

**PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST. MARTIN  
St. Wilfrid & St Alban  
Lewes Road**

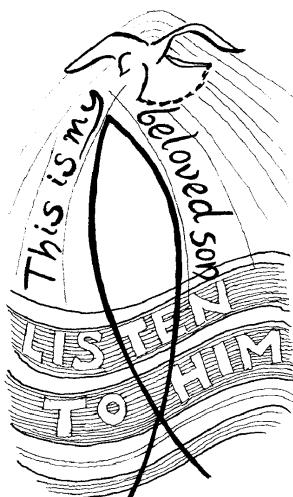
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**The Baptism of the Lord  
Year A  
January 11<sup>th</sup> 2026**



**10.30 THE PARISH MASS**

**Opening Hymn** NEH 58 [t. 128(2)]

The sinless one to Jordan came  
To share our fallen nature's blame;  
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled  
And chose the path his Father willed.

Uprising from the waters there,  
The voice from heaven did witness bear  
That he, the Son of God, had come  
To lead his scattered people home.

Above him see the heavenly Dove,  
The sign of God the Father's love,  
Now by the Holy Spirit shed  
Upon the Son's anointed head.

How blest that mission then begun  
To heal and save a race undone;  
Straight to the wilderness he goes  
To wrestle with his people's foes.

Dear Lord, let those baptised from sin  
Go forth with you, a world to win,  
And send the Holy Spirit's power  
To shield them in temptation's hour.

On you shall all your people feed  
And know that you're the Bread indeed,  
Who gives eternal life to those  
That with you died and with you rose. Amen.

*V:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, **¶** and of the Holy Spirit.

**R:** Amen.

*V:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**R:** And with your spirit.

*After the greeting, the Priest stands with a vessel containing the water to be blessed before him, he calls upon the people to pray in these words:*

Today we meet John the Baptist at the River Jordan "proclaiming baptism for the forgiveness of sins." We come together to celebrate the day when Jesus came to John and asked for Baptism.

As we prepare for Mass, let us humbly beseech the Lord our God to bless this water he has created, which will be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism. May he help us by his grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

*After a brief pause for silence, he continues:*

Almighty ever-living God, who willed that through water, the fountain of life and the source of purification, even souls should be cleansed  
and receive the gift of eternal life; be pleased, we pray, to **¶** bless this water,  
by which we seek protection on this your day, O Lord.  
Renew the living spring of your grace within us and grant that by this water we may be defended from all ills of spirit and body, and  
so approach you with hearts made clean and worthily receive your salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R Amen.**

*The Principal Celebrant sprinkles himself and the ministers, then the clergy and people, moving through the church while this song is sung.*

**R Water of life cleanse and refresh us; raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

All you who thirst, come to the waters, and you will never be thirsty again. **R.**

As rain from heav'n, so is God's word it waters the earth and brings forth life. **R**

Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him death shall no longer have pow'r over us. **R**

Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness, you will find peace in his infinite love. **R**

*The Principal Celebrant concludes the rite:-*

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,  
and through the celebration of this Eucharist  
make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

**R. Amen.**

### The Gloria

Glory to God, glory in the highest. Peace to his people, peace on earth.

**Glory to God, glory in the highest. Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

**Glory to God, glory in the highest. Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

We worship you, **Glory in the highest.**

Give you thanks, **Glory in the highest.**

Praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, glory in the highest. Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. **Have mercy on us;**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer, **Receive our prayer.**

Glory to God, glory in the highest. Peace to his people, peace on earth.

**Glory to God, glory in the highest. Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God, glory in the highest. Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Amen. **Amen.**

### **The Collect**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who, when Christ had been baptized 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**

### **First Reading** (Reference: *Is 42:1-4.6-7*)

Theme: 'Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.'

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah  
Thus says the LORD:  
Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

'I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness

*V.* The Word of the Lord.

***R*** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

***R.* The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness. ***R***

The voice of the Lord upon 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 sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits as king for ever. ***R***

## **Second Reading** (Reference: *Acts 10:34-38*)

Theme: *God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.’

**V.** The Word of the Lord

**R.** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**R.** **O Sing a new song giving praise to the Lord. Alleluia!**

O Jesus Christ, Messiah foretold,  
God's spirit rests; all to behold. **R.**

God's voice from heav'n, said, “This is my Son;  
listen to him, my beloved one. **R.**

## **Gospel** (Reference: *Mt 3:13-17*)

Theme: ‘When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.’

