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**TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD &**

**FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)**

<u>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January: <i>The Baptism of The Lord (Feast)</i></u>	<i><b>PARISH FINANCES</b></i>
5:30pm: <b>Confessions</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
6:00 pm: <b>Mass;</b> <i>Bernard Deane RIP (Evans)</i>	
<u>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January: <i>The Baptism of The Lord (Feast)</i></u>	Envelopes: Loose Plate: Standing Orders: <b>TOTAL:</b> Chad: Intercare: SVP: Crib Offerings:  <i>Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our Parish.</i>  <b>Second Collection Next Weekend for the Sick &amp; Retired Priests.</b>  <i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i> Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Jessie Breame, Margaret Brown, Fr John Cairns, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Fr Theodore Gomes, Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey, Andrea Hoffman, Breeda Keaney, Elizabeth Reilly, Alan Roberts, Maria Sawicki, Simpson Family, Canon Colin Taylor, and Evelyn Venning.
9:00 am: <b>Mass;</b> <i>Pro Populo; People of the Parish</i>	
11:00 am: <b>Mass (St Francis);</b> <i>Jim Hennessey RIP (North)</i>	
<u>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January: <i>Weekday Feria</i></u>	
9:00 am: <b>Mass;</b> <i>Nancy Burrows RIP (Breame)</i>	
9:30 am: <b>(St Francis);</b> <b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>	
<u>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January: <i>Weekday Feria</i></u>	
9:30 am: <b>Mass (St Francis);</b> <i>Holy Souls (November Dead)</i>	
1:00 pm: <b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>	
<u>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January: <i>Weekday Feria</i></u>	
9:00 am: <b>Mass;</b> <i>Special Intention</i>	
9:30 am: <b>(St Francis);</b> <b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>	
6:00 pm: <b>Reception (St Francis);</b> <i>Joan Stevens RIP</i>	
<u>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January: <i>Weekday Feria</i></u>	
9:00: <b>Service of the Word and Holy Communion</b>	
9:45 am: <b>Requiem Mass (St Francis);</b> <i>Joan Stevens RIP</i>	
<u>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January: <i>St Anthony, Abbot (memoria)</i></u>	
12:30 pm: <b>Confessions</b>	
1:00 pm: <b>Mass;</b> <i>Bob Solloway RIP (Powell)</i>	
<u>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January: <i>Saturday after the Epiphany</i></u>	
10:45 am: <b>Confessions</b>	
<u>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January: <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time: A</i></u>	
5:30 pm: <b>Confessions</b>	
6:00 pm: <b>Mass;</b> <i>Dina Iacovitti RIP (Nina)</i>	
<u>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January: <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time: A</i></u>	
9:00 am: <b>Mass;</b> <i>Louise Whitham RIP (Calladine)</i>	
11:00 am: <b>Mass (St Francis);</b> <i>Pro Populo; People of the Parish</i>	

**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>	4:30 pm	9:00 am
<b>Welcomers:</b>		M Neale
<b>Next Week:</b>		D Wilson & M Roy
<b>Readers:</b>	M Sully	S Hodgkinson
<b>Next Week:</b>	T Johnston	N Wilson
<b>Offertory:</b>	K Twomey & J Lyons	J Powell & M Calladine
<b>Next Week:</b>	A Simmons & Volunteer	D & D Wilson
<b>Coffee:</b>	Hopkins & Twentymans	<b>Next Week:</b> R Marlow & V Loffreda
<b>Cashiers:</b>	-	<b>Next Week:</b> J Walton
	<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b>
<b>Flowers:</b>	Kay & Eve	<b>Next Week:</b> Shirley & Sue N
<b>Church Cleaning:</b>	Team Powell	<b>Next Week:</b> Team Newbold
<b>Hall Cleaning:</b>	Diane, Gerardine & Marie	<b>Next Week:</b> Julia, Katy & Stella
<b>Brasses:</b>	M Castor	<b>Next Week:</b> K Bennett

**POOR CLARES:** The Sisters were overwhelmed by the generosity of parishioners when I took your donations and gifts to them just before Christmas. They asked me to pass on their thanks and want you to know that our Parish is in their prayers every day. Our continued support is so important to them now that their number has increased. The next visit will be *Monday January 27<sup>th</sup> 2020 – Diane Wilson.*

**FAIR TRADE:** The next sale will be *25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020* and once again we are continuing to support Mary's Meals with any profit from the sale of Fair Trade goods.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We will begin our Parish preparations for First Holy Communion in *January 2020*. 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.

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2020:** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its Annual Appeal **THIS** weekend. On 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland by the government at Westminster. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up until at least 24 weeks and, even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England and Wales. There will be a *Second Collection Next Weekend* so, please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

**UNPLANNED:** On *Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 at 6:15 pm*, the film, "Unplanned," which tells the story of Abby Johnson's journey from involvement in the abortion industry to being Pro – Life, will be shown at the Savoy Cinema in Nottingham. Tickets are now on sale on the Savoy website (<https://www.savoyonline.co.uk/SavoyNottingham.dll/WhatsOn?Film=29682605>) – and if more than 60% of seats are sold for the Wednesday showing, an additional showing will be provided on the Thursday. Please try to come along – and let interested friends know as well!

**ROSARIES:** with large beads, as requested, are now available in the Repository Shop.

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** This year's Crib Offerings of **£ 210. 50** will be used help the needy and homeless and will be passed on to the Canaan Trust. Thank you for your generosity.

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** Our Parishes RCIA Course resumes **THIS Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. The subject for that week: *"The Life of Christ."* If anyone would like more information or would like to become involved or take part in this Programme please speak to me as soon as possible. All welcome.

### ***Thought for the day: The Baptism of Our Lord***

*The new beginnings that we make in our own lives may not mark the fulfilment of anyone's prophecy, but they probably mark the fulfilment of someone's hope. Sometimes we are so hesitant about making a new start that we end up in no man's land waiting for more weather reports. Every new beginning is a risk and, we undertake that risk sooner when we have people to underwrite our change. Sometimes we change only because we have someone who has lived out an ancient hope that our secret self can indeed grow strong and thrive. It is not a coincidence that Jesus only begins His big change when He is backed with the Father's love and support through His encounter with John the Baptist.*

*People are reluctant to change when they see that people are indifferent about whether they change or not. John the Baptist gave Jesus support; we know that because we know it was after His time with John that Jesus changed from living as an artisan in a small town to taking to the road in pursuit of His mission. John is a very important figure for Jesus: he is the only religious leader that leaves a deep impression on Jesus. And the good news is that Jesus Himself is the one who underwrites our changes, who cares deeply that we do change for the better. The Cross stands as the eternal proof of that.*