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**THE YEAR OF THE WORD**

DATE

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2020

SUNDAY

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
Year A

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 3

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan. (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	9.30am	Int. of Rod & Joan Lewis <sup>(EM)</sup>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan. St Hilary Bishop, Doctor of the Church Memorial	9.15am	Tom O'Brien RIP <sup>(BO'B)</sup>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Feria	9.15am	Sr. Colette Connors RIP <sup>(Sr. A)</sup>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Feria	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Feria	9.15am 7:30pm	Int. of Joan Hart <sup>(SVP)</sup> John Young RIP <sup>(A&amp;PC)</sup>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan. St Antony Abbot Memorial	9.15am	Int. of David & Rose Bunce <sup>(DB)</sup>
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Our Lady on Saturday (1 <sup>st</sup> Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 11.00am 6.00pm	Valentine Bradin RIP Confessions & Exposition Benediction Victor Alonzo RIP <sup>(MB)</sup>
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	People of the Parish

## St. Gregory Nazianzen

Let us today venerate the Baptism of Christ, and let us celebrate the feast honourably. Wash yourselves and keep yourselves clean. God rejoices in nothing so much as in the amendment and salvation of men, on whose behalf is every word and all the sacraments. Be cleansed so that you may be like lights in the world, a life-giving force to all other men, and stand as perfect lights beside the great Light, and learn the mystery of the illumination of heaven, enlightened by the Trinity more purely and clearly, of which even now you are receiving in a measure the One Ray from the one Godhead in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Recently Deceased

Pray for the soul of **Mary Nix**. On whose souls Sweet Jesus have mercy, may she rest in peace.

## Congratulations

We offer our congratulations and prayers to **Canon David Oakley**, currently Rector of St. Mary's College Oscott who has been appointed 13<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Northampton, to succeed the **Right Rev. Peter Doyle** on his retirement.

## Diocesan Directories 2020

Directories are available in the sacristy. They are priced at £5.00 a copy, money to be given to Fr. Craig.

## Wednesday Friends

Our monthly breakfast meeting restarts after the Christmas break, to welcome everyone to coffee, tea, toast and an opportunity to meet and chat. Why not join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every month at 10am in the meeting room. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**.

## Guild of St. Stephen Thanksgiving

### Mass

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Bishop David McGough will celebrate a Mass for the Guild at St. Chad's, followed by refreshments in the Grimshaw room. Guild members wishing to attend should let Fr. Craig know as soon as possible.

Please see the notice board for details.

### Craft and Natter

We return this Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am, when everyone is welcome. For more information call Christine on 01922 860981

## Christmas Crib Collection.



This year the Crib Offering is being donated to support the work of LEPROA, a charity whose work focuses on bringing help and relief to those who are suffering from Leprosy.

For more information about their work please see the notice board at the back of the church situated near the Walsingham Chapel. The donation box will be left in front of the Crib throughout the Christmas Season.

## Clergy Training Fund

Clergy Training Fund Envelopes for January will be taken up with the Offertory **this** weekend.

## Duty Rotas

New duty rotas for **Coffee Morning, Mass Welcomers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Cleaners** are now available from the stand in the porch. Our volunteers are urged to pick up their named copy, as the details published in the weekly newsletter are only as accurate as our ageing newsletter editor can make them (which experience will show is basically, not very.)

## Parish Social

The next social event will cost £8 and be on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January**, after evening Mass.

A light meal of Jacket Potatoes will accompany a great evening of entertainment. No other expense to be incurred. If you intend to come, please add your name to the list in the Sacristy corridor to allow for catering plans.

**You must have your name on the list by this Sunday if you wish to come.**

## Coffee Mornings

Thanks to all have who support the Sunday coffee mornings. Money raised this last quarter was **£144.00**.

**CAFOD**

Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

## Live Simply Prayer – Week 7

We pray for the People of God; may they, your Church, be a sign of your light and goodness in the world. May they bring hope to those affected by despair.

