**The Baptism of Our Lord Sunday 8th January 2023**

**Priest: On this day, the heavens were opened as the Spirit descended upon Christ at his Baptism. In prayer, we ask the Father to unseal the fountain of his blessings upon the world.**

Reader: For the Church, like her Lord, the Beloved of the Father, that his favour may always rest upon her, and his Spirit overshadow her with truth and power.

 Lord Hear Us

Reader: For those entrusted with the work of the government, that they may serve the cause of right, and strive to establish true justice on earth.

 Lord Hear Us

Reader: For those who have become lukewarm in their faith, that the Spirit given in their baptism will rekindle faith and love in their hearts.

 Lord Hear Us

Reader: For ourselves and our community, that we may eagerly follow Christ’s call at our baptism and establish true justice on earth

 Lord Hear Us

Reader: For those who are sick in our parish that they may feel the Fathers healing power and regain full health

 Lord Hear Us

Reader: For the departed whose memory we recall, that the power of God’s grace may bring them to the fullness of glory

 Lord Hear Us

Reader: We pray to Mary our heavenly mother, Hail Mary ………………….

Reader: We pray in silence for our own intentions

**Priest: Almighty Father, by our baptism you adopted us as your sons and daughters. Hear our prayers through that favour which rests on your beloved Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen**