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**TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

*The Baptism of the Lord: Year C*

FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Weekday Cycle Year 1 / Psalter Week I)

<b><u>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January:</u></b> <b><u>Saturday after the Epiphany</u></b>	<b><u>PARISH FINANCES</u></b>	
10:00 am: Mass; Mrs Frances Shorten RIP	5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	
10:45 am: Confessions		
<b><u>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January:</u></b> <b><u>The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)</u></b>	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <b>TOTAL:</b> Chad: Intercare: SVP:	
5:00 pm: Confessions		
5:30 pm: Mass; Rosaleen Donnelly RIP (Murphy)		
<b><u>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January:</u></b> <b><u>The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)</u></b>		
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish		
<b><u>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January:</u></b> <b><u>Weekday Feria</u></b>		
9:00 am: Mass; Holy Souls		
<b><u>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January:</u></b> <b><u>Weekday Feria</u></b>		
12:30 pm: Confessions		
1:00 pm: Mass; Special Intention		
<b><u>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January:</u></b> <b><u>Weekday Feria</u></b>	Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.	
9:00 am: Service of the Word and Holy Communion	<b>*SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY          FOR SPUC*          SECOND COLLECTION          NEXT SUNDAY          FOR THE SICK &amp; RETIRED PRIESTS</b>	
<b><u>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January:</u></b> <b><u>St Anthony, Abbot (memoria)</u></b>	<i>Your Prayers are requested          for those who are sick:</i> Isobel Alana Barnes, Gerhard Barwitzki, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Breeda Keaney, Emilia Nowicki, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family, Bob Solloway, Evelyn Venning, Jenny Weran and Louise Whitham.	
9:00 am: Mass; Mrs Martha Whitmore RIP (Foundation Mass)		
<b><u>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January:</u></b> <b><u>Weekday Feria</u></b>		
12:30 pm; Confessions		
1:00 pm: Mass; Private Intention		
<b><u>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January:</u></b> <b><u>Weekday Feria</u></b>		
10:00 am: Mass; Lily Bird RIP		
10:45 am: Confessions		
<b><u>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January:</u></b> <b><u>Second Sunday of the Year: C</u></b>		
5:00 pm: Confessions		
5:30 pm: Mass; Intentions of Eamon & Breeda Keaney		
<b><u>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January:</u></b> <b><u>Second Sunday of the Year: C</u></b>		
9:00 am: Mass; Pro Populo: People of the Parish		

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>	K Orford – Perkins & M Neale	
<b>Next Week:</b>	D Wilson & M Roy	
<b>Readers:</b>	P Hubberstey	S Grant
<b>Next Week:</b>	M Sully	S O' Brien
<b>Offertory:</b>	J Brennan & J Fox	R & N Wilson
<b>Next Week:</b>	K Twomey & J Lyons	M Castor & Volunteer
<b>Coffee:</b>	Hopkins & Twentymans	<b>Next Week:</b> L Whitham & M Calladine
<b>Cashiers:</b>	A Simmons	<b>Next Week:</b> J Brennan
<b>Flowers:</b>	Anne & Sue	<b>Next Week:</b> Suzanne & Margaret
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Team Shalloe	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Freyne
<b>Brasses:</b>	M Castor	<b>Next Week:</b> K Bennett

**\*WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will have its annual appeal **THIS** weekend. As well as fighting abortion, SPUC 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.

**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 last year **£186.00** was 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:** There will be an initial Meeting for Parents who wish their children to begin preparations for First Holy Communion this year. The meeting will be after Mass and Coffee in Parish Hall on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 10:30 am** 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 make sure that they attend this meeting or 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.

**SVP THANKS:** It is time once again to say a massive thank you to all our Parishioners who have supported us in any way during the last 12 months. Your constant prayers and donations are invaluable in assisting us to carry out and give our help to others in need. As you will know the SVP Society is a very large charity and we are only a small cog in keeping the wheel turning smoothly but without your assistance our job would be so much harder. During the last year we have carried out the following duties: **421 Home Visits; 56 Hospital Visits; 173 Nursing Home Visits; over 94 Transports** and **609 Special Duties** (this includes taking people to appointments, shopping, to Church and helping at Luncheon Club). A summer outing was enjoyed and approximately 50 Christmas Gifts were distributed. In total we have spent over **1800 hours** in carrying out our duties. To help us financially we have to raise monies in some way and this year we had a sponsored bike ride and we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our parishioners who helped us raise over **£1000**. Of course besides helping our own Parishioners we have also assisted others in various ways. We have helped re – roof 5 houses in India, raised over **£400** for SVP India Appeal and donated to our local Charity HOPE who help people in need. We have also donated food and clothing to CANAAN Trust, for the homeless. We are also very proud to say **THREE** Members of the SVP received the Benemerenti Medal from the Pope for long term service to their Church. Once again a huge THANK YOU from all the members of BEESTON SVP and a special Mass will be offered for all your intentions. – *Our Lady of the Assumption SVP*.

***THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: "Taking the Plunge."***

When we make an important decision we sometimes describe it as "taking the plunge," like deciding to dive into water, unsure of how deep, warm or cold it is. Our Lord today did not take the plunge for Himself. He did not need John's baptism. He took it for us. In taking the plunge, He taught our parents to take the plunge on our behalf by bringing us to the waters of Baptism. Our parents may have "plunged" us a long time ago, but the moment comes when we need to take the plunge too by putting those Baptismal graces to work for the sake of God and others.