

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Holy Souls RIP  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.00am People of our Parish  
January 2019 11.00am Philomena Cullen RIP Recently (Darcy)  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Week 1 of Ordinary Time: Sundays Year C & Weekdays Year 1**  
Week 1 Year 1 9.00am Holy Souls RIP  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.00pm Holy Souls RIP  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Intentions of Toohey Family  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot  
9.00am Holy Souls

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> The Octave of prayer for Christian Unity from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January**

9.00am Georgina Fernandes RIP (Murray)

**Sunday 20 January: SECOND SUNDAY in Ordinary Time PEACE SUNDAY**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Intentions of Paddy Hayden on his Birthday (Arthy)  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00am People of our Parish  
January 2019 11.00am Den McGuinness RIP (Darcy)

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE: Saturday 11am to 12 noon & 5.15 to 5.40pm**

**MORNING PRAYER of DIVINE OFFICE 15 minutes before weekday Mass**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT: Prayer & Adoration for 1 hour after weekday Mass**

**PARISH MASS BOOK: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK IN HOSPITAL & AT HOME:** Please inform a Priest or hospital Chaplain if you, your relative or a parishioner is ill at home or in hospital so they will have visits from a priest and receive the Sacraments to give them healing and strength.

**OFFERINGS:** Thank you for Offertories last weekend: Envelopes £345.50, Loose £388.31: Standing Orders £800, CAFOD £70.80. We also express our gratitude to a parishioner who has given a donation of £5,000 to our parish. Thank you all for your generosity.

**FOR HALL BOOKINGS** contact Arnold Verrall, preferably by telephone, on 01992 001995 (dial 01992 even in Epping) or mobile 07764404813 or by email [arnold\\_verrall@email.com](mailto:arnold_verrall@email.com). **Preferential rates for parishioners & charities.**

**NEW TO OUR PARISH or have changed your address:** Please complete a Parish Registration form, available in the Church, and introduce yourself to Fr John or Deacon Duncan who will happily welcome you to our church and parish community.

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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)**

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Baptism is God's free gift to us, in which we are cleansed of original sin and assured of our lifetime membership of the worldwide Christian way of life and eternity with God in heaven when we die. For any good Catholic family, the baptism of their new baby is an important moment in their family life. The parents and godparents willingly take on the family role of teacher and guide to help the newly blessed little Christian to find his or her best way through the challenges of the early years of Christian life and often maintain a loving influence into adulthood and beyond. It's all very beautiful and it is heart-warming to know that the baby has been strengthened with the sacramental oils of Baptism and Chrism.

The Baptism of Jesus was nothing like this. Not only was Jesus about 30 years old, but he was born completely free of original sin (though like a normal man in every other respect). John the Baptist had been sent ahead of Jesus to 'prepare the way for him' to be recognised as the long-awaited Jewish Messiah. His baptism signalled the start of his three-year ministry. We are told that, having been baptised by John, Jesus was praying when 'heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him and a loud voice from heaven declared to Jesus, for all to hear, **'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'** The people who witnessed this must have been awe-struck and not a little bit frightened. But another imminent shock awaited them ...Jesus' ability to change water into wine at the Marriage Feast at Cana and other miracles The power of Jesus was being displayed to the world.

God bless.

*Deacon Duncan.*

**WE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO DIED RECENTLY:**

**GIOVANNI BORELLI RIP,** who died on the 19 December. He was received into our Church for the celebration Requiem Mass on Tuesday 8 January. Requiem Mass will be celebrated in in Carpasio, Liguria, Italy on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January to be followed by burial there. **May he rest in peace.**

*We offer our sympathy to and prayers for his family and the repose of his soul. May the Lord send his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to console them at this time.*

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** This week members of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children are making the annual appeal for White Flowers. This is to raise funds for the S.P.U.C to help protect the lives of unborn children. Pro-abortionists are constantly targeting Parliament to change legislation which needs to be opposed.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: 1. A meeting for the Parents** of first Holy Communion children was held in our hall on **9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8pm.**

**2. Children will be presented with their First Reconciliation Certificates & enrolled for first Holy Communion at all Masses this weekend: **12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> January.****

**3 Children's preparation session** for first Holy Communion be held in our hall on **Wednesday 16 January at 5.45pm. Parents, please note all these dates & times.**

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** The young people in our parish preparing for Confirmation will be at Walsingham House at Navestock Side, Brentwood CM14 5SH, next weekend. They are preparing for Confirmation by Bishop Alan, at 11am Mass on **Sunday 24 February.** He will be making a Pastoral Visit to our Parish that weekend.

**TALKS ON OUR CATHOLIC FAITH:** We have talks on the Catholic faith for adults interested in finding out about our faith, becoming Catholic or wishing to understand our faith or support the faith of family members. These are suitable for Catholic adults who have not been Confirmed or not been practising and wish to renew their faith. They are held in **The Priest's House on Wednesdays at 8pm.**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm** in the Priest's House. All are welcome. Items on the agenda for discussion are:

**Stewards of the Gospel & the Diocesan Vision, Finance, Youth in our Parish; Justice & Peace, Cafod, Our Twin Parish in Dundee; Weekday Mass times, Health and Safety issues and reports.**

**THE DIOCESAN VISION DOCUMENT: "Shaping our future in our Diocese"** from the Stewards of the Gospel consultation programme in our Diocese. It is available free in the Church. Please look at how it may affect our local parishes.

**MISSIO APPEAL:** Fr Donie O'Connor will speak about the work of Missio, at all Masses on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**CONCERT:** Epping Chorus (formerly known as Ecce) will sing Dvorak's Mass in D & John Rutter's "Dancing Day" with harp accompaniment, and some seasonal carols, next **Saturday 19 January at 7.30pm** in St. John's Church, Epping. Admission free but programme donation of £2.50 for expenses. Retiring collection for much needed choir funds will be made. Please support us - a low cost, for a good and delightful evening.

**THE GOSPEL OF LUKE:** On **Wednesdays 23 & 30 January** at 7 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Luke, which is being read on Sundays in 2019. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will held in the Gidea Park Catholic Church Hall, at 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Please book by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) Refreshments provided. Admission free.

**BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019:**

Join the **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service** in Lourdes this Summer as we travel alongside the diocese, assisting the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage. Alongside this we run a retreat, daily Masses and excursions for the young people, as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Places will be allocated to ensure as many parishes and schools as possible from the diocese are represented and applications will remain open until **31 January 2019.** Where we receive a large number from one school or parish, places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. Please be aware, this is always heavily oversubscribed. The pilgrimage is open to anyone in school year 10 and above and the cost will be around £570 and our parish will also subsidise young people from the parish who wish to go (TBC). For information and the chance to apply, please visit [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) or for any queries, please email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**A VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN: Theme: Follow your Heart - Discernment and Vocation at Liverpool from the 15 to 17 Feb 2019**

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a relationship with God. For information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS** Please save used postage stamps and place them in the Used Stamps box in our Church porch, which is on the bottom shelf under the post tray. The stamps will be given to St Clare Hospice, and can be exchanged for money.