

## Mass Intentions

January 10th to January 18th

**Saturday 10th** 10-11am Confessions (or anytime by appointment)  
6.00pm Machael Stubbles (RIP)

**Sunday 11th** 9.00am Barbara Hunter's Intentions.  
11.00am Patricia Mc Carthy's Intentions.

**Monday 12th** No Mass Church closed Father's Day Off.

**Tuesday 13th** 9.00am Ian Pougnet (RIP)

**Wednesday 14th** 9:00am Eileen Reade's Intentions.

**Thursday 15th** 9:00am Elaine and Family Intentions.

**Friday 16th** 9:00am Stasia Doyle's Intentions.

**Saturday 17th** 10- 11am Confessions  
6:00pm The Mulla Family Intention

**Sunday 18th** 9:00am Emmanuel P. K. Dadzie (RIP) 59th anniversary.  
11:00am Julliet Mutyaba (sick) for healing.

**May the souls of the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.**

### In your kindness, please pray for the following who are ill

Giuseppe De Palma, Augustus Edwards, Louisa Travasso, Leroy Williams, Beveley Jones, Rosanna Joseph, Richard Lamb, Rachel n Antonella Rizzo Joe Travasso, Karen Oates, Kim Nichol, Micky Bennett, Emily Pougnet, Lucy Williams Jocelyn Hilaire, Alsene Gibbs, Wesley Leachman, Chantale Wildman, Kevin Madden, Helena Almel, Annette Crowe, Paul Smith, Aubrey Paul Marcus Elwin, Rizzo Enzo, Jimmy Lucy, Patricia Roberts, Isabel Edwards, Patricia Adams, Tony Charles, Paul Charles, Brinnette Belle

## Anniversaries

Vincent Jordan, Cynthia Pougnet  
Karen Trump, Margaret Nicholson  
Paul Carey, Maria Iles

**May they rest in Peace**



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## “This is my beloved Son...”

Today we celebrate the baptism of the Lord. This is how Matthew narrates the story. Jesus stands in the Jordan river, and before he preaches a single sermon, before he works a single miracle, before he hangs on any cross, the heavens open, and the Father speaks: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Identity precedes activity. Belovedness precedes accomplishment. This is what is extraordinary; Jesus goes into those waters not to be cleansed- he who is without sin- but to stand in solidarity with humanity, to sanctify the very waters that will become our gateway into this same identity. His baptism is the door through which our baptism will have meaning.

Matthew tells us how John tried to prevent Jesus from been baptised by him: “I need to be baptised by you, and yet you are coming to me?” John knows this is backwards. His baptism is a baptism of repentance, and Jesus has nothing to repent. But Jesus insists: “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.” This means that Jesus is entering into the complete human condition- not its sinfulness, but its brokenness, its need, its longing for redemption. As Isaiah prophesied in our first reading, “Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased.” The servant comes not to stand above the people but among them, not to condemn the bruised reed but to bind it up.

What happens next: “The heavens were opened.” Since the fall, heaven and earth had been separated. But now the separation is torn open, and the Spirit descends like a dove. At creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of chaos and brought forth life. Now, at this new creation, the Spirit hovers these waters and brings forth new life. Every baptism since has an echo of this moment- the Spirit hovering, heaven opening and identity bestowed. And then the voice: “This is my beloved Son.” Not just loved but beloved, cherished, the object of the Father’s infinite delight. And this is spoken before Jesus does anything. It is a gift, not wage. Identity, not achievement.

This means that our identity is not built on what we accomplish, but on whose we are. We are God’s beloved. Not when we are holier, not when we have conquered that sin, not when we have finally gotten our life together. Now in our brokenness and beauty, in our doubt and desire, we are claimed by the father who spoke over those waters at our baptism.

**God bless you all. Fr. Henry.**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**First Reading -** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm -** Ps 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b

**Second reading -** Acts 10:34-38

**Gospel Acclamation -** Mark 9:7

**Gospel -** Matthew 3:13-17

## Safeguarding

As per Diocesan rules all adults working with children or with vulnerable or elder adults in the community must be DEB checked by them. Please can those who were given the forms to be completed hand back to Fr Henry no later than the **31<sup>st</sup> January**

## Over 65 Club

Thank you to all those who have supported this worthy cause to elevate loneliness in our community, we now need to form a committee to be able to start planning for our opening in March. Once the committee is established we will then be asking for Volunteers to run the club on Mondays in the hall

## Death Notice

Our condolences to Martin Lawrence's family for their loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

St.Bede's Parish Council.

## Dates for our Diary

1st Sunday of Lent **22nd February**

Altar servers training February 21st 10:30 in the church

Eucharist Ministers Training February 21st 12 O'Clock in the hall

All Eucharist Ministers and Readers are asked to attend a meeting on 7th March with Fr Henry - Time to be agreed

## Donations for

### Parish Mass

#### Books

The parish is in the process of replacing the current Mass Books. Anyone who would like to donate to help with the cost can do so by either;

#### Cheque

Made payable to:

Catholic Church

Chadwell Heath St.

Bedes

#### Online

Acc. No: 01017624

Sort Code: 40-13-22

HSBC

Thank you for your donations

God Bless You, Fr.

Henry

## Offertory

3rd & 4th January

Loose plate: £378.88

Envelope : £320.46

Fr Henry would like to thank you all

## Eucharist Ministers

We are blessed with a committed number of Eucharistic ministers who give their time, share their beliefs and are worthy to share with our Priest on the Holy Alter. Unfortunately, the body gets ill or we move away from the parish, unless we replace those who leaves us, the priest will be standing on the Altar on his own

We need committed practising Catholics to come forward to be trained once trained your commitment will be once a month. Forms at the back of the church.

Please complete and hand to Father Heny.

