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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR OF MARK

SATURDAY 9TH	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Tom Quinn
SUNDAY 10TH	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Kenneth Wells Richardson & Rebecca Lines Wells Richardson Lina & Shay Gannon Kathleen Watson
MONDAY 11TH FERIA	10.00am 7.00pm	Holy Mass On-line Rosary	Joe Smythe Prayers for an end to the Pandemic
TUESDAY 12TH FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Con O'Shea
WEDNESDAY 13TH FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Patrick O'Brien
THURSDAY 14TH FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Stephen Walsh
FRIDAY 15TH FERIA	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass	Mgr. Seamus Conway
SATURDAY 16TH OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	Mark Green

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 16TH	4.00pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Reg Wells
SUNDAY 17TH	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Padraig Marmion Mary Morgan, Edward Sullivan & James Butterly Rose Gallagher

PUBLIC MASSES CONTINUE TO BE CELEBRATED IN OUR CHURCH
YOU CAN ALSO ACCESS OUR MASSES VIA OUR LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA>

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the final day of the Season of Christmas as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, Jesus, the Son of the Father is revealed in the waters of the Jordan. This act of Our Lord's humility to be baptised by John is the start of Jesus' ministry which is brought to completion through his death and resurrection. It is this saving work that is made present in our lives through the gift of our own Baptism. Today we rejoice in this precious gift of God to us. We thank him for saving us through Jesus his Son and filling us with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Happy feast day everyone!

St Vincent de Paul Society - These months of lockdown have truly shown us the need to support those in our community who are lonely or vulnerable and families that are in need. With this in mind we hope to relaunch the SVP in this parish which has had a fantastic presence and ministry over many years of our existence. Just over three years ago it went into mothballs with the hope that it could be relaunched. Now, at the beginning of this year it seems a good time to do this. However, it is going to demand members of the parish to join and then commit themselves to working together in outreach to those in need in our community and beyond. Over the next few weeks we hope to provide more information for you to think about this and see if you would be prepared to make such a commitment. Something good and new at the beginning of a new year!

Welcome - To Steven Fleming a 5th year student for the priesthood at Oscott College. He is undertaking a pastoral placement in the parish over the next two weeks. We hope and pray his time here will be rewarding and supportive of his formation for the priesthood.

The Parish Tote - The winning numbers this week were **11, 16, 19, 23**. Two people had three numbers, Bess Connaughton and A. Douglas and receive £90 each. No Jackpot winner so the **Jackpot this week is £1850 and will be drawn on Thursday 14th January**. Please make sure that you are up to date with your payments as you have got to be in it to win it. Please deposit your completed Tote envelope in the designated collection boxes which are located on departure from the church or alternatively can be posted through the presbytery letterbox up to 12 noon on the day of the draw.

Thank You - To Kevin McLoughlin who has been at the forefront of the Parish Tote for over 20 years. He has been such a great promoter of the Tote and collected contributions nearly every weekend and beyond. Kevin now wishes to step back from these regular responsibilities. We are very grateful for what he has done but are very pleased that he will continue as the Patron and *Tote Father* of the Parish Tote. On behalf of us all, thank you Kevin.

The Christmas Crib - Will remain in place in the church until 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.

Offerings at the Crib - this year we have decided to give our crib offerings to Fr Hudson's Society. During the Pandemic many of the projects they run have supported some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. Our offerings will be a gesture of our support for the work of Fr Hudson's. As we cannot have a basket by the crib this year, please place your donations in an envelope marked '*Crib Offering*' and place it in the offertory box in the porch.

Holy Water - Because of the Pandemic we are unable to supply holy water. Please bring a bottle filled with water and one of the priests will be happy to bless it for you.

Mass Cards - These are available after Mass. As the Piety Stall cannot function in the normal way, please select a card from the board and it will be given to you.

Rosary devotions for an end to the Pandemic - On Monday evenings at 7pm. There will be rosary and devotions live-streamed from the church. Please join via our parish You Tube channel. Stephen, our

seminarian who is currently on placement with us will lead a reflection. It would be good if as many of us as possible could join in this time of prayer together.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Friday mornings at 9.30am and on Saturdays from 10.30am-11.30am.

Finance - I am very grateful to so many of you for continuing to provide your weekly offerings and all those who are supporting by standing order and gift aid. These are such difficult times for so many people. Thank you to so many of you who are making up your contributions over the weeks of lockdown. The income you provide continues to help us offer as much as we can for the parish and keep our building and resources running.

Cedric Farrell RIP - Funeral Mass Monday 25th January at 11.30am. May he rest in peace.

Tony Fagan RIP - Funeral Mass Tuesday 19th January at 11.30am. May he rest in peace.

Acocks Green Food Bank - Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the Food Bank which is at the Christian Centre rear of 100 Westley Road. As always they appreciate donations of non-perishable food items. It is open 10am-12 noon on Tuesdays and Fridays. Donations can also be left at Morrisons.

Sycamore - Why not use these weeks of lockdown to think a bit more about your faith? Sycamore is a programme of video presentations covering some of the important aspects of our Catholic faith. [Why not join us via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7pm?](#) You will need to download the Zoom app onto your computer or tablet and then email the parish and we will send you a link to the meeting. This might be what you have been waiting for!

A Prayer before the Crib

*Loving Saviour, at your birth a new light shone upon our world.
Choirs of angels sang God's praises to herald your coming.*

You welcomed as your first guests lowly shepherds whose hearts adored your presence and whose lives were changed for ever.

Wise men travelled to find you filled with delight at the sight of the star that would lead to you.

Lord, we come before you in adoration. We ask you to enlighten our lives with your presence this year. Bless our families and protect our world in these challenging times.

May we encounter you anew O Child in the Manger and, like the shepherds glorify and praise you with our lives for all we have seen and have come know. You who are Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Schools - During the lockdown they continue to serve all of our children with on-line learning and are open for those who are vulnerable or whose parents are key workers. There is a special livestream Mass for the children on Tuesday mornings at 9am.

And finally... These are difficult and challenging days. It is of utmost importance that we all remain safe. Please continue to follow the social distancing requirements for attending Mass. We know that coming to Mass supports and strengthens our lives of faith and our well-being. However, please consider carefully when you come to Mass and ensure that you are fit and well and not required to self isolate. In the days and weeks ahead. let us pray for the rolling out of vaccinations across the world and end to the Pandemic. Please remember to keep in touch by phone with neighbours and parishioners who may be alone. Please know of our prayers in these difficult days and be assured we are here to help and support you. Have a blessed week. **Fr Jonathan, Fr Alex and Steven.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Cedric Farrell, Tony Fagan, John Cartwright.

Anniversaries of Death: John McDonagh, Thomas Murphy, Nora Sheriff, Nora Mahoney, Albert Woodlane, John Walshe, Ann Smith, Matt Grogan, Ellyn Harris, Kathleen Ryan, Irene Campion, Robert Woolley, Margaret Gibbons, Patrick Carling, Leo O'Kane, Joseph Ricketts, George Foster, Peggy Smith, Eileen Garry and John Fleming Patricia Smales, Kevin Grogan, Con O'Shea, Julie Walton, William Earls.

Sick & Housebound: Myra Hill, Maureen Lambert, Christopher Zajac, John Stenson, Josephine Jones, Dorothy & David Cross, Ann Carolan, Ann Wilson, Kathleen Watson, Ann Farrell, Tom Foley, Maisie & Joe Meehan, Peter Fagan, Steven Somerville, Mary Doherty, Maureen Fox and all those suffering from the Covid-19 Virus.