**V.** The Lord be with you

**R.** **And with your spirit.**

**V** A reading **¶** from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**R** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’

**V.** The Gospel of the Lord.

**R** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit for the Address and then stand for the Creed and Prayer of the Faithful*

### **The Creed**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

**I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayer of the Faithful**

**V: Lord, send your spirit among us**

**R and he will renew the face of the earth.**

Those in Need:

Fr Keith, Charlie Banks, Pete Boyes, Valerie Clarke, Elle Deveson, Denise Edmunds, Emily Glass, Sue Korth, Maureen Lawrence, Pete Mac, Jen and Jez McAteer, Jo Rees-Davies, Terry Roberts, Chris Swetman, Julie Swetman, Dorothy Valder, Alex, Amy, Christine, John, Rachel, Ray, Rita, Timothy,

The Recent Departed:

Olive Walker  
Bryan Woolven  
Neville Munford  
Malcolm Kemp

Year's Mind:

(11) Rose Harper, Jane Lucas, Pamela Moreby, Charles Drake  
(12) Charles Langridge, Mary Offord, James Gladwell, Barbara Cole  
(13) Maud Hudson, Grace Sharman, Donal Membry (Pr)  
(14) Arthur Wagner (Pr), Henry Ventham (Pr). Lizzie Campbell, Beatrice Botting, David Vickers, G Silverlock, Joan Hogbin  
(15) Alice Cassie, Percival Elston, Walter Vitty, Joan Swarbrick  
(16) William Miller, Horace Crotty (Bp), Amos Chatfield, Maria Tidman, Mary Box, Alice Buckle  
(17) Kathleen Weller, Florence Turner, Robert Linscott

### **Offertory Hymn 661**

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the Magi from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in your birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
and at Cana, wedding guest,  
in your Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine,  
changing water into wine.  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill:  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee.  
Christ will then like lightning shine;  
all will see his glorious sign.  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
all will see the judge appear.  
You by all will be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see you, Lord,  
mirrored in your holy Word.  
May our lives and all we do  
imitate and honor you  
that we all like you may be  
at your great epiphany  
and may praise you, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

*V* Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.  
*R* **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

#### The Prayer over the Gifts

*V* The Lord be with you  
*R.* **And with your spirit.**  
*V* Lift up your hearts  
**R** **We lift them up to the Lord**  
*V* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*R* **It is right and just.**

#### *The Proper Preface*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might:  
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory, your pow'r and might.  
*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heav'ns.***

**Blessèd, blessèd is he who comes,  
Blessèd, blessèd is he who comes;  
Blessèd is he,  
Blessèd is he comes in the name of the Lord. *Hosanna.....***

#### *The Eucharistic Prayer*

The mystery of faith.

**When we eat this living bread,  
when we drink this saving cup,  
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.  
*Hosanna .....***

#### *The Eucharistic Prayer*

**Amen, Amen. *Hosanna....***

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*V* Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**R For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

*V* Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**R Amen.**

*V* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R And with your spirit.**

*V* Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

### **The Agnus Dei**

Jesus, lamb of God, the Word made flesh:  
Jesus, Son of God come down to earth:

**R HEAR OUR PRAYER HAVE MERCY;  
HEAR OUR PRAYER HAVE MERCY;  
GIVE US YOUR PEACE.**

Jesus, King of Glory, Prince of peace:  
Jesus, shining in our darkened world: **R.**

Jesus, king of angels, lord of joy:  
Jesus, born to save the world from sin: **R.**

Jesus, Lord of life and Lord of light:  
Jesus, here in form of bread and wine: **R.**

*V* Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Please be guided to Communion by the Stewards*

*Silence will be kept after Communion*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

**Post Communion Hymn** 241

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains,  
shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains,  
from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever;  
that name to us is love.

*V:* The Lord be with you  
*R:* And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*V* Go forth, the Mass is ended.  
*R:* Thanks be to God.

**The Angelus**

*V* The Angel of the Lord brought the tidings to Mary  
*R* And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,  
blessèd art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now  
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*V* Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
*R* Be it unto me according to thy Word.  
Hail Mary....

*V* And the word was made flesh.  
*R* And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary....

*V* Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.  
*R* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

## School Theme for the Week

**‘Perseverance’**

### Mass this Week

Mon	Feria (Week 1)	10.00
Tue	S Hilary	12.30
Wed	Feria	17.30
Thu	Feria	~:~
Fri	Feria	~:~
Sat	S Anthony of Egypt	11.00

### The marking of Houses with Blessed Chalk

After Mass the blessed chalk will be available (1 piece per family) at the back of church. In a traditional ceremony, you take the chalk home and mark the lintel of your “front door”, or as near as possible with prayer in the following way.

**20 X K X M X B X 26**

### The Prayer

**The three Wise Men**

**K Kaspar**

**M Melchior**

**B and Balthasar**

**followed the star of God’s Son who became man**

**20 two thousand**

**26 and twenty six years ago**

**X May Christ**

**X bless our home**

**X and remain with us**

**X through the new year.**

**Next Sunday  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Ordinary Time**

**PARISH MASS 10.30**

### CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

Please note there are no Masses on Thursday or Friday next week.

### ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

The Electoral Roll will be revised from 17th January to 28th February. After this time no amendments can be made until the APCM has been held. Please let Ange know of any amendments to your entry, i.e. change of address. If you would like to join the electoral roll please ask Ange for a form.

### PANTOMIME

Just a reminder to all those who have booked for the pantomime that this is on Saturday, 24th January at 2 pm. Marilyn will distribute the tickets shortly..

### WAGNER GROUP

Please put the following dates in your diary:

### Presentation of the Lord—Monday, 2nd February

There will be a said Mass here at 10.00 and a Solemn Mass at S Paul’s at 6 pm.

### Easter Social

This will take place on **Pentecost Sunday—24th May** with Benediction at S Paul’s at 6 pm followed by the meal.