

A warm welcome to all who gather today around the Altar of the Lord in our parishes of

St Bonaventure's, Sacred Heart & St Antony's

Working in Communion for Mission.

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Baptism of the Lord 11th January 2026



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: In the 2012 film *The Impossible*, the tsunami of Christmas Day 2006 is re-enacted powerfully. The film contrasts the death-dealing and life-giving power of water. In the Baptism of the Lord, Jesus sanctifies the waters through which all those who experience it will die to sin and rise to new life in Him. The pouring of water in baptism has both a death-dealing and life-giving effect. The consequence of this effect is a sharing in the priestly, prophetic and kingly ministry of Jesus, lived out in our specific vocation. Through these waters, God doesn't ask us what we aspire to be. No, through these waters, God invites us to seek His will and become heralds of the Gospel through that specific vocation.

Saturday 10 th January	St Antony's	6.00pm	Baptism of the Lord	People of the Parishes
Sunday 11 th January	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Baptism of the Lord	Maria Brecel (RD)
	St Bonaventure's	11am		Vincent Kennedy (RD)
Tue 13 th January	Sacred Heart	6.00pm	Feria	Gerard Hughes (RD)
Wednesday 14 th January	St Antony's	9.15am	Feria	Holy Souls
Thursday 15 th January	St Bonaventure's	9.15am	Class Mass	School Community
Friday 16 th January	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Feria	St. Antony's Donors
Saturday 17 th January	St Antony's	6pm	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parishes
Sunday 18 th January	Sacred Heart	9.15am	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Private Intention
	St Bonaventure's	11.00am		Clare Gainard (Ann)

KEY: RD=Recently Deceased ANN=Anniversary BD Birthday. D'ed=Deceased. Int=Intentions

Confessions: Saturdays 9.45am-10.15am Sacred Heart, 5.15pm-5.45pm St Antony's, 10.30am-11.00am St Bonaventure's

In our Prayers this Week...

Sick: Margo O'Connell, Mnandi Ogbunude, Chioma Ogbunude, Master Muna Nkemakkonem, Philomena Green, Theresa Perry, Jim Garety, Dorothy Flint, Eddie Williams, Margaret Rogers, Rosemary Hatherly, Sheelagh Gaines, Ninette Bateman, Giovanni Maniglia, John Lucas. Please pray for those who are sick. (If you are sick and wish to be included in these prayers, please let Canon Tom know).

Recently Deceased: Angela Pitt, Canon Vincent Ryan, Gerard Hughes and Elvira Zampella. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Clare Gainard, Madeline Brown, Antonia Giambrione, Vincent Hobbs, Kitty Bohin, William Fong

With Sadness: Elvira Zampella's Funeral Service will be on 28th January at 10am at St Bonaventure's church. Please keep Elvira and her family in your prayers.

St Bon's First Holy Communion Parents' meeting: If you have applied for your child to make their FHC at St Bon's, please stay after the morning Mass this Sunday, 11th January, for an information meeting.

Class Mass this Thursday: This Thursday, 15th January, Mass will be celebrated in the school instead of the church. Parishioners are very welcome to attend at St Bon's School at 9.15am.

Climate Action Group (SB): Our next meeting is this Monday, 12th January in the Presbytery, with a meal at 7pm or come just for the meeting at 7.30pm. We'll be planning a Laudato Si course to run during March. Please come and share your ideas, all are welcome.

UCM Foundation Meeting (SH): Wednesday 14th January at 10am in the St Margaret Room. All welcome.

Encounter Revive Day- Clifton Cathedral: 17th January, 9.30am to 4pm. Begin 2026 in the fire of the Holy Spirit by joining us for a Day of Encounter with guest speaker Ros Powell. Let us start the New Year "awake and alert" 1 Thess 5:6. This is a day to renew heart, hope and mission. For more information about the day email Encounter@cliftondiocese.com or contact Ann on 07815 751556. All welcome.

A Celebration of Marriage: Bishop Bosco is to celebrate Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14 February (12 noon) and is inviting all families to join him to acknowledge the joys & challenges of family life. In addition, we will celebrate those couples with significant anniversaries in 2026. You are all very welcome to join our diocesan family for this Mass. If you are, or know of a couple, celebrating a special anniversary during 2026 please do let us know. You just need to send names to: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com with an address so that a personal invitation can be sent out from the bishop. Please include the number of years celebrating. It is always a wonderful Mass at the Cathedral, we look forward to seeing you there.

St. Antony's Church Hall Tea & Coffee: All are very welcome on the 1st Saturday of the month to join us for tea, coffee and biscuits in the church hall after the 6pm mass (except April or August 26).

Tea and Tots (SH) returns this Wednesday 14th January, 10-11:30 in the Bosco Room, Newman Hall building. All parents / carers and their under 5s are welcome, and we have lots of spaces for new families to join us. For more information, or to offer to help occasionally, please contact Laura: toddlergroup.sacredheart@cliftondiocese.com

Parent & Baby/Toddler Group (SB): Restarting 12 January, Monday 10am - 12pm. For more info or if you'd like to be added to the WhatsApp group please contact Claire on 07871627928.

Rosary Prayer Group (SB): Rosary group meets every Wednesday in St Elizabeth dining room in Presbytery at 2pm. All welcome. Prayer requests welcome. Telephone Julia 07746101030

Art Group (SB): On 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month 10.00 – 12.00. All welcome, including beginners, to join small and very friendly group. Contact Chris Swann 01179427018 or Cath Lucas 078069437664.

Women's prayer group (SB): Once a month, on a Wednesday at 6.30pm, in the Presbytery. Our next meeting will be on 21st January.

Friday Soup Lunches (SB): Soup lunches start again on Friday, 16th January 12 noon. Donations are sent to charity. More information from Chris Swann on 01179427018.

Men of St Joseph (SB): Bible and Catechism study. Meetings every 1st Friday of the month, 7.30pm. Contact Deacon Bart or Juan Carlos (altar servers) after 11am Mass or come to the meeting.

Livesimply Thought for the Week: Growing animals for food involves destruction and pollution of the land, forests, waters and atmosphere, and takes resources from the poorest people. To play your part in reducing climate change, you might like to consider introducing a few plant-based meals to your diet, or even committing to giving up meat, fish and dairy products. During January, by signing up to the Veganuary website you will receive menus, meal plans and daily coaching emails to support and inspire you.

Parish Giving: There are many ways you can give a donation to Parish Funds. A monthly standing order (ask Canon Tom for a form) or use the Dona Donation Card Reader in the Church Porch at St Bon's, Sacred Heart and St Antony's or by a cash donation during the collections or by using the QR Code below.



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