**Many thanks for the donations of stamps, coins and broken jewellery for CAFOD. They are always much appreciated. The gold box will remain in situ for any further donations.**



## **Race Night**

**Saturday 8th February**

**Doors open at 7:30 for an 8:00 start  
at Keeling School of Dance**

All proceeds go towards helping Niamh and Katie go to Lourdes  
so they can help the elderly and sick for a week in May 2020

**£5 per adult  
£2 per child under 18**

**Light refreshments available  
Bring your own alcoholic drinks**

**Email: keelingsdance@hotmail.com Phone: 07541 502 037  
Or approach Niamh or Katie to book your place**



The Keeling Dance School is hosting the Race Night event to aid in raising monies for St. Francis of Assisi students to attend the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in order to assist invalid pilgrims.

The Keeling school is located to the rear of the TSB on the high street. It can be approached through the car park behind Barclays Bank.

## Sick in the Parish

Please pray for all the sick in the parish, that God will bless and comfort them. Please remember especially:

**Olivia (Dotty)<sup>C</sup>, Deacon John, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan<sup>nee Meehan</sup>, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Pat Gray, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Evelyn Hawkey, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Alma Darby, Marguerite Baxendale, Eliz McCabe, David Piggott, Mary Ellis, Clare Cooksey & Aine McDonagh.**

## Whetstone Over 50s Group

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2.00pm Annual quiz, prize for winner. Free to all

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.00pm AGM plus light entertainment. Free to all

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Committee Meeting: Location to be determined

**Baptism Enquiries:** If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please contact Fr. Craig, either at the end of Mass or by telephone, in order to book an appointment with him. The dates of the Baptismal Classes can be found in the porch.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please remember to inform Fr. Craig **directly** in case of sickness, especially if it requires hospital treatment or prolonged absence from Mass. If you cannot inform the clergy then your family should take on this responsibility.

**PARISH DUTIES THIS WEEKEND: 11<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 AND IN THE WEEK**

<b>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>READERS:</b>	John H, Peter C
	<b>E. MINS:</b>	<b>Ann T</b> , Christine H, Nathalie & Bernadette
<b>9.30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Choir
	<b>READERS:</b>	David W & Brian
	<b>E. MINS:</b>	Jacqui, Peter, Maura & Catherine
	<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Ann T
	<b>CLEANERS:</b>	Margaret, Michael & Jill

**PARISH DUTIES NEXT WEEKEND: 18<sup>TH</sup>/19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020**

<b>6.00PM VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Mavie & Pauline
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Peter H
	<b>READERS:</b>	Christine L & Pat H
	<b>E. MINS:</b>	Emma, David G, John C & Ann T
<b>9.30AM SUNG MASS</b>	<b>MUSIC:</b>	Folk Group
	<b>WELCOMERS:</b>	Mike & Pat
	<b>WARDENS:</b>	Pat & Sally
	<b>READERS:</b>	Brian & Keith
	<b>E. MINS:</b>	Rosella, Dorothy, Jonathan & Denis
<b>CASHIERS:</b>	Team F	
<b>COFFEE:</b>	Mary, Don, Annette & John	

**And finally:** Pope Francis, during the Year of Mercy, encouraged all Christians to make a Pilgrimage to the church, and to the font, in which they were Baptised. This was to enable us to call to mind that life-changing moment of grace when, through the action of the Holy Spirit, we were cleansed of Original Sin and made members of the Body of Christ, co-heirs to the promise of life eternal. Today we celebrate the + event in the Life of Our Lord which began His public ministry, His Baptism in the Jordan by John. However, in this moment it was not Christ who was made Holy, it was the waters who received the life-giving gift of the Holy Spirit through Him. May we always remember to give thanks to God for the gift of our baptism, by which we have received from Him the gift of faith.

**May God bless you all. Fr. Craig**