



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to all.

January is traditionally the month of beginnings – a time for making a new start. In Church this Sunday we celebrate a special feast – The Baptism of the Lord.

In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist didn't see the need to baptise Jesus, because Jesus was sinless. But Jesus insisted because he wanted to stand alongside the community – to help them make a new start and give them an example to follow.

Wednesday 7th January 2026

Jesus, God's beloved Son, came for everyone: to draw us all into his family so that we can become more like him and joyfully share in God's own life.

Enjoy a special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's words, which are **NEW START**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from the Saints

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 11th January 2026



Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. "It is I who need baptism from you," he said, "and yet you come to me!" But Jesus replied, "Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands." At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."

Adapted from Matthew 3:13-17
The Baptism of the Lord, Year A

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Family Time Prayer & Share Overleaf ▶

Good News for Everyone

Regardless of our past, God invites each one of us to make a new start, each and every day. Families who make a new start with God find that they grow closer together and begin to know and share the joy that Jesus brings.