

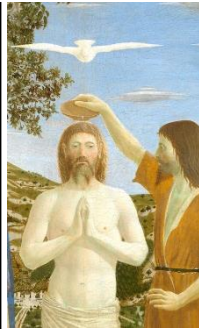
Looking Forward



9th January 2022 :
Baptism of the Lord

In the Gospel of Luke,
we are told :

“The people were filled
with expectation.”



New Year, Good News



~ In the Year of the Family ~



This week's Gospel reading tells us
how people were filled with expectation
for the Messiah and the Good News he would bring.

We are people of the Good News.

A people of expectation and hope.

A people of understanding for others.

A people of friendship.

A people who know that
Christ is with us in the storms of life.

“Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be understood as to understand.”

FOUNDERS AND SCHOOLS

The Canonesses Regular of the Holy Sepulchre (CRHS) were a religious order which dates back to at least 1300. In 1642 they established a convent for English women in Liège and fled the French Revolution to England in 1798 to found a school at the old Tudor palace of New Hall, near Chelmsford.

New Hall School still retains as its emblem the patriarchal cross of Jerusalem. A tradition associates the order with the Empress Helena, who discovered the True Cross.



“Jesus reassures us : ‘I will not leave
you alone when storms gather
over your life’.”

(Pope Francis, Youth Sunday 2021)



Feast of Saint Aelred of Rievaulx : 12th January

Aelred (1109 – 1167) was born in Hexham and eventually became abbot of the Cistercian abbey of Rievaulx, the imposing ruins of which can still be visited in North

Yorkshire. He is the patron saint of friendship. In his treatise *On Spiritual Friendship*, he wrote that “God is friendship ... he who lives in friendship, lives in God, and God in him”. Aelred saw Christ as the source of friendship. Today is a good day to celebrate friends!



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