you can be a mature witness to your Faith.

"This talk will also be helpful to parents whose children are being prepared for baptism or confirmation."

Sign up for your deanery area by emailing sranna.marie@staned.org.uk. All talks on Zoom. Fife: Mon 11 Jan 2:00pm | West Lothian Mon 11 Jan 7:30pm | Mid/East Lothian & Borders Mon 18 Jan 2:00pm | Edinburgh Mon 18 Jan 7:30pm | Falkirk & Stirling Mon 25 Jan 7:30pm. Event organised by the Catechetics Commission of the Archdiocese, led by Fr Daniel Doherty.

PARISH CHARITIES/GROUPS

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Our SVP conference has been working hard to meet the needs of those in difficulty at this time. If you are able to help, the Bank Details are:

Account Name	SSVP AEO2044
Sort Code	800655
Account Number	00768139

A massive Thank You to all who have donated!



ST. MARGARET'S ONE WORLD GROUP

SUPPORTING MARY'S MEALS, HAITI HELP, EMMS AND PEAS.

We thank recent donors but if any of you feel able to donate to our work you can do so to our bank account (**remember all Mary's Meals donations are doubled till 31/1 by the Government up to £2million**):

Account Name	St Margarets One World Group;
Sort Code	83-33-00
Account Number	10191867

If you prefer to send a cheque please contact our treasurer Maureen Japp on 01383 725967 or by email at maureenjapp@hotmail.co.uk

PARISH FINANCES

Please only donate if you can do so; do not put yourself into any hardship.

WAYS TO DONATE:

If you can, please consider Gift Aiding any donation you make.

1. Contactless

If you wish, you can donate by the contactless machine.

2. The old way

We still take hard cash as well! Just put into the plastic box at the back of the church on your way out after Mass.

3. Standing Order

Standing order forms are available on the parish website or you can set up on online via your bank.

4. Online ad hoc donations

If you have internet banking you can use this too. There are two ways:

- using the following bank account details:
for **St Margaret's**: sort code: 80 06 55 Account 00720303.
for **Holy Name**: sort code 83 33 00 Account number 00176355.
- using the link via the Archdiocese (archedinburgh.org) online secure 'donate' links

REFLECTION

WHEN JESUS COMES TO JORDAN'S STREAM

Michael Joncas



1. When Je - sus comes to Jor - dan's stream A voice from
2. When Je - sus comes to Jor - dan's stream He me - di -
3. When Je - sus comes to Jor - dan's stream He feels the
4. Now, Je - sus, come to us to - day And give your



1. heav - en calls, "This is my well - be - lov - ed Son,
2. ates God's grace. The Righ - teous One with sin - ners stands,
3. Spir - it's breath, A - bid - ing pres - ence in his life,
4. Spir - it's fire To all who live bap - tis - mal life



1. On whom my fa - vor falls"; God's Spir - it hov - ers
2. With them he takes his place. The bruis - ed reed he
3. A love that con - quers death. That ver - y Spir - it
4. Through font, blood or de - sire. Be - friend us, grasp us



1. in the air A - bove the Cho - sen One: The Tri - une
2. will not break, Nor quench the smol - d'ring wick. He will not
3. speaks in us That Je - sus Christ is Lord, Who does not
4. by the hand, Send us forth from this hour, As cov - e -



1. God made man - i - fest In Voice and Dove and Son.
2. crush the bro - ken heart, But helps and heals the sick.
3. shout mere hu - man truths But in - car - nates God's word.
4. nant and na - tions' light And lib - er - at - ing power.

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Music: THE THIRD TUNE; Thomas Tallis 1505–1585.

COME TO THE WATER

John Foley, S.J.



1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the
 2. And let all who seek, let them come to the
 3. And let all who toil, let them come to the
 4. And let all the poor, let them come to the



1. wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,
 2. wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,
 3. wa - ter. And let all who are wea - ry,
 4. wa - ter. Bring the ones who are lad - en,



1. let them come to the Lord: with - out
 2. let them come to the Lord: with - out
 3. let them come to the Lord: all who
 4. bring them all to the Lord: bring the



1. mon - ey, with - out price. Why should you pay the
 2. mon - ey, with - out strife. Why should you spend your
 3. la - bor, with - out rest. How can your soul find
 4. chil - dren with - out might. Eas - y the load and



1. price, ex - cept for the Lord?
 2. life, ex - cept for the Lord?
 3. rest, ex - cept for the Lord?
 4. light: 7 come to the Lord.

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JESUS TO JORDAN'S WATERS CAME

BROTHER JAMES' AIR



1. Je - sus to Jor - dan's wa - ters came Those wa - ters to re - deem.
2. Ris - ing he saw the heav - ens rent; Saw, fall - ing from a - bove,
3. Fa - ther, who claimed us in your Son, Keep us your chil - dren still.



1. Un - der the Bap - tist's guid - ing hand He plunged in - to its stream
2. God's Spir - it sail - ing down on him, In sym - bol as a dove.
3. Spir - it, who shone a - bout the Christ, His life in us ful - fill.



1. That all who come to be bap - tized Might share his life su - preme.
2. He heard his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's voice: "You are the Son I love."
3. O Christ, sus - tain our life in you In thought and heart and will.

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Music: J.L. MacBeth Bain, ca. 1840–1925.

Tune=The Lord's my shepherd



THE LAST WORD...

Today, the church celebrates the feast of Christ's baptism. It is another Epiphany of our God; the Father, and the Son and the Holy spirit being manifested at the baptism of Jesus. The gospel recounts that Christ comes out to receive baptism, that which he will later recommend for everyone as the chief means of salvation. In his teaching, Christ has made baptism a condition sine qua non for human salvation: "Unless a man is baptized of water and the Holy Spirit he can never enter the kingdom of God". (Jn. 3:5)

Haven received his own baptism and at the completion of his earthly mission, Christ gave this command to his disciples "Go into all the world make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19 -20) By this all who are baptised will enter into a relationship with the Trinity.

According to Saint Maximus of Turin: Someone might ask, "Why would a holy man desire baptism?" Listen to the answer: Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by his cleansing to purify the waters which he touched. For the consecration of Christ involves a more significant consecration of the water. For when the Savior is washed all water for our baptism is made clean, purified at its source for the dispensing of baptismal grace to the people of future ages. Christ is the first to be baptized, then, so that Christians will follow after him with confidence.

After Christ's baptism, the voice came from heaven "You are my beloved son, with you I am well pleased " (Mk.1:11) we too become God's special children after our baptism. Hence the church teaches that baptism as a sacrament, Cleanses us from Original sin, makes us Christians, Children of God and members of the church. (Cf. CCC. 1212 -13)

Besides, among the three sacraments of Christian initiation that is; Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, the sacraments of baptism is given the prime place. According to the code of canon law, baptism is the gateway to other sacraments and it is necessary for salvation. (Can. 849). The best gift we can ever give to our children or our friends is this sacrament of baptism. Once administered it is irrevocable. It is the best gift for human salvation.

The ordinary minister of this sacrament is a priest or deacon but in danger of death any body can always baptise. All that is needed to baptise someone in danger of death is water and the invocation of the Trinity.

At every baptism God often bestows all kinds of gifts and blessings on us. Living the life of Sin destroys these gifts, Spiritual laziness makes these gifts hidden and unknown to us; therefore, St. Paul said to Timothy and I am equally saying to us "fan into flame the gift of God which you received when I laid my hands on you" (Cf. 2Tim.1:6-7)

Stay safe,
Remain Blessed,
Happy Sunday to you.

Fr Isaac