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**Newsletter for the week commencing**

**The Baptism of the Lord ( A )**

**First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7**

**Psalm 28 Response:**  The Lord will bless his people with peace

**Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-38**

**Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17**

**Father John writes:**

Today we celebrate Jesus’ Baptism. It is not surprising that we reflect on our own Baptism. We probably received it in our infancy, so there are no memories of it. In chapter three of St Paul’s letter to Titus, he tells us that we are saved , not by our own good deeds, but by the gift of our Baptism – “he saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal of the Holy Spirit which he poured richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Saviour” Elsewhere Paul encourages us to maintain our good works, but it is good to remember that our salvation is ours only by God’s mercy, not by our own doing. Our prayers today should focus on thanksgiving.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased: Mrs Jo Bailey, Sue Goodman, Edward Turner**

**Those ill or infirm:** Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton, Josie Payne, Joe Venables and David Ainsworth.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Christine Wood, June Elliot, Clemens Heinrichsmeier, Catherine Mellor, Norman Styles, Jan Czarski, Josephine Harrington, Mary Brangan, John Thompson, Norman Ulph, Alexander Watt, William Syer, Douglas Fowler, Adela Heveningham and Michael Vickers.

**This week’s events**

**Christmastide ends this Sunday 12th** **January**. **Please could we have some** **volunteers to help to dismantle the crib** after the 10.30 Mass and wrap up and put away the statues. All the wrappings and the securing strings are in the cupboard.

Many thanks.

The **Parish Outreach Group (POG**) will meet **this Monday** 13th January in the Parish room at 2pm

**January Music Recital:** Our own Graduate Composer-Baritone Barnabas Sharp will perform songs by Poulenc, Schubert, Sondheim and newly composed works featuring poetry by local poets **next Saturday 18th January 2020 at 4:30pm in St. Andrew's Church**, 47 Ashford Road, Tenterden, TN30 6LL. Entry is by donation. See the poster on the door of the porch.

The first Tenterden and District Christian **Breakfast Meeting** of 2020, co-ordinated by Churches Together in Tenterden, **next Saturday**, **January 18th**. The theme is “**Unusual Kindness: a breakfast for the week of prayer for Christian Unity**”. **Breakfast** will be at **8.30am**, followed at **9.15** by a **Service**, all at **St Mildred’s**. It is **open to everyone**.  The theme of **“Unusual kindness”** flows from the fact that this year’s materials have been prepared by the Christian Churches in Malta.  We know from the Acts of the Apostles that when St Paul and his companions were shipwrecked they were shown “unusual kindness” by the people of Malta (Acts 28:2).

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** A regular cycle of daily prayers – the Daily Office (also known as the Liturgy of the Hours – is at the core of the life of the ecumenical Northumbria Community, a dispersed Christian community with strong links to the saints and scholars of Ireland, the wisdom tradition of the Desert Fathers, and the ‘mixed life’ of the Franciscans. Access the daily prayers at [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 11th January | Feria | 10am – 11am Sacrament of Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *Archbishop M. Bowen RIP* |
| Sunday | 12th January | **The Baptism of the Lord** | 8:30am Mass *well-being of Nick Carter.*  10:30am Mass *people of the parish.* |
| Monday | 13th January | Feria | 10:00am Mass *welfare of Brennan family* |
| Tuesday | 14th January | Feria | 10:00am Mass *Liz Goodwin RIP (M Escott)* |
| Wednesday | 15th January | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 16th January | Feria | 9:00am Mass |
| Friday | 17th January | **St Anthony, Abbot** | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration *welfare of Philomena & Joseph Brennan* |
| Saturday | 18th January |  | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 19th January | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (18th/19th January)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Noel J | Tony M | Chris L |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Michael Payne  Peter Lonergan | Peter Hook  Frances Lonergan |
| **Flowers** | TBA | **Cleaners** | Susan & Alexander W |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 6.30pm |

**Forthcoming events**

The **funeral of Edward Albert Turner** RIP has been postponed to Friday 7th February at 12 mid-day, followed by burial.

The **funeral of Sue Goodman** will be at St Mildred’s at 11.45am on Friday 31st January, followed by cremation.

### A saint for the month of January: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - 4 January

Patron saint of in-law troubles and loss of children.   
Elizabeth Ann Seton was an American woman who was raised in New York City. Her father in-law died four years after her marriage, and then the business which her husband inherited failed. Her husband became sick, so they went to Italy, where he died. Then Elizabeth Ann became a Catholic and discovered a particular devotion to the Virgin Mary. She returned to America and set up the first Catholic school there. In 1809 she took a vow of poverty, chastity, and obedience.  She is the first saint who was born in America.