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TIMES OF MASSES AND OTHER SERVICES: BAPTISM OF THE LORD: C

First Week in Ordinary Time: 9th – 16th January 2022 (Weekday Cycle Year II / Psalter Week I)

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday 9th January:</u> <i>The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)</i></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Private Intention (Rose)</p> <p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Welfare of John Goodhind & Family (David)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 10th January:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Private Intention (PS)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday 11th January:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Brain Willis RIP (Curtis)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday 12th January:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Dec'd Members of the Mannion Family (Dixon)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 13th January:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i></p> <p>Mass; Pro Populo; People of the Parish</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 14th January:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i></p> <p>10:00 am: Mass; Bob O'Donnell RIP (JP & S Brennan)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday 15th January:</u> <i>Weekday Feria</i></p> <p>Mass; Holy Souls (November Dead)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday 16th January:</u> <i>Second Sunday of the Year: C</i></p> <p>9:00 am: Mass; Vicky Kennedy RIP (Butler)</p> <p>11:00 am: Mass (St Francis); Dennis Woods RIP (A & M Hutchinson)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Isobel Alana Barnes, Marica Borsos, Margaret Brown, Pat Constable, Francesca Lina Craparotta, Jim & Margaret Dougan, Ann Harrison, Fr Peter Harvey, Andrea Hoffman, Farzin Kazem, Breeda Keaney, Janet Mernagh, Anne – Marie Reid, Simpson Family, Kay Twomey, Evelyn Venning, John Wilcox and Bob Wilson.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOSPITALS</p> <p>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.</p>
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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.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: Please remember in your prayers to pray for the repose of the souls of *Florence Price* and *Jean Bexon*, who both died recently. Funeral details will be made known when available. We pray for them and their families at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

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. – DÍANE WILSON*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We hope to begin our Parish preparations for First Holy Communion in for 2022. I am aware that because of the Pandemic which missed out on a whole school year. Hopefully we can catch up by having two school years together this year. Could I ask then, that 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.

RCIA PROGRAMME: The RCIA Course continues **NEXT Wednesday, 19th 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.



Next ***Sunday, 16th January 2022***, is **PEACE SUNDAY** and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about ‘Education, Work and Dialogue between generations: Tools for Building Lasting Peace’. The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peacemaking? Which ‘tools for building lasting peace’ do you think Pope Francis might be talking about? In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through Parishes, Schools and Social Media. Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022> Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you’d like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfw67x>. If you’d like your personal donation to be counted towards your parish contribution, please give your Parish name and town in the ‘Additional Information – Order Notes’ box on the checkout page. Or send a cheque payable to ‘Pax Christi’ to: *Pax Christi, St Joseph’s, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY*. Telephone: 0208 203 4884

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

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR PLANET – RECYCLING MEDICINES

BLISTER PACKETS: Superdrug pharmacy are working with Terracycle to recycle empty tablet and capsule blister packs. These items are very difficult to recycle and up until now, these blister packs would have ended up in landfill. Not all Superdrug pharmacies are collecting the blisters; at the moment, our nearest one is in Derby. To help us all with recycling these items, I will be putting a box in the Church porch for you to drop off your empty tablet and capsule blister packs. I will empty this monthly and take the blister packs to Superdrug for recycling. Please only drop off empty blister packs. Any unused medication or medical devices such as inhalers should be returned to your usual pharmacy for safe disposal. Thank You – *Nuala Hampson.*

OPEN PARISH MEETING TO DISCUSS THE SYNOD

QUESTIONS: *THIS 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?