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THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

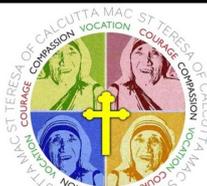
SATURDAY 8TH	4.00-4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Teresa Kelly
SUNDAY 9TH	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Priscilla Whitlock Teresa & Regi Varghese Joseph & Anna Czepiel
MONDAY 10TH FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Donal O'Keeffe
TUESDAY 11TH FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Patrick & Bridget Norris
WEDNESDAY 12TH FERIA	10.00am 11.00am	Holy Mass Requiem	Myra Hill Louis Nemeth
THURSDAY 13TH FERIA	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration Holy Mass	John McCormick
FRIDAY 14TH FERIA	10.00am	Holy Mass	Rose & Denis Horgan
SATURDAY 15TH OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	10.00am 10.30-11.30am	Holy Mass Adoration & Confessions	Jack & John Butler

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 16TH	4.00- 4.30pm 5.00pm	Confessions Vigil Mass	Bridie O'Connor
SUNDAY 17TH	8.30am 10.00am 12 noon	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Stephen Todd Mark Green Paulette Farrell

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Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to Mass on this celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of Christ. Today marks the closure of the Christmas Season as we see the adult Christ revealed at the River Jordan as the Beloved Son of God. Today we rejoice in the gift of our Baptism which has made us sons and daughters of the Father and temples of the Holy Spirit. In our Mass today we ask the Lord to renew the gift of his grace within us which we first received at Baptism.

Ordinary Time - Tomorrow we commence the first part of Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday which begins the season of Lent on 2nd March. In Ordinary Time (Year C) we hear from the Gospel of Luke where Jesus journeys from Galilee to Jerusalem. May part one of this season encourage us to growth and to hope in God's plan for each of us.

The Crib - The crib will remain in the church for our prayerful devotion until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February.

Offerings at the Crib - This year the donations that you leave at the crib will be given to the [Fr Hudson's Society](#). The work of the Society supports extremely vulnerable people in many parts of the Diocese including projects here in Birmingham. Thanks for your kindness.

A new 5pm Mass Choir - At our Christmas Midnight Mass we were able to form a very talented little choir! It is our hope that we can now establish a new choir to assist the singing at 5pm Masses on Saturday evenings. Would you be interested in joining us? You do not have to be a professional musician, but just have a willing voice. The search is also on for any talented parishioner who is a pianist / organist and others who might add some additional instruments. This could be such a wonderful start to the new year. With this in mind we are going to have an initial rehearsal on Wednesday 12th January at 7pm in the church. We look forward to welcoming you to this first rehearsal.

Thinking Ahead - Christmastide is often a time for making plans for the coming year. For some this might be the Baptism of their little ones or celebrating the sacrament of Marriage. For parishioners considering Marriage here in the coming year and who wish to consider booking a date, please contact one of the priests as soon as possible.

Bereavement Group - Our meeting for all those who wish to find support and opportunity to share experiences are continuing and the next meeting is on Wednesday 12th January in the Parish Meeting Room from 10.45am-11.45am. A warm welcome awaits anyone who would benefit from coming together to share their experiences and for prayer.

Readers Rota - Copies of the new readers rota is available in the sacristy today. New readers are always welcome. Please speak to one of the priests. Many thanks.

Christmas Raffle - Thank you for all the support that you gave to the Christmas Raffle which raised £1200. The list of prize winners can be seen in the church porch. Prizes can be collected from the Parish Meeting Room.

January Prayer Intention - During this first month of 2022, Pope Francis invites us to pray "that those who suffer discrimination and suffer religious persecution, may find in the societies in which they live the rights and dignity that comes from being brothers and sisters."

Pope Francis Letter to Married Couples for the Amoris Laetitia Family Year 2021-2022 - this can be read on our website via the News & Events page or by this link <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2021/documents/202111226-lettera-sposi-anno-famiglia-amorislaetitia.html>

Tote - The winning numbers are 5, 9, 12, 17 - No Jackpot winner. 3 people had 3 numbers Fr Alex, Mona Kavanagh and Mark Booth receive £60.00 each. Jackpot next week is £2,000 and will be drawn on Thursday 13th January 2022 in the Social Club. Please ensure 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 box which is located on departure from the church or alternatively post through Presbytery letterbox no later than 12 noon on the day of the draw.

Keeping Safe - We want to remind you in these difficult days of all that we can do to protect ourselves and one another. We have been asked to once again encourage everybody to obtain a Covid booster vaccine in the continues fight against this illness which causes illness and such disruption to our lives and threatens the lives of those who are most vulnerable.

Keeping Safe in Church - As you will see we have removed the yellow tape between the benches. We still ask you to socially distance where possible in Church to help keep each other safe. The best way we can do this is by sitting on the benches with the green dots on them, or every other bench. Our team of stewards are still here to greet you and show you to a bench. And we thank them for their continued service to the parish.

A Synodal Journey - As you know Pope Francis has called an important meeting of the Synod of Bishops later next year. In the next few months every member of the Church is invited to take part in prayerful dialogue to discern what God is asking of his Church as we continue our journey of faith together. He invites us to prayerful reflect together on three themes of communion, participation and mission. These involve the way in which we live of our life of faith together, how we participate in that faith and how we live out our mission as members of the Church. Over the next couple of months there will be opportunities for us to come together at different times to pray and reflect upon this. To find out more about the synodal journey see our Diocesan website. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=f06ec821-123e-410c-a05d-5f025da97d41>

Thursday Morning Adoration - recommences after the Christmas break. Come and adore the Lord from 9am to before the 10am Mass.

Thanks - A word of thanks for your prayers and kind birthday wishes during the week as I marked my 32nd birthday last Wednesday - *Fr Alex*

Epiphany Chalk - Last Thursday it was wonderful to see so many people come to Mass and celebrate the Lord's Epiphany commemorating the visit of the Magi. If you would still like blessed chalk to bless the front door of your home (20+C+M+B+22), chalk is available in the sacristy today.

And Finally - A hearty welcome back to Fr Jonathan aka the canon! We hope that he had a restful time and comes back refreshed from his week away.

Every blessing for the week ahead,
Fr Alex and Fr Jonathan

Recently Deceased: Mollie Stirrup, Brendan Ryan, Louis Nemeth, Roy Cunningham

Anniversaries: 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. James Doherty.

Sick & Housebound: David Cross, Ann Carolan, Ann Wilson, Tom Foley, Maisie Meehan, Peter Fagan, Steven Somerville, Mary Doherty, Maureen Fox, Margaret Norris, William Moran, Patrick Collins, Sue Allen, Ken Evans, Eilish Crehan, Peggy McCrackean, and all those suffering from the Covid-19 Virus.