

The Baptism of the Lord

Parish of The Most Holy and Undivided Trinity

The Catholic Church in

Grimsby, Cleethorpes & Immingham



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Newsletter



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On this Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, and we gratefully recall our Baptism. The Gospel presents Jesus, in the waters of the River Jordan, at the centre of a wondrous divine revelation. St Luke writes: “when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, “Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased” (Lk 3:21-22). In this way Jesus is consecrated and manifested by the Father as the Saviour Messiah and liberator.

In this event — attested by all four Gospels — is the passing from the baptism of John the Baptist, symbolized by water, to the Baptism of Jesus “with the Holy Spirit and with fire” (Lk 3:16). Indeed, the Holy Spirit is the principal artisan in Christian Baptism: it is he who burns and destroys original sin, restoring to the baptized the beauty of divine grace; it is he who frees us from the dominion of darkness, namely sin, and transfers us to the kingdom of light, namely love, truth and peace: this is the kingdom of light. Let us think about the dignity to which Baptism elevates us! “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are” (1 Jn 3:1), the Apostle John exclaims. This splendid reality of being Children of God entails the responsibility of following Jesus, the obedient Servant, and reproduces his lineaments in our very selves: namely docility, humility, tenderness. This is not easy, especially when there is so much intolerance, arrogance, harshness around us. But with the strength we receive from the Holy Spirit it is possible!

The Holy Spirit, received for the first time on the day of our Baptism, opens our heart to the Truth, to all Truth. The Spirit impels our life on the challenging but joyful path of charity and solidarity toward our brothers and sisters. The Spirit gives us the tenderness of divine forgiveness and permeates us with the invincible power of the Father’s mercy. Let us not forget that the Holy Spirit is a living and vivifying presence in those who welcome him, he prays in us and fills us with spiritual joy.

Pope Francis, Baptism of the Lord, Vatican City, 2016

Parish Office

Holy Trinity Presbytery
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Monday,
Tuesday & Wednesday
9.00am until 12.30pm
Outside of these times the office
will not be available.

Fr Robbie's Friday Spiritual Surgery

**Will resume in the new year
on Friday 23rd January 2026**

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Each Friday Morning
by Appointment Only
via the Parish Office

Appointment Times Available:
9.00am, 10.00am and 11.00am

Sign up for the Parish Bulletin



Weekly Total Income for December 2025 by week:

Sunday 7th December £1,866.87

Sunday 14th December £2,180.92

Christmas Raffle/Fair £3,700.00

Christmas Flowers £1,384.65

Sunday 21st December £1,846.40

Christmas Offering £2,789.44

Sunday 28th December £1,509.68

December Total £15,277.96

Sunday 4th January

Loose Plate £ 445.70

Contactless/Online £ 203.99

Standing Orders £1,156.17

Total £1,805.86

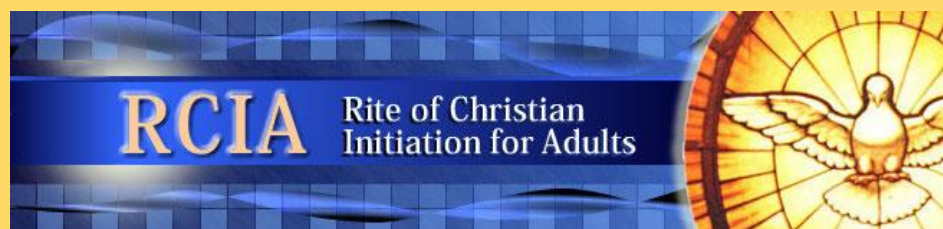
‘Charity may be a very short
word, but with its tremendous
meaning of pure love,
it sums up man's entire
relation to God and to his
neighbour.’

St Aelred of Rievaulx

‘The Church is the Ship
outside which it is impossible
to understand the Divine
Word, for Jesus spoke from the
boat to the people gathered on
the shore.’

St Hilary of Poitiers

News for the Pews



The course will begin on Wednesday 14th January at 7:15pm in Holy Trinity Presbytery, Grimsby. And will continue, weekly, at the same time and location on the following dates:

January 14th, 21st, 28th.

February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

If you have already been in touch with the Parish Office, you will be contacted with further information. Anyone can attend, but please contact the Parish Office first, so we know who to expect.

Baptism of the Lord

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Luke 3:21-22 Today’s Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It’s a feast of transition from Jesus’ hidden life to that of His public ministry.

It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus’ divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist. First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists.

Why did Jesus receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, “baptized” by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, “Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son’s mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfil that mission in your own life.

The Baptism of the Lord

"Jesus shows His solidarity with us, with our efforts to convert and to be rid of our selfishness, to break away from our sins, in order to tell us that if we accept Him in our life, He can uplift us and lead us to the heights of God the Father. And Jesus' solidarity is not, as it were, a mere exercise of mind and will. Jesus truly immersed Himself in our human condition, lived it to the end, in all things, save sin, and was able to understand our weakness and frailty. For this reason, He was moved to compassion, He chose to 'suffer with' men and women, to become a penitent with us. This is God's work which Jesus wanted to carry out: the divine mission to heal those who are wounded and give medicine to the sick, to take upon Himself the sin of the world."

Pope Benedict XVI

Why the Baptism of the Lord is a 'Christmas' feast

We still have our Christmas decorations in Church this weekend and yet we're celebrating Jesus' adult baptism, why?

Well, in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the Baptism of the Lord has been celebrated on a separate feast for many centuries. Originally it was the primary mystery celebrated on 6th January (Feast of Epiphany), but over time it was separated and assigned a different day.

In this context it has always been a 'Christmas' feast, celebrated within the Christmas season. However, it may seem a little strange to still have the baby Jesus in the manger and to be celebrating a moment during His adult life so soon. Yet, it is entirely fitting when reflecting on the central mystery being commemorated.

For both the feast of the Nativity and Baptism of the Lord highlight the humility of Jesus Christ. In both instances Jesus clearly displayed His desire to become one with us, so that He can raise us up with Him to be one with Him.

News for the Pews

Sick and Retired Priests Fund - There will be a second collection this weekend, 10th/11th January, in aid of the Sick and Retired Priests Fund. Donations to this fund are to provide a sum for the priests of the Diocese who are currently in service, so that an annual grant can be paid to them when they retire. They are also used to support these priests if they are sick and unable to work for any reason. These amounts are needed in addition to those collected by the Retired Priests Appeal, which were primarily for those who have already retired, and also in respect of past service for those currently working.

The most popular resolutions - are all things that are great for our well-being and that of the world. Things like: Go to bed earlier...Reduce single use plastic consumption...Create a savings plan...Read more, scroll less...Drink more water...Drink less alcohol...Eat more veggies...Volunteer... Increase exercise...Reduce social media...Give up smoking...Drive less, walk more. The fact that statistically 80% of people give up on at least some of their resolutions could simply be seen as failure. But in fact, it means that 20% have created new positive habits and life choices. It's actually better than that, because some of the 80% will have kept up something of their resolutions. Many people will fail before the end of January, but at least they have more chance of success than those who never started in the first place.

Rev James Grier



NEW - Altar Server Cassock & Cotta

Would you like to gift a new server cassock and cotta to the parish?

As you can imagine this is an expensive undertaking done by parishes every 10 years or so. Each child's outfit will cost around £100 each and this is from a really good contact we have, rather than the more expensive regional wholesalers. So your continued generosity to support this venture for the beauty of the Holy Mass would be really helpful. Please mark your envelope 'Cassock'



St Joseph & St Mary - School Corner
This Coming Lent Term
Our Children move into Lent
Branch Three: Galilee to Jerusalem
Branch Four: Desert to Garden
Hear - Believe - Celebrate - Live





Our Schools

**St Marys Catholic Primary
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Sunday: Yr. A - Eucharistic Prayer: II

Saturday 10th January - Epiphanytide

5.00pm - **Immingham** - Mass - Florence & Dennis Wharton RIP - Pauline

6.00pm - Grimsby - Polish Language Vigil Mass

Sunday 11th January - Baptism of the Lord

9.00am - **Cleethorpes** - Mass - Denise & Patricia McGoran RIP John McGor

11.00am - **Grimsby** - Mass - People of God

Monday 12th January - Feria

No Mass/No Service

Tuesday 13th January - Feria

10.30am - Immingham - Funeral Service - Kathleen Robinson RIP

5.45pm - Grimsby - Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions

6.30pm - Grimsby - Mass - Raymond Willis RIP Tricia Willis

Wednesday 14th January - Feria

10.30am - Grimsby - Requiem Mass - Dean Purdon RIP

Thursday 15th January - Feria

9.00am - Cleethorpes - Rosary - Luminous Mysteries

9.30am - Cleethorpes - Mass - Int of Joseph Ugochukwa Ogbonna

Friday 16th January - Feria

11.00am - Cleethorpes - Funeral Service - Patricia Spencer RIP (Pat)

5.45pm - Cleethorpes - Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions

6.30pm - Cleethorpes - Mass - Keith & Dorothy Lund RIP Karin Lund

Saturday 17th January - Feria

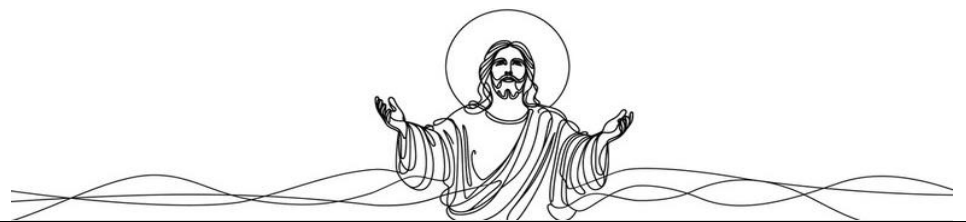
5.00pm - **Immingham** - Mass - Kenneth, Eileen & Teddy Marriott RIP
Marie, Christine & Colin

6.00pm - Grimsby - Polish Language Vigil Mass

Sunday 18th January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am - **Cleethorpes** - Mass - Work of the SVP Marie Walker

11.00am - **Grimsby** - Mass - John Lalley RIP OCDS



Kathleen Robinson RIP - It is with sadness that I announce the passing of Kathleen. Her Funeral Service will take place at **Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Immingham** on **Tuesday 13th January** at **10.30am** followed by committal at **Immingham Cemetery**. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time. **Requiescat in pace**

Dean Purdon RIP - It is with sadness that I announce the passing of Dean. His Requiem Mass will take place at **St Mary on the Sea Church, Grimsby** on **Wednesday 14th January** at **10.30am** followed by committal by **Grimsby Cemetery**. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time. **Requiescat in pace**

Patricia Spencer (Pat) - It is with sadness that I announce the passing of Pat. Her Funeral Service will take place at **Corpus Christi Church, Cleethorpes** on **Friday 16th January** at **11.00am** followed by committal at **St Lawrence Churchyard, Fulstow**. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time. **Requiescat in pace**