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ST JOSEPH'S – 200 CLUB – 2025 REVENUE

A very BIG thank you to all those who subscribe to St Joseph's 200 Club. For 2025 we are able to declare funds of £1,426.50 toward the ever-increasing running costs of our church. Your continued generous support is truly appreciated. Many thanks – **Linda Gow**.

The 1st Draw for this year 200 Club 2026 will take place after Sunday Mass today. Best of luck to everyone in the draw.

ST NINIAN

Journeying Together on the Synodal Path in 2026

I am excited to get started with a programme of prayer, reflection and action in 2026 as we continue on the Synodal path journeying with each other and with our brothers and sisters in our neighbouring St Joseph's parish. In his homily on the 1st January, Pope Leo asked us all to foster attention to peace and unity through, 'life-giving pastoral creativity'. Let's work together and do just that. *Maureen Ruddy (Synod Core Group)*

Reimagining Parish Pastoral Councils

The Global Catholic Church is now on a Synodal path where everyone has a part to play and where all voices are listened to, valued and respected. In order to achieve this new way of being church it is necessary to make changes to how Pastoral Councils operate. Therefore, all members (Old and new) of the PPC are kindly invited for: 'An Introduction to Reimagining Parish Pastoral Councils' in St Ninian's Church Hall on Wednesday 21 January at 7pm. Note: The Parish priest will send an official letter of invitation to the new members.

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**“When the Church baptises a child,
that action concerns me,
for that child is thereby connected
to that which is my head also,
and integrated in that body
where I am a member”.**

These words of the poet **John Donne**, who lived **1572–1631**, are an apt reminder to us when we witness the Baptism of a child. Baptism reminds us that everyone belongs to God. Though the parents take the child home after baptism, they know that this child is a gift to them from God and God is closer to their child than even they can be. This is true for all of us and it is a reality that continues throughout our lives. We may commit ourselves to many people and endeavours in our lives, we may give most of our waking hours to work and activity, but in the depths of our being we are made for God.

John the Baptist baptised with water and it was a symbol of cleansing, like ritual Jewish washings of the time. The history of most religions is full of cleansing services, from ritual hand washing to being baptised in the River Jordan or bathed in the Ganges. Most religious people around the world try to get rid of some stain, be it sin or ignorance, or some other shadow, for we know we are broken, imperfect people. But eventually we realise that we cannot cleanse ourselves, and that is when the “heavens open” and a light dawns. The light reveals to us that salvation comes from above, from outside us.

When **Jesus was baptised**, a dove descended and a voice said **You are my Son, the beloved**. Although the Jews thought they knew who Jesus was, since “they knew his father and mother”, they did not really know him. And the same voice speaks to us at our baptism and at the baptism of our children. We will not truly understand each other until we see each other as God sees us.

**Welcome to
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Our Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass: 5.00pm in St Ninian's RC Church

Sunday Mass:

9.30am in St. Ninian's RC Church

11am in St Joseph's RC Church

Daily Masses

St Ninian's RC Church:

Tuesday; 6pm

Wednesday; 10am

Friday; 10am.

St Joseph's RC Church:

Wednesday; 6pm

Thursday; 10am

Saturday; 10am

Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil Mass: 5.00pm in St Ninian's RC Church

Day Masses:

Morning: As announced.

St Joseph: 6pm

EXPOSITION;

Saturday; 10.30am to 11am in St Joseph's Church

Friday; 10.30am to 11am in St. Ninian's Church

Birthday Celebrations; 3rd Sunday of the month

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confession

St Ninian; Saturday 4.15 to 4.45pm.

St. Joseph; Saturday 10.30am.

Do You Know?

1. why we confess our sins to the priest?

- **Jesus entrusted forgiveness to the Church:** After the Resurrection he said, “*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven*” (John 20:22–23). The Church teaches that priests exercise this authority in the person of Christ (CCC 1441).
- **Confession restores communion:** Scripture says, “*Confess your sins to one another*” (James 5:16). The Church teaches that sacramental confession reconciles us with God and the Church (CCC 1440).
- **God gives real forgiveness and healing:** Through absolution, God removes sin and grants peace, as promised in *1 John 1:9*. The Church affirms this sacramental grace (CCC 1468).

The church encourages us to attend the sacrament of reconciliation as often as needed.

2. Do you know If someone can confess ones sins by phone or Online?

- **Church teaching:** Sacramental confession must be done **in person**, with physical presence of priest and penitent. Confession by phone or online is **not valid** (Canon Law 960). It has to be as confidential as possible. Anything that is done online is not private.
- **Reason:** The sacrament requires personal encounter, spoken confession, and priestly absolution.
- **Exception:** In danger of death, **general absolution** may be given if no individual confession is possible.

Sunday 11 January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord - Feast •

Liturgical Colour: White. Year: A(II).

Readings at Mass

First reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

‘Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.’

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b, 9b-10. R11b

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.

The LORD will bless his people with peace.

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.

The LORD will bless his people with peace.

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.

The LORD will bless his people with peace.

