THE PARISH OF SAINTS MARY AND MARGARET
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The Baptism of the Lord – 13th January 2019

MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Key. U = Mass or Service at Ulverston D = Mass or Service at Dalton.
Italics denotes a funeral, a service other than Mass, or a parish event.

Sunday 13th	**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**	
6.00pm (Vigil)	Joyce & Cyril Jackson	(U)
9.00am	Kathleen Pickthall	(D)
10.30am	Marie Coward	(U)
Monday 14th	**Monday of week 1 Ordinary Time**	
10.00am		(U)
Tuesday 15th	**Tuesday of week 1**	
10.00am	Margaret Watson	(U)
Wed 16th	**Wednesday of week 1**	
10.00am	Intentions of Michael McCarthy	(U)
Thursday 17th	**St. Anthony (Abbot)**	
10.00am	Ann & Heather	(U)
Friday 18th	**Friday of week 1**	
9.00am	Julia & William Bell	(D)
10.00am		(U)
Saturday 19th	**St. Wulstan**	
Sunday 20th	**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
6.00pm (Vigil)	People of the Parish	(U)
9.00am	Ted & Daisy Pearson	(D)
10.30am	Roy Bywood	(U)

CONFESSIONS – Saturday 10.00am-10.30am and 5.10pm-5.40pm at Ulverston.

MORNING PRAYER – 9.45am at Ulverston before 10.00am weekday Mass.

LATELY DEAD – Baby Isaac McGoff

TODAY – at all Masses there will also be a special collection for the work of SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children).

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION – on Sunday 20th January there is a preparatory session at St Mary's beginning at 9.15am. on the theme of reconciliation. First Confessions follow on Wednesday 23rd January at 6.30pm in St Mary's, followed by refreshments.

CTiU – Churches Together in Ulverston A.G.M. is being held on Sunday 20th January at 6.00pm., at the Emmanuel Christian Centre in Ulverston. All welcome.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – begins on Friday 18th January and finishes on 25th January. We are invited to pray for unity amongst all Christians. Next Sunday morning, we will use the Prayers for Unity, which are in the Missal, at our morning Masses (Missal p.1336).

CHRISTMAS QUIZ – The most correct entry was from Jane Smith. Thanks to all who took part. Answers available at the back of church.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. Tomorrow, Monday, is the start of Ordinary Time, and so liturgically speaking, today brings to an end the season of Christmas.

The Church recalls Our Lord's manifestation, or epiphany, which occurred on the occasion of his baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons.

The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins.

Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although he appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", he was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism, which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At his baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At his baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

Piero della Francesca – 'Battesimo di Cristo'