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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: 2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS YEAR: C
Second Week of Christmastide: 2nd – 7th January 2022 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week II)

Sunday 2nd January: *Second Sunday after Christmas*

Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:

9:00 am: Mass; Bob O'Donnell RIP (Breame)
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Teresa "Terry" Smith RIP (Bradford)

Isobel Alana Barnes,
Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown,
Pat Constable,

Monday 3rd January: *The Most Holy Name of Jesus (memoria)*

Francesca Lina Craparotta,
Jim & Margaret Dougan,
Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey,
Andrea Hoffman, Farzin Kazem,
Breeda Keaney, Janet Mernagh,
Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson
Family, Evelyn Venning,
John Wilcox and Bob Wilson.

10:00 am: Mass; The Rosary Group (Sr Paulette)

Tuesday 4th January: *Christmas Feria*

10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); In Thanksgiving (Barnes)
4:00 pm: Reception (St Francis); Dennis Woods RIP

Wednesday 5th January: *Christmas Feria*

10:30 am: Requiem Mass (St Francis); Dennis Woods RIP

Thursday 6th January: *Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)*

10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Fr Michael Stewart RIP (Curtis)
7:00 pm: Mass; John Frederick Dixon RIP (Teresa)

Friday 7th January: *Friday after the Epiphany*

10:00 am: Mass; Hugh Curtis RIP (Curtis)

Saturday 8th January: *Saturday after the Epiphany*

Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish

Sunday 9th January: *The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)*

9:00 am: Mass; Norma Brennan RIP (Joe)
11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Welfare of John Goodhind & Family (David)

HOSPITALS

Priests are now on an 'on – call' rota for City and QMC. This is strictly calls for Anointing of the Sick when someone is nearing the end of their life. The hospital will still not call us out for a request for prayers or when someone has already died – these will be dealt with by a member of the Chaplaincy Team. Holy Communion is not being taken into hospital by Eucharistic Ministers. All requests for a Priest still need to go through the Ward and Chaplaincy Department. QMC 0115 924 9924 ext. 63799 or City 0115 969 1169.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Fr Christopher or e – mailed to frcathomas@live.com by WEDNESDAY of each week for inclusion in the next issue.

Thursday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord and is a Holyday of Obligation.

POOR CLARES: The Sisters were very happy to receive the Christmas gifts you sent to them and send their grateful thanks to you all and wish you a very happy and holy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. Christmas Day will be very different for them this year but they are planning to come together on Zoom at some time during the day. Mother Damian wishes you all to know that our Parish is remembered in their prayers every day and she sends her thanks for your continued support. The next visit will be *Monday 31st January 2022.* – *Diane Wilson*

RCIA PROGRAMME: The RCIA Course continues **THIS Wednesday, 5th January 2022 at 7:30 pm.** If you are not able to attend, please contact me as soon as possible, preferably by seeing me after Mass or by telephone.

ENCOUNTERING GOD IN YOUR DAILY WORK: For four Wednesdays, starting on *12th January 2022 at 7:00 pm,* the Diocese will be running an online course looking at how we can encounter Jesus in our daily work and how it can help us to grow in holiness too. We spend more hours in a week at work than doing most other activities (including going to Church) so let's make an experience of daily glory rather than a daily grind. For more information visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/onlineevents

OPEN PARISH MEETING TO DISCUSS THE SYNOD QUESTIONS: NEXT Monday, 10th January 2021 at 7:00 pm in The Assumption Parish Hall, to continue our discussion on the Synodal Questions. I would encourage you all to come along and share your views about the future of our Parishes, our Diocese and our Catholic Church.

The Questions for consideration are:

1. What is my dream for the Church, for my Parish so that it can become more outward – looking, more missionary?
2. To achieve this dream, what do we need to stop doing? What are we doing that needs to be developed or done differently?
3. As a Parish do, we know who are the people who feel left out or excluded from the Parish and society?
4. How as a Parish can we reach out, listen to and love them? Suggest at least two identifiable ways (an immediate action and a long – term change) in which, as a Parish, we will reach out to and listen to, the marginalised or separated.
5. How do I hear and respond to the voice of God's Holy Spirit, in my life; what signs of the Spirit at work do I see in the life of my Parish?
6. What steps may the Holy Spirit be calling us to take, as a Parish, on our journey together into God's future?

THANK YOU: *To all who helped to prepare the Church for the Christmas Masses, especially the Stewards who have continued to maintain the Health and Safety requirements needed for our Church to be opened for Mass during the past year. Special thanks to the Flower Arrangers who made the Church look so beautiful for Christmas. Thanks also to the Music Group. I would also like to express my thanks for all your cards and gifts and generous Christmas Offerings, as well as continued messages of support during the past year. I pray that we may all be able to fully come together again as a Parish Community and resume our usual Parish practices before too long.*

*All Good Wishes and Prayers for Happy, Holy and Prosperous New Year.
- Fr Christopher Thomas*

SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF OUR PARISH DURING 2021

3 BAPTISMS: *William and Gabriella Ferreira and Samuel Twentyman.*

21 FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS *Harry Allen, Theodore Allen, Maximus Backhouse, Charlie Jack Beverley, Gaizka Campbell – Martiarena, Nikola Celewicz, Blake Hagan, Darcy Jones, Olga Kojder, Santiago Mirosław Jaloszynski – Perez, Abigail Roberts, Ryan Xavier Roy, Blanaid Scott, Edward Simms, Adam Skrzydlewski, Niamh Syson, Ana Teece, Sofia Elle Toland, Gethin Whitaker, Laura Anna Wylag and Harriet Amelia Dianne Young.*

2 MARRIAGES: *Mark Penlington & Catherine Jackson and Leonid Kovalevskij & Victoria Marlene Colman.*

21 DEATHS: *Pamela Ashton, Christine Beevers, John Boland, Janet Burns, Edna Correya, Kathleen Dilley, Paul Fitzgerald, Ann Gardener, Eileen Hopkins, Erika Kalota, Michael Kelleher, Jacqueline Keogh, Georgina Lyons, Brendan Mc Loughlin, Margaret Mc Millan, Robert O' Donnell, John Joseph O'Reilly, Noreen Smith, Margaret Turton, Joan Williams and Dennis Woods.*