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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: **Week Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

*The Epiphany of the Lord: Year C*

WEEKDAYS AFTER THE EPIPHANY: 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week II)

<u>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January: Christmas Feria</u>	<i><b>PARISH FINANCES</b></i>	
NO MORNING MASS NO CONFESSIONS TODAY		
<u>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January: <i>The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)</i></u>	29 <sup>th</sup> / 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	
5:00 pm: Confessions	Envelopes:	
5:30 pm: Mass; Bernadette Retallick RIP (Taylor)	Loose Plate:	
<u>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January: <i>The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)</i></u>	Standing Orders:	
9:00 am: Mass; Welfare of John & Mavis Battell (Powell)	<b>TOTAL:</b>	
<u>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January: Monday after the Epiphany</u>	Chad:	
9:00 am: Mass; Solloway Family (Twomey)	Intercare:	
<u>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019: Tuesday after the Epiphany</u>	SVP:	
12:30 pm: Confessions	<i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>	
1:00 pm: Mass; Intentions of Margaret Simmons (Patterson)		
<u>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January: Wednesday after the Epiphany</u>	<b>*SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR SPUC Annual White Flower Appeal.*</b>	
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion		
<u>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January: Thursday after the Epiphany</u>	<i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i>	
11:00 am: Requiem Mass; Helen Mary Farrell RIP	Isobel Alana Barnes,	
<u>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January: Friday after the Epiphany</u>	Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos,	
12:30 pm; Confessions	Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns,	
1:00 pm: Mass; Holy Souls	Pat Constable,	
<u>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan: Saturday after the Epiphany</u>	Francesca Lina Craparotta,	
10:00 am: Mass; Mrs Frances Shorten RIP	Jim & Margaret Dougan,	
10:45 am: Confessions	Fr Theodore Gomes,	
<u>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January: <i>The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)</i></u>	Ann Harrison, Breeda Keaney,	
5:00 pm: Confessions	Emilia Nowicki,	
5:30 pm: Mass; Rosaleen Donnelly RIP (Murphy)	Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts,	
<u>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January: <i>The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)</i></u>	Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family,	
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish	Bob Solloway, Evelyn Venning,	
	Jenny Weran and Louise Whitham.	

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to [frcathomas@live.com](mailto:frcathomas@live.com) by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the next issue.

<b>ROTAS:</b>	5.30 pm	9.00 am
<b>Welcomers:</b>		M Simpson & L Newbold
<b>Next Week:</b>		K Orford – Perkins & M Neale
<b>Readers:</b>	A Simmons	R Marlow
<b>Next Week:</b>	P Hubberstey	S Grant
<b>Offertory:</b>	M & A Simmons	M Ferrara & N Iacovitti
<b>Next Week:</b>	J Brennan & J Fox	R & N Wilson
<b>Coffee:</b>	Arnd & Alessia	<b>Next Week:</b> Hopkins & Twentymans
<b>Cashiers:</b>	J Walton	<b>Next Week:</b> A Simmons
<b>Flowers:</b>	Shirley & Margaret	<b>Next Week:</b> Anne & Sue
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Newbold	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Shalloe
<b>Brasses:</b>	E Rodrigues	<b>Next Week:</b> M Castor

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE:** Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the soul of *Helen Mary Farrell*, who died on *Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018*. Helen's Requiem Mass will take place on *Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019* at *11:00 am* followed by Cremation at Bramcote Crematorium. We remember her and her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

**POOR CLARES:** The Sisters send their thanks for the donations they received from our parish on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. The Convent has become a much bigger community since the arrival of the sisters from Wales so our continued support is greatly appreciated. The next visit will be *28<sup>th</sup> January 2019*. – *Diane Wilson*.

**FAIR TRADE:** many thanks to everyone who supported the Fair Trade Sale last weekend – details are on the Fair Trade notice board at the back of the Church. We are continuing to support Mary's Meals with any profits made from the sale of Fair Trade goods and this year **£ 186. 00** has been sent to Mary's Meals to help feed Third World Schoolchildren. The next Fair Trade sale will be the weekend of *2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019*.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We will begin our Parish preparations for First Holy Communion in January 2019. Could the parents of any children in the Parish who are in School Year 3 and above and who have not made their First Holy Communion please speak to me as soon as possible about enrolling in the preparation Classes.

**PARISH CHANGES:** As you know, I will be taking responsibility for the Parish of St Francis of Assisi, in Long Eaton. Fr Martin will be leaving the Parish on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and so my first weekend will be the *26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> January 2019*. In order to accommodate the pastoral needs of both Parishes there will be some changes to the times of the Masses. Initially the weekend Masses will be *4:30 pm Vigil Mass (Beeston)* and *6:30 pm Vigil Mass (Long Eaton)* and *9:00 am Sunday Mass (Beeston)* and *11:00 Sunday Mass (Long Eaton)*. Further changes may be necessary for weekday Masses and any changes will appear in the weekly Newsletter. I would ask for your patience, co – operation and understanding as we move forwards in these changing and challenging times in our Diocese.

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** Bishop Patrick writes, "In recent years, the most vulnerable Christians in and around Bethlehem have benefitted from the generosity of Parishioners in many dioceses of England and Wales. The Friends of the Holy Land have written to me requesting our support this Christmas. I ask that you kindly consider this worthwhile cause this year. Further information on the important work being done by the Friends of the Holy Land and their contact details may be found on: <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk>."

**LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY:** The St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust seek to appoint a dynamic Lay Chaplain to work in Blessed Robert Sutton Secondary Catholic Academy, its two feeder primary schools St Edward's Swadlincote and Holy Rosary Burton; as well as a day a week in the schools' Parishes of St Joseph the Worker with SS Peter and Paul Swadlincote. This would be an ideal position for anyone seeking to start a career in Chaplaincy or Catholic Youth Work as they will receive support and mentoring from the Catholic Multi Academy Trust. For more information please visit [www.srscmat.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.srscmat.co.uk/vacancies) or contact the CMAT's Lead Lay Chaplain Joe Hopkins [jhopkins@srscmat.co.uk](mailto:jhopkins@srscmat.co.uk) or 07708907498

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE:** On *Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019* please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed and it really does save lives. This is the day before the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Good Counsel Network. For details of our live saving work see; [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

**\*WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will have its annual appeal next weekend. SPUC. As well as fighting abortion, they also campaign against other direct threats to the lives of vulnerable individuals, such as euthanasia and embryo abuse. Their work recognises the need to have a consistent life ethic – to value the lives of all human beings equally – and the foundation of this must always be recognising the humanity of the child in the womb. Please be as generous as you can to help with their important work.