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DATE

**Sunday 9th January
2022**

SUNDAY

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Year C**

DIVINE OFFICE

Week 1

Live-streamed Masses: Sunday at 9.30am and all weekday Masses.

NB The Sunday Obligation remains suspended until further notice.

<u>Saturday 8th January</u> (1 st Mass of Sunday)	6.00pm	People of the Parish
<u>Sunday 9th January</u> Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	9.30am 11.30am	Dec. of the Whetstone over 50's Group Evelyn Hawkley RIP ^(SVP)
<u>Monday 10th Jan</u> Feria	9.15am	The Howard Family RIP ^(Parish Memorial Mass)
<u>Tuesday 11th Jan</u> Feria	9.15am	Int. of the Kerrigan Family ^(JR)
<u>Wednesday 12th Jan</u> St. Aelred of Rievaulx Abbot ^{Memorial}		No Services Today
<u>Thursday 13th Jan</u> St. Hilary Bishop, Doctor of the Church ^{Memorial}	7.30pm	Margaret Jones RIP ^(E&HS)
<u>Friday 14th Jan</u> Feria	9.15am	Bert McBride RIP ^(EH)
<u>Saturday 15th January</u> Our Lady ^{Saturday Memorial} (1 st Mass of Sunday)	9.30am 10-11am 6:00pm	James Donovan RIP ^(Mr & Mrs O'Reilly) Exposition, Confession & Benediction Victor Alonzo RIP ^(MB)
<u>Sunday 16th January</u> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.30am	People of the Parish Int. of Sr. Anne Tynan ^(PH)

Pope Francis:

When they reach their destination, the Magi kneel down and worship the Baby. The journey of faith finds renewed strength only when it is made in God's presence. Let's not forget to spend time in adoration of the Eucharist, and allow ourselves to be transformed by Jesus.

Data Protection – Live-streaming

Sunday 9.30am Mass, and all weekday Masses, will continue to be live-streamed. The camera is situated at the front of the church so that only the Sanctuary is visible.

Cursillos in Christianity:

Supporting the Diocesan Vision

'Cursillo' began in Spain in the 1940's, and the name simply means 'a short course'. It has become a world-wide, tried and tested method of adult faith development. It is a way of making our discipleship effective and furthering the mission of the Church. The movement has papal approval and the support of our Archbishop.

There are two events taking place in the next few weeks:

An **Encounter Day** on Saturday 22nd January at St. Mary's the Mount Pastoral Centre, Walsall. It runs from 10.30am to 2.30pm – please contact the parish priest, Fr. Jobin Kollappallil, to book (or see below).

A three day **Cursillo Weekend** from the evening of Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th March in the afternoon. This will be at Shallowford House, near Stafford. If you would like to be involved in either or both of these events and for further information please contact: Canon Michael Leadbeater: email

canon.michael.leadbeater@rcaob.org.uk

or 07734 681060

Pope's Prayer Intention

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of January is: **For true human fraternity.** We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Sick in the Parish

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

Stephen Brook, Margaret Davis, Dcn. Peter Crosby, Mary Brough, Joe Bannister, Morris Moseley, Max Miotk, Leo Jones, Margaret Healy, Maura McGarry, Juliet Woodhall, Pat Hopley, Luke Smith, Catherine Shepherd, Keiron Sanders, Jim Smith, David Goodwin, Nancy Levell, Antonio Bigongiari, Olivia (Dotty) Cutler, Ann & Keith Allford, Dcn. John Higgins, Joan Hart, Emma Jones, Anna Morgan ^{née Meehan}, Margaret Cooper, Holly Brady, Mike Mander, Jo Cooke, Anne Humphreys, Paul Mott, Theresa Chandler, Fr. Paul Chamberlain, Cath & Paddy Breen, Max Lewis, Marguerite Baxendale, David Piggott, Clare Cooksey & Áine McDonagh.

We pray also for all who continue to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and for those who carry the burden of their illness privately. May the Lord grant them His healing and peace.

Thank You

Canon Michael and Christine Leadbeater thank all the parishioners who sent them good wishes in cards and gifts and other messages. We keep you all in our prayers and wish you every blessing for health and happiness in the coming year



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Live Simply Prayer – Week 07

(Baptism of the Lord)

Holy Father, cleanse us by the waters of rebirth and renew us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may become your heirs and look forward to eternal life.

