

St. David's R.C. Church

Park Crescent,
Maesglas, Newport

The Baptism of the Lord

12.01.25. - 18.01.25. Year C PW2

Parish of the
Archdiocese of Cardiff
Registered Charity
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Clergy

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9.30 am Confession and Adoration

10.00 am Mass Latin Rite



Office Hours: - The office will be open every Friday morning between 9am - 12.30pm. We still ask that appointments be made for anything needed in this time. Email is monitored throughout the working week and will be responded to accordingly. Any urgent enquiries should still be directed to Father Mathew on 07799286727.

Mass Times of Syro Malabar Qurbana

Sunday	7.45am Mass	3.15pm Mass
Tuesday	6.00pm Adoration	6.30pm Mass
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	6.00pm Adoration.	6.30pm Mass.
Saturday	10.00am Mass	

Mass w.j. Polskim Saturday 6.00pm

SUNDAY READINGS -



1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1-5, 9-11

Psalm: Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,
27-30 4. 1

Response: Bless the Lord, O my
soul!

My God, how great you are!

2nd Reading: The Letters of St. Paul
to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Gospel Acc.: Alleluia, alleluia!

**He who is mightier than I is coming, said John.
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

PARISH MEETING. There will be a parish meeting on Sunday **26th January at 11.30am** following Holy Mass in church. Anyone wishing to support or get involved, or just hear about plans for this year, please hang around after mass on that Sunday.

FATHER WOULD LIKE TO REMIND parents and children that crossing in front of the altar during Mass is unacceptable. Should anyone need to use the bathroom during mass, they should exit their pew to the side aisle and not the main aisle, then revert to walking around the back of the church and down the side aisle closest to the entrance porch in order to reach the bathroom. We must ensure reverence in our church and remind all that bathroom breaks should ideally be taken before/after mass and not during. Father would also like to remind parents of smaller children that the children should remain in the pews during mass and not be wandering around the church (this is a health and safety concern as well as reverence). If anyone has any concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to speak to Father following Holy Mass.



QR CODES - There are now many QR codes around the church on posters on the walls and on some of the pews. These are for anyone who wishes to donate to the parish but may not have cash readily available.

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? How can I get involved? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more in this lively start to the Jubilee. Hear highlights of how we're celebrating as a church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse.

Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

MESSAGE FOR CLEANERS. Mrs. Robinson has confirmed that if the cleaning crews and/or other volunteers attending church during the school day, use the pedestrian gate on Cardiff Road to enter, they need not sign into school. They can enter and exit the church grounds and indeed the church building via the pedestrian gate and Sacristy entrance and not disturb the school at all. Since the locks were changed on the gates, this is now probably the best option for anyone attending when it is not a weekend or school holidays. If there are any questions or queries on this, please do not hesitate to speak to Kate.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES - Father Mathew will hold the first Baptism Preparation Class on Sunday 16th February at 12noon following 10am Holy Mass. For those who have already expressed an interest, via completion of the forms from Kate, you will be contacted over the coming weeks with further details. For those wishing to express an interest, please take a form from the porch and return to Kate or email Kate on maesglas@rcadc.org and a form can be emailed to you. Preparation Classes will run every two months (depending on need/interest) following this first class in February. The second preparation class is scheduled for Sunday 27th April at 12noon and is available should anyone be unable to make the first scheduled class. For further details, please contact Kate. To confirm, attendance is only necessary at ONE of the Preparation classes, but Baptism ceremony dates will not be able to be booked until completion of the preparation course and completion of further paperwork available at the preparation class.

FOLK CHOIR –The next practice is on Monday 13th January.



St. David's Children's Liturgy

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Will resume on the third Sunday of every month from Sunday 19th January

2025. Thank you to Emelia and John Saunders for coming forward for this.

TODAY'S GOSPEL

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

Extract from Loyola Press

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS: Please pray for the sick and elderly in our parish and those in hospital. Please contact maesglas@rcadc.org to let us know of anyone who is sick or in hospital so that we may pray for them.

Dear God, it's very hard for me right now even to pray. I feel and alone and discouraged. I see myself neglected and without support, and it hurts so much. It's like being a child again, lost in a forest and not knowing which way to turn. Lord, show me the path to the light of your love. Lead me to the still waters of comfort. Make me aware of your healing presence. Give me waters of comfort. Make me aware of your healing presence. Give me faith again and that conviction of faith which will enable me to trust in you and in those who minister to me. With you all things are possible. My hope is in you.

DIOCESE YEARBOOKS FOR 2025. We have been informed there is a delay in the release of these books, but as soon as they are received, we will let parishioners know so that any wishing to, can purchase the same.

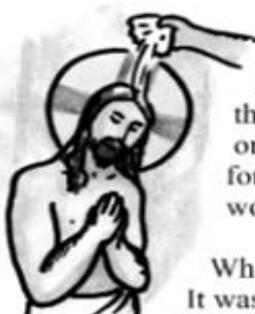
HEALTH & SAFETY: Can we kindly request everyone ensure kneelers are placed back into the **upright position after use**. It appears that some pews have been moved. The position they were in was approved by Health and Safety at the Archdiocese and should not be moved for any reason.

VOLUNTEERS - We are again asking for volunteers to help support the parish in many areas. Please see any one of the supporting volunteers should you be interested in any capacity. In the coming weeks, we will advertise specific positions and explain the commitment needed.

MASS INTENTIONS		READERS
12.01.25.	Father Gordon Thompson †	SUNDAY 12.01.25. 1 st Reading – Maureen Psalm – Sung 2 nd Reading – John H Prayers of the Faithful - Evie
19.01.25.	Jack Harvey †	
26.01.25.	Mary O'Connor †	
02.02.25.	Fr. Gordan Thompson †	
09.02.25.	Robert Dack † (30 years)	
16.02.25.	Madeliene & William Bray †	SUNDAY 19.-1.25. 1 st Reading – Mary Psalm – Sung 2 nd Reading – John T. Prayers of the Faithful – Evie
23.02.25.	Marie Ayres-Regan †	
02.03.25.	Mary T. Regan †	
Mass intentions: It is Canon Law for there to be only one intention per mass celebration. Therefore, if anyone would like to have a mass on a specific date, it will need to be booked in advance. If you wish to book a Mass intention, please fill in an envelope which can be found in the church porch and post it in the box also in the church porch.		Collections: 05.01.25. - £158.50

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Jesus Begins His Mission



Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work?
It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?



Isaiah 42 Word Puzzle

Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks.

Here is my _____ whom I uphold,
My chosen one with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my _____; He shall bring forth justice to the nations, No crying out, not _____,
Not making his _____ heard in the street.
A bruised reed he shall not _____,
And a _____ wick he will not quench, until he established justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a _____ for the nations, to open the _____ of the blind, to bring out _____ from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

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| PRISONERS | VOICE | EYES | SMOLDERING |
| SERVANT | LIGHT | SHOUTING | SPIRIT |
| BREAK | | | |