Second reading

Acts 10:34-38

'God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.'

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.'

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Mark 9:7

Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:

'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

'When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.'

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.'

BIDDING PRAYERS

Celebrant:

With confidence in God our Father, who called Jesus his beloved Son, let us bring before him our prayers.

Response:

Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For the Church throughout the world:

That all the baptised may live as true children of God, faithful to Christ and open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For the leaders of nations and those in authority:

That they may work for justice, peace, and the dignity of every person, remembering that God shows no partiality.

We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For all who are preparing for Baptism and for their families:

That they may come to know the love of God and the joy of belonging to his family, the Church.

We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For the sick, the suffering, and all who feel forgotten or burdened:

That the Spirit who descended upon Christ may bring them comfort, healing, and hope.

We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For our common home:

We pray that, having been baptised into Christ, we carry out our responsibility by caring for our planet so God's creation can sustain life on it without partiality. Creation is good; but our 'throwaway culture,' as Pope Francis put it, 'is polluting and diminishing its goodness.'

We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For our parish community:

That, renewed by the feast of the Lord's Baptism, we may live our baptismal promises with courage, humility, and love.

We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Loving Father, you revealed your Son at the Jordan and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Hear the prayers we make in faith, and help us to live as your beloved children. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reflection on the Readings

Today we celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**, the moment when Jesus steps into the River Jordan and publicly begins his mission. Though he is without sin, he chooses to stand among sinners. In doing so, he shows us that God does not save us from a distance; he enters fully into our human story.

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of God's chosen servant: gentle, faithful, bringing justice not by force but by compassion. This servant will be a light to the nations, opening blind eyes and freeing captives. In the Jordan, we see this prophecy fulfilled. Jesus is revealed as the Servant who brings healing, freedom, and hope to a broken world.

In the second reading, Peter reminds us that God shows no partiality. Jesus, anointed by the Holy Spirit, went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed. His baptism reveals a God who draws near to every person, regardless of background or status.

In the Gospel, as Jesus is baptised, the heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice declares, "This is my beloved Son." Here we see the mystery of the Trinity and the true identity of Jesus. He is the Son who delights the Father and walks in obedience to his will.

For us, this feast invites us to remember our own baptism. We, too, were named God's beloved children and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Like Christ, we are sent to live gently, to bring justice, and to let God's love be made visible through our lives.

Pray for the Sick

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital – Stuart Findlay, Sally Helen Hamm and Dominic Roberts-Brown, Bill Buttars, Bishop Stephen Robson, May McGeary, Catherine Reid, Lusia, Brian Murphy, Lizzie Ward, Monsignor Basil O'Sullivan, Betty Saunders Pamela Herron, Maureen Walker, Kevin Veal, Margaret Mackie, Elinor Crighton, Fletcher Ditchburn, Margaret Forsyth, Bill Martin, Fr Malcolm Hutchison, Mary Clark, Bella Shaw, Angela Keith, Cecilia McCarten, Alan Newell, Albert Soave, Bethany Williamson, Irene McKay, Saul Sangster, Rena Samson, Gillian Donnelly,

Margaret Beck, Tony Beck, Anya Behl, Andrew Fyffe, Lyn Fyffe, Lisa Gillespie, Gerard Halliday and Margaret McDonagh. **May they feel the healing power of Christ, in body and in spirit.**

Pray for the Dead: Please pray for those who have died and gone before us in faith - for the souls of George Adams, Peter Angus, Bishop Vincent Logan, Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, Lina Black, Gertie Brady, Mary Dennis, Betty Dye, Sr Mary Aloysius, Roger Flavaham, Sr Mary Rose, Brenda Welsh, Danny Robbins and Margaret Caswell, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Announcements



Dear Parishioners,

I sincerely thank you for your active participation throughout the Christmas season. Your prayerful presence, generous service, and joyful celebrations truly enriched our worship and strengthened our parish community. As the Christmas season now comes to an end with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we enter Ordinary

Time and a new year of grace. Ordinary Time invites us to live faithfully the message we have celebrated— following Christ in our daily lives. In this new year, may we remain rooted in prayer, committed to love and service, and attentive to God's call in the ordinary moments of life. May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly.

2. The evening mass in St. Ninian on Tuesday 13th of January will be at 6.20pm immediately after the reception of the body of George Adam

3. The Funeral events of George Adams comes up as follows:

Tuesday 13 Reception of Body at 6pm at St Ninian

Wednesday 14: Funeral mass in St ninian at 10am

ST JOSEPH

PETER ANGUS R.I.P.

The funeral arrangements have now been finalised by the family and are as follows:

Reception of Remains on Monday 2 February at 5.00pm.

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 3 February at 10.00am.

Interment there-after at Balgay Cemetery, arriving Glamis Road entrance around 11.00am.

Celebrant for the Requiem Mass will be Canon Kevin Golden. Fr Michael Ngobili will concelebrate.

ST JOSEPH'S - OFFERTORY COLLECTION - SUNDAY 4/1/26