



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS


Saturday 10 th	6.30pm	Gretti Behan (RIP)
Sunday 11 th	9.00am	People of the Parish & Florrie James & Family (INT)
	11.00am	John, Michael & Bridget McDonagh (RIP)
Monday 12 th	10.00am	Florrie James & Family (INT)
Tuesday 13 th	10.00am	Catherine Joseph (RIP)
Wednesday 14 th	10.00am	Richard Harris (RIP)
Friday 16 th	10.00am	Phil Parry (RIP)
Saturday 17 th	6.30pm	Martin Kelly (RIP)
Sunday 18 th	9.00am	John Lennon (RIP)
	11.00am	Peter & Carmel Walsh (RIP) and Mary Sweeney (RIP)

CONFESSIONS – Saturdays, 5.30pm to 6pm in the Repository

FUNERAL

Please pray for the soul of
RICHARD NAGLE RIP

Requiem Mass:
Wednesday 4th February at 10.00am





” This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” Matthew 3: 13-17

Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan.

Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God.

The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called *Theophany* because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul.

At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11TH JANUARY 2026

W/E of the 10th/11th January
6.30pm - Michael McInerney
9.00am - Agatha James
11.00am - Nicholas Mersch

W/E of the 17th/18th January
6.30pm - Beth Rigby
9.00am - Stephen Kiely
11.00am - The Breen Family



READERS ROTA – Would readers kindly notify any swaps to Roy Vidal at olgcreaders@gmail.com

It would be appreciated if readers would be kind enough to jump in and cover absences (even if you are not on the rota to read that day).

Thank you!



First Holy Communion

2026/26

Sessions will start again in the new year. Next session Sunday 18th January 2026 at 10.00am.



CRIB APPEAL 2025

Our parish raised £32. Thank you for your generosity!

STOKEY COMMUNITY SHOP.

The community shop will return on 13th January 2026!



Collection 28th December

Envelopes £154.38
Loose £198.21

Total £352.59

Thank you for your generosity!

THE LAW CENTRE



Please see the poster on the noticeboard for details of how they can help, and when they will next be in the parish centre.



We urgently require volunteers as Catechists to help out with children's liturgy at the 11.00am Sunday mass. If you can help, please let Fr Martin or Luisa know!

ALTAR SERVERS

If anyone in the parish (young or not so young!) would like to join our team of Altar Servers, please have a word with Fr Martin after mass.



CONTACTLESS GIVING DONATIONS

You will find our DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE (contactless terminal) in the church on the stand just Inside the main doors. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/device to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. **IF YOU ALREADY USE THE CONTACTLESS MACHINE – THANK YOU. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH THE MACHINE (IT IS NOT A TOY!), AND PLEASE DO NOT PRESS ANY OF THE BUTTONS ON THE SIDE OF IT AS YOU MAY SWITCH IT OFF! THANK YOU.**