



# Chaplaincy Check-In Issue 3



## Feast of the Baptism of Jesus

9th January, the last day of Christmas

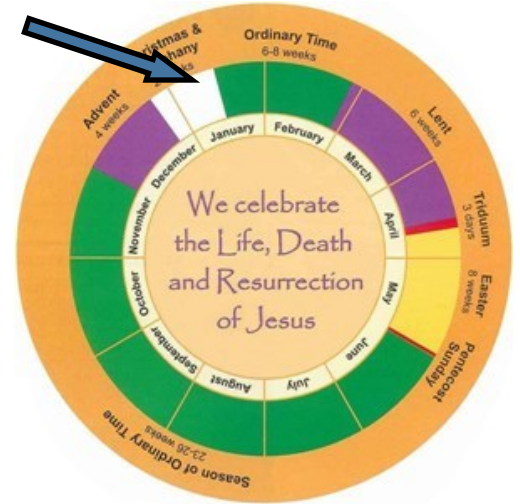
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### This is the Gospel reading from the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism, was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

You are here!



### Why white?

**White is the colour of Christmas** and it has nothing to do with snow! Christmas is a season of hope, of joy and celebration. White is a colour that signifies all those things, as well as purity and goodness. It is a colour that is linked to new beginnings, renewal and cleansing. That's why you'll often see priests wearing white at Baptisms, Weddings and even some Funerals.

### P is for Postgate

**Our P corridor is also named after a famous Catholic.**

Blessed Nicholas Postgate was a catholic priest in Yorkshire at a time when it was a very dangerous thing to be. Since the advent of the reformation, there was widespread persecution of Catholics in England and priests were particularly targeted by the authorities. He was ordained a priest on 20th March 1628 and ministered all over the north of England, finally settling back in Yorkshire in 1660 in the town of Ugthorpe where his parish extended between Guisborough, Pickering and Scarborough. *"For nearly half a century he tramped the high moors of North Yorkshire and the plains of the Holderness, ministering to a scattered flock"*. (J.P. Kenyon historian)

He was arrested in 1678, while celebrating a baptism and charged with high treason. He was 82 years old when he was sentenced to death by public execution.

On the scaffold he said that he was too old and frail to make long speeches: he would simply die for the Catholic faith to which he had devoted his life. Nicholas was one of the last Catholics to be executed for their faith in England.





### Catholic Foundation Stones:- Session 3 'God the Son: Jesus Christ'

Catholics and all Christians believe that God is one, but he exists as three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The Son, the second person of the Trinity, existed with the Father and the Holy Spirit before creation as the eternal Word of God.

**"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. Through him all things were made." (John 1)**

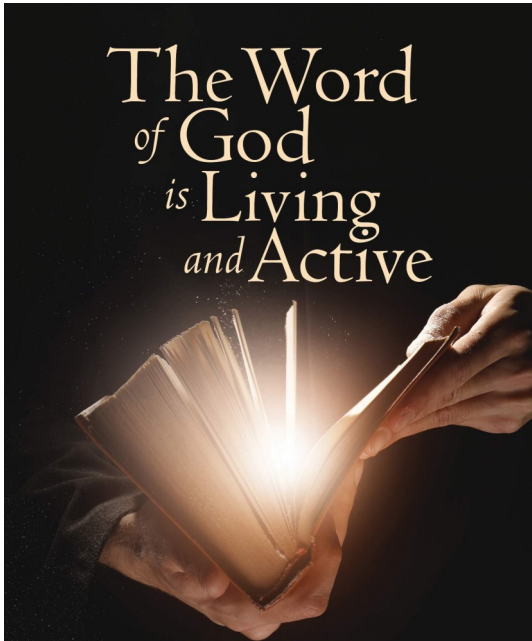
Things to think about:

- What do you think of when you hear or read the name Jesus Christ?
- What do you know about Jesus?
- What do you think is most important about Jesus?

## FOUNDATION

### Stones

### Questions



### Not-so secret sacraments: Baptism

Of all the sacraments this is probably the most well known. It is THE sacrament of welcome. The sacrament that welcomes us as a member of the people of God, it is a sacrament of cleansing and anointing, of water and oil, a sacrament of promises.

**"I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."**

In the doctrine originated by St Paul it signifies the wiping away of past sins and the rebirth of the individual into a new life.

We are washed clean during baptism either by sprinkling, pouring or immersion in water.

We are anointed with the oil of Chrism during baptism and called to be Priest, Prophet and King in our own communities just as Jesus is Priest, Prophet and King to the world.

Promises are made in baptism either by individuals or on their behalf to live by the faith professed by the church, a faith rooted in Jesus.

## A Voice in the Wilderness

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." Matthew 3:1-2 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 3:1-12 (NIV).



**God of new beginnings,  
help us greet this new year with optimism.  
To accept the opportunities, joys and sorrows  
that it will bring, with resilience.  
To be thankful, each day, for the strength that  
you give us.  
Amen**

L L H S N R E P E N T K O L B  
Z N O Y U R J Z Z M C S Z G D  
O K N C I W B X N B E A G B C  
Z U I A U Y E O N H O N M K Y  
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E L N R O P R T Y P H J Y H T  
R D E F D E S O A O X O B E E  
T O Y Z E K N B J H E A V E N

PREPARE	STRAIGHT	CLOTHES	LOCUSTS	REPENT
PATHS	BELT	LORD	KINGDOM	PROPHET
JOHN	DESERT	BAPTIST	HONEY	LEATHER
CAMEL	HEAVEN	PREACHING	HAIR	WILD

### The other John Baptist

## SAINTS FUN FACTS

Saint John Baptist de la Salle was known for his work with the poor and was very involved in the education of poor children. He founded what is now known as the Christian Brothers.



He is the patron saint of teachers.