

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12th January 2020

Happy New Year



Happy New Year! It's something we've heard a lot of over the last couple of weeks, but what are we really expecting of the New Year? Do we face the New Year with optimism and eagerness, or do we face the New Year in a spirit of "same old same old."? Not all of us are starting 2020 happily. Many of us face the New Year with ongoing problems. For many, illness, hardship, or difficult relationships aren't things that will simply go away. Some of us will be struggling to find work; others may be stuck in jobs they hate. Increasing numbers are trapped in inadequate housing or afflicted by addiction, depression or loneliness. Do we face the New Year eager and optimistic, or tired and disillusioned?

In today's account of Jesus' baptism, we are told how the heavens opened, and how the Spirit of God descended like a dove. This marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus had the power to work miracles, to cure the sick and raise the dead. The Spirit of God enabled Jesus to face any challenge.

In baptism we are filled with the same Spirit that filled Jesus. The very same Spirit! Our baptism might seem no more than a photograph in a dusty photo album, but could our lives be very different if we were to call upon the Holy Spirit on a daily basis. The Holy Spirit isn't going to make our problems go away, nor are we promised an easy life. What we are promised is the strength and direction to make good decisions. Through our baptism, and because of Jesus' baptism, we can resolve to confront our problems head on, and make something meaningful happen in the year ahead.



FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING: This coming Thursday, 16th January at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

It is important that one parent from each family is present. If it is necessary to bring children, please see that they bring something they can read or play with quietly during the adult meeting. Children meet as usual next Sunday at 9:45am.

PRAYER PARTNERS: If you signed up to be a prayer partner for a First Communicant, there is a paper for you on the table by the organ. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION 2020: The Confirmation Enrolment Forms are available at the back of the Church. Please return them by next **Friday 17th January 2020**. For more details please contact Fr Allan.

YEAR OF THE WORD "SCRIPTURE ROAD SHOW": In his recent letter, Cardinal Vincent mentioned this. On January 30th - February 1st at Westminster Cathedral there is an opportunity to explore the Year of the Word in "Tents of Meeting" with specially commissioned artwork, "The God Who Speaks". It includes information, resources, activities and presentations to suit all ages. *If some parishioners would like to attend as a group, that can be arranged. Please sign by the organ, if you are interested in either forming or joining a group.*

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY: Envelopes £207.05 Loose Cash £215.95 Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Mary Cerasoli who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: especially Liam Buckley, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Hazel Hoyte, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen, Gerry Twomey, Barbara Johnson, Josephine Onwuka, Pauline Timlin, Kevin Corcoran, Patrick McShane, Margaret Walsh, Florence S Philip, Amidu (Blessing) Yamba, Evelyn Corcoran, Gerry Corcoran, Eamon Hanahoe, Mary Paditey, Kieran Vos, Bridget Ryan, Barbara Baggs, Mary Morgan, Pritti Depala, Elise Koffi, Luke Walsh.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 12 th January	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD <i>(Parish Mass Book p.118)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Intentions of Winifred Howson (sick)
Monday 13 th January	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 14 th January	feria	10.30am	NO MASS TODAY
Weds. 15 th January	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 18 th January	feria	10.30am	Thomas Nolan RIP
Sunday 19 th January	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.125)</i>	8.30am	Evelyn Smyth RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Confessions: Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome

Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm