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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Sunday 9th January



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FRIDAY TALK AVAILABLE 7TH JANUARY

Light

It's difficult to know yet if there is light at the end of the tunnel with COVID. Especially if you are one of those waiting for 'non urgent care'! How do those in the NHS and front line keep going? In the midst of all of this I take heart that there is the beginning of light at 7am in the morning. We probably have the worst of the winter in front of us but slowly the days will get longer.

This week we celebrate Epiphany. The light of Christ has come into the world. We need this light in our present situation. I also take heart from the Psalms. They are often complaining to God about present difficulties but remembering the good God had done in the past. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is saying that this is the God of your ancestors. This is the God who brought your family through past difficulties to this present day. If we forget what God has done for us in the past how will it give us faith for the future? A number of you have mentioned to me that the shortest day of the year is now behind us, which always reminds me of my Gran. As a child I just couldn't understand why the 21st December seemed to be more important to her than the 25th!

Bless you all,
Barnabas

Synod 2021 2023 - Questions for a synodal church
Please see separate attachment

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 8 th January	6pm Coleford - Live streamed
Sunday 9 th January	9am Cinderford 11am Newent
Tuesday 11 th January	10am Coleford - Live streamed
Private Prayer in the Church after Mass until 12 noon	
Wednesday 12 th January	12 noon Newent
Thursday 13 th January	10am Lydney - Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 15 th January	6pm Lydney - Live streamed