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11th January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Father Graham

What has been the highlight of Christmas for you so far? Have you noticed any change in your prayer or devotion to Jesus? Each church season has a grace of its own. We might experience the joy of the angels, the haste to get to Mass like the shepherds or the silence of Saint Joseph as he gazed upon Jesus.

We are still in the Christmas season at least until 11 January (The Baptism of the Lord) or even to 2 February (Candlemas). Our crib stays in place until then. So, the celebration of Christmas continues even though life begins or seems to have returned to normal.

The shepherds went back to work after they left the manger. But their life was never the same again, they were changed by seeing Jesus. Our lives are changed if we have worshipped Him as we celebrate the same event of His birth. Our everyday normal life is where our faith is put into practice. Just as Saint Augustine said, "We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song", I think we can also say, "We are a Christmas people and gloria is our song." To give glory to God in everything, whether we are poor shepherds or wise Magi. Ordinary days are transformed into extra-ordinary days and the same goes for us. It was an ordinary day when John baptised Jesus, but John never forgot it, nor do we. Baptism proclaims a sound from heaven invoking our vocation from God. Our corporate vocation is to give glory to God by listening to His voice and pleasing Him in all we do. This is our gift to Him. Christmas can then continue all year.

May God bless you in 2026. With my prayer for you.

Fr Graham

The Baptism of the Lord				Mass Intention
Sat 10 Jan <i>Feria after the Epiphany</i>	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
Sat 10 Jan	10.00	SP	Mass & Rosary	World Apostolate of Fatima
Sun 11 Jan	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	For all Parishioners
	09.00	SP	Mass	Private Intention
	11.00	CTK	Mass	Ints of Monique Cummings
Mon 12 Jan <i>Feria</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass & Rosary	Private Intention
	17.30	TT	Mass	<i>[please note change of time]</i>
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 13 Jan <i>Feria</i>	09.30	CTK	Rosary	
	10.00	CTK	Mass	Wellbeing of Marta Hutcheon
	10.30	CTK	Adoration & Confessions	
	17.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 14 Jan	17.30	TT	Mass	
Thur 15 Jan <i>Feria</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	Ints of Oonagh
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	SP	Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions	
Fri 16 Jan <i>Feria</i> <i>Day of abstinence</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	Good health of Fr Tony
	10.00	SP	Confessions	
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>	
	17.30	TT	Mass	
Sat 17 Jan	10.00	SP	Mass & Rosary	Ints of Louise O'Kelly
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time				
Sat 17 Jan	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	For all Parishioners
Sun 18 Jan	09.00	SP	Mass	Ints of Steph Hampton
	11.00	CTK	Mass	Graham Barton RIP

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

PRAYER INTENTIONS, EVENTS, NOTICES

Please pray for Christine, Mary, Margaret, June, Tommie, Sr Zita, Sarah, Christine B, Joanne, Anne C, Ian, Daisy, Lynn, Jenny, David, Michael C, Mary F, Margaret A, Pat O'C, Crispin M, Jennifer R, David R, Harvey R, Phil R, Michael H, Joan T, Joanna, Richenda, Rachel, Mike D, Ashley R, Mike & Jess D, Trish Y, Maureen C, Peter P and all who are sick.

Please pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism and the sacraments, Saint Peter's school, the Holy Souls, our First Holy Communion children and families and confirmation candidates.

Please pray for the soul of Tony Rolph RIP who died last Monday night. Please pray for Mary and all their family. Tony's Requiem Mass will be at St Peter's Church on Friday 6th February at 11am.

Tue 13	SP Parish Room, 7.30pm: First Holy Communion Parents meeting
Thu 15	SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Coffee pop-in
Sat 17	SP, 9.30am: First Holy Communion children's session
Sun 18	2nd Collection: Pax Christi <i>The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today</i>



Pope Benedict XVI prayed...

To be friends of Jesus, to become friends of God. The more we love Jesus, the more we know him, the more our true freedom grows, the joy of being redeemed grows. Thank you, Jesus, for your friendship!

Welcome to any newcomers or visitors to our Parish

Where are you on your faith journey? Do you have questions? Maybe it is useful for you to know that no one has all the answers. God does. We are all growing in faith, day by day. God bless you.

We have a group, 'Come & See', for people to come and discuss/learn more about our faith and ask questions in an informal setting (see posters and leaflets in the porch). In the meantime, please feel free to bring your questions to Father Graham or Deacon Simon. **Next session: Tues 20th January 2026, 7.30pm. All are welcome.**

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Or are you already a Catholic but would like to learn more about the faith?

Come and See

Upcoming dates (all start 7.30pm)

6th & 20th January 2026

3rd & 24th February 2026

10th & 24th March 2026

No need to book, just come along to any session.

Venue: St Peter's Church Parish Room, West Street, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG

Shoreham: 01273 452654



Crib Collection: For the Catholic Children's Society's A&B Crisis Fund

All are invited to come and spend some time at the Crib. Please take one of our prayer cards. If you are able to, please consider giving a donation at the crib. In recent years, the Arundel & Brighton Crisis Fund of the Catholic Children's Society has been a tremendous help to many families in the Diocese.

Thank you for your support.

From Right to Life

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we pray that, like Christ who entered fully into our humanity, we may show compassion and care for all who are elderly, suffering, or nearing the end of life.

Mass of Thanksgiving at Arundel Cathedral

Archbishop-Elect Richard will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving for his ministry amongst us at 6.30pm on Friday 30 January in Arundel Cathedral. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the Baron's Hall in Arundel Castle, by kind permission of His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk.

If you are interested in attending the mass, please contact Antonia in the Parish Office: adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk, so we can get an idea of numbers. There will be more details available soon.

From YouCat Daily

<https://www.youcat.org/daily>

10: With Jesus Christ, has everything been said, or does revelation continue even after him?

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With the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the revelation of God is perfect and complete. To make it comprehensible to us, the Holy Spirit leads us ever deeper into the truth. God's light breaks so forcefully into the lives of many individuals that they "see the heavens opened" (Acts 7,56). That is how the great places of pilgrimage such as Guadalupe in Mexico or Lourdes in France came about. The "private revelations" of visionaries cannot improve on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one is obliged to believe in them. But they can help us understand the Gospel better. Their authenticity is tested by the Church.

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