



# THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 11TH JANUARY 2026

## Rest in Peace

Fr Martin writes, the funeral of Gary Fuller, whose death was recently announced in this newsletter, has now been arranged for St Mary Crowned at 1pm on Friday 30th January. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## Welcome

Fr Martin and the Core Leadership Team write, we welcome to our parishes this weekend Lukas Mickevicius, a seminarian of our diocese studying for the priesthood at Oscott College. His placement lasts three weeks, and we pray that he has a happy and fruitful time here in Glossop.

## Catholic and Ecumenical Groups

Fr Martin writes, each year we are required to send in a form to the diocesan offices. One of the questions asks how many parishioners are members of any catholic or ecumenical associations, societies and organisations. By completing a brief online questionnaire, you can help us send an accurate response. Please visit [tinyurl.com/orgs26](http://tinyurl.com/orgs26) -- it's quick and easy!

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an important time for the Church to reflect on the progress being made on the ecumenical journey. Join us this January at one of the events below –

Monday 19th	Prayer meeting	All Saints Catholic Church
12.30pm		
Tuesday 20th	Open Air Prayers	Norfolk Square
10.00am		
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Prayer meeting	Glossop Parish Church
7pm		
Thursday 22nd	Prayer meeting	St John's Charlesworth
7pm		
Friday 23rd	Prayer meeting	Glossop Methodist Church
12.30pm		
Saturday 24th	Prayer walk	Begins at St James Church
10am		
Sunday 25th	Unity Week Service	St Charles Church Hadfield
3pm		

The weekday services are expected to last half an hour and Sunday service expected to last an hour. Refreshments follow each event.

## Second Collection

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund.

## A New Approach to Sacramental Preparation

The Core Leadership Team writes, the Glossop parishes are hosting a presentation by Light of Faith (a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph), with the topic New Directions in Catechesis: a new approach to sacramental preparation and catechesis is transforming families and parishes - could it work for yours?

The presentation is designed for parish clergy, parish lay leadership, parish catechists, head teachers, school chaplains, and anyone who helps in sacramental preparation. They would also love to welcome people who feel they could help parents in their task of passing on the faith to their children.

This event is free (although donations are welcome to help the parishes pay the sisters' travel and accommodation costs and other expenses) and is on Friday 6th February, at 7pm, in Saint Mary's Parish Hall, Glossop. For further details and to register a place please scan the QR code here or visit [glossopcatholics.org.uk/newdirections/](http://glossopcatholics.org.uk/newdirections/)



## Calling all health care professionals

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Health Team writes, join us between 13th and 17th July for a unique opportunity to deliver care in a different context and provide advice and support to pilgrims during travel and whilst in Lourdes. We deliver community-based care in a hotel setting to a group of two hundred pilgrims, with a small proportion needing regular care interventions and support to attend services and events. You must have experience as a registered nurse, nurse associate, paramedic, doctor or healthcare support worker. For more details join our Teams information evening on Thursday 15th January from 7.30pm. Email for the link: [David.Knight-david@sthughslincoln.org.uk](mailto:David.Knight-david@sthughslincoln.org.uk)

## Parish Safeguarding Representative

Janine Carter writes, I am caring for the safeguarding needs of parishioners at St Mary Crowned at this time and will happily answer any safeguarding queries or concerns. Please do contact me, by phone outside of school hours on the parish safeguarding number (01457 620135), or at [Janine.CarterPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:Janine.CarterPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

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<b>ASC</b> = All Saints Church, <b>SMC</b> = St Mary's Church, <b>SMH</b> = St Mary's Hall, <b>SMS</b> = St Mary's School, <b>SPH</b> = St Philip Howard School	
<b>Saturday 10th</b> 6.00pm	Saturday after the Epiphany <b>ASC Vigil Mass of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b> (Sister Perpetua RIP (JW)) <b>Second collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b> 9.15am 11.15am 5.00pm 6.00pm	<b>The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) <b>Second collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund</b> Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Liz Nash RIP (BP)) <b>Second collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund</b> Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass <b>ASC Solemn Vespers for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b> followed by refreshments This will be the last Solemn Vespers before Lent <b>SMH Confirmation Session</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am	Memorial of St Aelred of Rievaulx, religious <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Elizabeth Heffron RIP (JM)) Please pray for today's meeting of the Core Leadership Team
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Memorial of St Hilary, bishop and doctor Father Martin will offer Holy Mass for the Ellison Family
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b> 7.00pm	Feria <b>ASC Holy Hour with Holy Mass</b> (John, Corina, Jack and Mia (JW))
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00am	Feria <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Liz Nash RIP (HP)) Please pray for today's Day of Recollection for Priests and this evening's meeting of the Building and Maintenance Committee
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am 7.00pm	Feria <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (The Holy Souls) <b>SMH Prayer Group</b>
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00 – 9.30am 10.00am 6.00pm 7.30pm	Memorial of St Anthony, abbot <b>ASC Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>SMH Sycamore Session – 'The Community of the Church'</b> <b>ASC Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of the Year</b> (Laurie Gill RIP (RP)) <b>ASC Liturgical Planning Meeting for Lent, Holy Week and Easter</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b> 9.15am 11.15am 6.00pm	<b>Second Sunday of the Year</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Timothy Greenhalgh RIP (Family)) Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass <b>SMH Confirmation Session</b>
<b>This week's prayer intentions for Vocations:</b> Mon: Vocations to Religious Life; Tues: Priests in Nottinghamshire; Weds: Vocations to the Priesthood; Thurs: Those praying for the Diaconate; Fri: Staff and Seminarians at English College, Valladolid; Sat: Bishop Patrick McKinney; Sun: Permanent Diaconate.	
<b>EXTRA-ORDO-NARY Schools' Word of the Week:</b> Baptism	
<b>Please join your fellow parishioners in praying our parish prayer daily</b> – "Heavenly Father, bless and prosper our efforts to renew the life of our parishes. Help me to discover the part you want me to play, and give me the courage to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."	
<b>Please remember in your prayers:</b> Don and Roseline McLeish, Doreen Leech who is unwell, Philomena Brennan who has a long-standing problem, and her husband Martin who is unwell.	
<b>The Glossop Rosary:</b> We will continue on Monday 12th January with the Glorious Mysteries.	
<b>Liturgical Planning Meeting:</b> Andrew Elliott writes, a warm welcome awaits you at the planning meeting for Lent, Holy Week and the Season of Easter on Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> January, after Holy Mass in Royle House at about 7:30pm.	