CAFOD 'Hands On' News

There is a leaflet from CAFOD on the notice board in the porch about their latest "Hands On" development project. This replaces the one in Peru for which our parish has been fundraising. CAFOD has sent this invitation to you individually: "By joining 'Hands On' you can directly support communities as they undertake a 2 or 3 year project and receive regular updates about their progress. Our next community is in Cambodia, where you can stand alongside fantastic farmers, terrific teachers and inspired young people. **Join 'Hands On' today by setting up a regular gift at www.cafod.org.uk** A great video shows the 'Hands On' projects. Get it at www.cafod.org.uk/hands"

Deacon Peter's Invitations

Following Deacon Peter's invitation to "look back" together at our journeys in faith, we are holding a series of informal sessions based around conversation and refreshments in the Parish Meeting Room on Mondays at 7pm for about an hour, and Saturdays at 2pm. This could be your opportunity to explore, for example, your own spiritual journey, more of Peter's journey, Catholic spirituality and devotions, the contemporary Gifts of the Holy Spirit, or anything else you want! We particularly look forward to welcoming the younger members of our congregation (let's say the under-40s) - but of course all are welcome!

New Parish Census

If you have not already received a new Parish Census Form please collect one this weekend. Please complete as soon as possible and return to church, placing them in the basket in the sacristy corridor marked 'Census'. If you take communion to the sick, could you please take a census form for them to complete.

Welcome

This weekend we welcome Jithin, a Seminarian from Oscott, who will be doing his Pastoral Placement here for the next few weeks.

Whetstone Over 50's Club

The Whetstone Over 50's Club meets this Monday, **10th January at 2.00pm**, in the Parish Meeting Room. This month we have a speaker talking about his life in the police force. Why not come along and enjoy an afternoon of friendship.

Parish Raffle Tickets

Tickets for the parish raffle will shortly be on sale at £1 each. The raffle will be in aid of church funds and will be drawn at the end of the month.

Craft & Natter

We start our meetings again this Tuesday, **Tuesday 11th January from 11am to 3pm**, so why not make a new start to 2022 and try something new?

50p per session for all the refreshments you can drink. Come for a morning, an afternoon, or for the whole session, just don't forget to bring your lunch. Just bring yourself and something 'crafty' to make! We are looking forward to seeing old and new members as we return from our Christmas break. For more information call Christine on 07900604902

Second Collection

Next weekend, **15th/16th January**, there will be a retiring collection for **CAFOD**. This collection will be to support the many starving people, including mothers and babies, in Afghanistan.

Praying for the Unborn



We pray for families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibilities to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Amen.

Baptism Enquiries

If you would like to have your child Baptised here at St. Mary of the Angels please visit the 'Baptismal Enquiry' page of the parish website using the following link:

<https://www.catholicaldridge.co.uk/baptismal-enquiries.html>

Here you can complete a 'Baptism Enquiry Form'. The next available dates for Baptism Preparation are:

7pm Tuesday 15th February 2022

7pm Tuesday 27th April

7pm Tuesday 28th June

Christmas Crib Collection



Throughout the Christmas Season there will be a collection box at the crib for our annual Christmas Crib Collection. This year we are taking this collection to help the work the Father Hudson's Society. Advent and Christmas allow us to reflect on the birth of Jesus and the life and sacrifice he made to lead us in our love and support of our neighbours and those who are strangers to us. Please help Father Hudson's to care for people in need across the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Sacrament of the Sick

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

And finally:- This weekend, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of the few weeks of Ordinary Time before we enter the Holy Season of Lent. At the age of 30 our Lord appears openly on the banks of the River Jordan, the event which marks the beginning of His public life and ministry. This feast offers us an opportunity to reflect upon, and give thanks to God for, our own baptism; the moment in time when our own Christian life and journey of discipleship began. In giving thanks to God for this moment of grace, we are also invited to think about our life of faith-filled discipleship, how we have used the gifts that have been entrusted to us by God. This open and honest reflection about our faith, guided and graced by the Holy Spirit, enables us to move forward with a resolve to follow the Lord more closely. To serve Him more faithfully. To use more effectively the wonderful gifts which are ours. Gifts that have been entrusted to us for the glory of God, and our own eternal salvation.

May God bless and protect you all. Fr. Craig