

St John the Evangelist

Fr James Callaghan OSB

Baptism of the Lord, Feast

10 January 2021 (Year B)

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Mass Times this Week:

Saturday 9	Feria
5:45pm	Mass: <i>Parish</i>
Sunday 10	Baptism of the Lord, Feast
10:00am	Mass: <i>Special Intention</i>
Monday 11	Feria
Tuesday 12	St Benet Biscop, Abbot, Feast
Wednesday 13	St Hilary, bishop & doctor, Mem
09:30am	Mass: <i>Pat Grotrian RIP</i>
Thursday 14	Feria
	Mass: <i>Welfare of the Schools</i>
Friday 15	SS Maurus & Placid, Disciples of St Benedict, Mem
09:30am	Mass: <i>Pat Grotrian Month's Mind</i>
Saturday 16	Feria
5:45pm	Mass: <i>Rita Leedal RIP</i>
Sunday 17	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00am	Mass: <i>Parish</i>

Abbot of Ampleforth

Fr Robert Igo has been elected ninth Abbot of Ampleforth, the largest Benedictine community in the UK. The election took place at Ampleforth on 5 January, in the presence of Abbot Paul Stonham OSB, delegate of the President of the English Benedictine Congregation, the Right Rev Christopher Jamison OSB. Dom Robert takes on the role of Abbot with immediate effect and replaces Abbot Cuthbert Madden, whose eight-year term of office had come to an end. The new Abbot will now hold overall responsibility for the monastic community and its many works.

Fr Robert was born and educated in Manchester and worked at Manchester Royal Infirmary as a Student Nurse for three years in the 1970s. He was ordained priest in the Anglican Church in 1980 and served in parishes in Sunderland and Hartlepool. He was received into the Catholic Church in 1987 and joined the monastic community at Ampleforth in August 1988. He was ordained a Catholic priest on 27 June 1993 and three years later joined a small group of Ampleforth monks in Zimbabwe, at the monastic foundation established by the Ampleforth community in 1996, the Monastery of Christ the Word in Macheke. Since 2005 he has been Prior at the Monastery of Christ the Word.

The blessing of the new Abbot will take place at a special ceremony presided over by Bishop Terence Patrick Draney of Middlesbrough, on a date to be arranged.

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Please join with me in praying with much thanksgiving for Abbot Robert, who will have to remain in Zimbabwe for the next few weeks, since they have just embarked upon a thirty-day national lockdown! I have written to him to congratulate him and have also expressed a hope that he will be able to come to Easingwold soon to visit us all; he is a very warm and approachable man, kind and with a good sense of humour – I'm sure you will love him!

Let us also pray for Abbot Cuthbert, that he may now be able to experience real peace and joy. He has done so much for Ampleforth and its works and we owe him a great debt of gratitude. May God continue to guide him and richly bless him!

Kathryn on Annual Leave

There may be nowhere to go, but there comes a time when one should have nothing to do... hence Kathryn will be on Annual Leave for a couple of weeks. Fr James has promised to do his best during her absence, and craves your indulgence if things don't go quite according to plan. Please be aware that there will only be someone in the office on Friday, and if your request can wait till Kathryn is back, it would be appreciated.

Thought for the Week

Those who gave thee a body furnished it with weakness; but He who gave thee Soul armed thee with resolution. Employ it and thou art wise; be wise and thou art happy.

Akhenaton – Egyptian Pharaoh, 1353 – 1336 BC

Prayer to St Michael

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Christmas Cards in the Porch

Please check to see if there are any for you still left. Those still there at the end of January will go into Kathryn's crafting collection...

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

The SVP nationally has been working hard to meet needs in parishes and communities. In this difficult situation they have arranged for some Zoom sessions for anyone interested in learning more about what they do. Please collect a leaflet from the Porch, or contact Kathryn. We do have a local branch, and if you would like more information about that please ring Pauline on 823675

Information and Useful Links

- Please let Kathryn have your email for the bulletin
- Search for our closed group on Facebook
- Please see our website for a list of on-line resources, including churches who are live-streaming Mass, and Magnificat's offer for free on-line access during this troubled time.
- Catholic Universe and Catholic Times: can be delivered to you weekly: 3 months for £22.00 or 12 months for £80.00. See www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call 0161 820 5722
- For editions of all the catholic papers you can also go on www.ChurchPaper.co.uk.

Messages from Charities

- Right to Life: would like you to email your MP asking that the Government should not give in to demands from the assisted suicide lobby: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>
- "Survive" is a York-based charity providing support to those who have survived child sexual abuse, rape or sexual assault: survive-northyorks.org.uk

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. 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 Carol Cross our local CAFOD worker for the Diocese, contact her for more details ccross@cafod.org.uk or sign up here www.cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Sign-up.

RESUMING SATURDAY EVENING MASS

I'm delighted, at long last, to be able to begin the popular Saturday evening Mass once again, thanks to the kind offers of a number of parishioners to stay behind for a few minutes to clean the church down in preparation for Sunday morning.

We will be re-starting with Mass on **Saturday 9th January 2021, at the normal time of 5.45pm**. Please do get in touch in advance to book a place/places so that we do not go above the permitted numbers.

I look forward very much to seeing many of you then!

Fr James.

Offertory Collections and Charities: Thank you for your offerings

- Last week's collection raised £123.10; thank you very much.
- We have raised £93.51 through Easyfundraising over the last quarter: thank you to those who are using the scheme. Please see Kathryn if you would like more information.
- Missio: There are some calendars available in the porch

Eggs: Free until further notice

Please take what you need from the Porch, many thanks to Trish and Jane. You are still welcome to donate to the Poor Box if you wish, but there is no obligation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

the Sick, Infirm and Housebound: Sally Agar, Mattie Burke, Mary Capaldi, Kitty Carrington, Cath Cavanagh, Jenny Cook, David Craig, Col Crossland, Paul Gallagher, Catherine Harmer, Mary-Rose Harrison, Pauline Harrison, Marta Hatfield, Derrick Johnson, Gerry Kelly, Vince Kelly, Darren Kennedy, Lt. Comm. Matthew Kiernan, Vincent O'Donnell, Marie Podgorski, Teresa Catherine Powers, Stephen Sangster, Anne Waggott, Ron Waite and Sophie Williams;

those who have died recently: Pat Grotrian, Valerie Hopwood, Rita Leedal, Edward Maughan, Pamela McDonnell;

those whose Anniversaries occur about this time: Julian Paul Scholes, Beryl Ryan, Fr Walter Maxwell-Stuart OSB, Margaret Mary George