

THE HOLY INFANT AND ST ANTHONY PARISH

Baxendale Street | Astley Bridge | Bolton | BL1 6QH

Parish Priest: Father Nathan Horne

T: 01204 303871

E: nathan.horne@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

www.holyinfant.co.uk



You are very **WELCOME** to join us in prayer at Holy Infant's Church. We are blessed to gather to celebrate our Catholic Faith and place all our trust in the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, who died and rose for our salvation. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)

Confessions: Saturday 6.00 - 6.20pm. Sunday 9.30 - 9.50am

Quiet Prayer before the Tabernacle: 30 mins prior to each Holy Mass

09 – 15 January 2022 1st Week of Ordinary Time

SUN	10.00am Holy Mass	The Baptism of the Lord
MON	No Service	Ferial
TUE	10.00am Funeral Mass for Hilda Pollitt	Ferial
WED	9.30am Holy Mass	St Aelred
THU	9.30am Holy Mass	St Hilary
FRI	No Service	Ferial
SAT	6.30pm Holy Mass - Vigil	Ferial
SUN	10.00am Holy Mass	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Lately Deceased Catherine Kelly. Hilda Pollitt. Robin Craig.

Anniversaries Nellie Doherty. Margaret Law. Alan Douglas.

Special Intentions Ginette Monbel RIP. Isabelle Monbel RIP.

Please Pray for those who are Sick and the Housebound
Infant Penelope Booth. Dorothy Killoran. Maureen Cresswell.
Bernard Edmundson. Nick Walsh. Tina McManus. Stephen Rowson.
Lillian Chadwick. Gerry O'Malley. Joan Leadbeater. Dorothy Halliday.
Carol Thompson. Cecilia & Gordon Hill. Theresa Scofield.

January is dedicated to: The Holy Name of Jesus

REFLECTION The Baptism of the Lord



The baptism of John did not have the sacramental value of the baptism we celebrate in the Church today. With his death and Resurrection, Jesus instituted the sacraments and caused the Church to be born. What John administered was a penitential act, a gesture of humility to God that invited a new beginning: by immersing themselves in the water, penitents recognized that they had sinned, begged God for purification from their sins and were asked to change wrong behaviour, dying in the water, as it were, and rising from it to new life. For this reason, when John the Baptist saw Jesus who had come to be baptised queuing with sinners he was amazed; recognizing him as the Messiah, the Holy One of God, the One who is without sin, John expressed his consternation: he, the Baptist, would himself have liked to be baptised by Jesus. But Jesus urged him not to put up any resistance, to agree to do this act, to do what is fitting "to fulfil all righteousness". With these words Jesus showed that he had come into the world to do the will of the One who had sent him, to carry out all that the Father would ask of him. It was in order to obey the Father that he accepted to be made man. This act reveals, first of all, who Jesus is: he is the Son of God, true God as the Father; he is the One who "humbled himself" to make himself one of us, the One who was made man and who accepted to humble himself unto death on a cross (cf. Phil 2:7). *Pope Benedict XVI (Abridged)*

NEWS AND EVENTS

COVID Precautions

Please remember to bring your own **face covering** to wear inside church and to **sanitise** your hands using the dispensers provided.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Of your charity pray for the soul of Hilda Pollitt who sadly died on Friday 24th December 2021. May she rest in peace. Funeral Mass for Hilda takes place on Tuesday 11th January at 10.00am followed by committal at Overdale Crematorium. Our deepest condolences go to her family and friends at this sad time.

Parish Safeguarding Representative

A reminder that every parish within the Diocese of Salford has a Safeguarding Representative, who has voluntarily undertaken the role and who has responsibility for raising awareness of safeguarding aims, policies and procedures and promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk within the parish community. Please note that our parish rep is Philomena Tarkowski. You are welcome to speak to her at any time. The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can also be contacted on: 0161 817 2206.

Returning to Holy Mass in Church

If you are thinking of returning to the celebration of Holy Mass in church as the New Year begins you are of course very welcome! The stewards continue to look after us and keep us all safe.

Holy Infant and St Anthony Primary School

Please remember in your prayers the teachers and children as they return to school following the Christmas holidays. We wish them a blessed and fulfilling Spring Term! St Anthony, pray for us.

Arranging a Baptism

If you would like to arrange a baptism for your child at Holy Infant's please come along to any Mass and speak to Fr Nathan afterwards.

HISA Draw

The January draw will be held on Sunday 9th January. Those who pay monthly should submit their payments by that date. Eight new numbers will be in the draw, but there is still time for anyone to join or increase their numbers – please contact our promoter John McManus on 305800 or Fr Nathan. Thank you for your support.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission

Pope Francis has called a Universal Synod which is taking place in every Catholic diocese across the world. The Synod is themed: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission". The Pope has asked all Dioceses to reflect on ten questions and, via the Bishops' Conferences, to feed back the responses so as to inform the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in 2023.

We want to hear from as many people as possible, those involved in the church and those who are not. You can take part in the synod by completing an online submission following this link:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2

Please share this link with family and friends. If you do not have access to the internet, perhaps ask a family member or friend who is on the internet to help you complete the form or request a paper copy from Father Nathan, write down your answers, and return to our church. We have until 1st March 2022 to make our submissions then, after national and continental gatherings, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome in 2023 to reflect on what has been heard. Please remember the Synod in your prayers. Your contribution is invaluable and will make a considerable difference to the future of the Church in our diocese and across the world.