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The Baptism of the Lord

8 January 2023

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Margaret Dakin, Peter & Madge Wolstenholme, Fr Bill Bergin, Ton & Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Leonard & Mary Cooper, Sonia Prince, Fr Michael O'Connor, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

Our beautiful church has looked splendid over the Christmas season. **We thank** all who help to prepare, decorate, and clean it and we especially thank our flower arrangers for their skill and dedication.

Help in taking down the Christmas decorations after the 10.00am Mass this Sunday would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Our **Childrens' Liturgy resumes**, at the 10.00am Mass today, Sunday, 8 January. Thank you to all those who help support our children in this important way. If you would be interested in helping please speak to Fr McManus.

We thank St Joseph's Choir for their singing at the Christmas liturgies and our organist and choirmaster, Christopher Edge. Should you wish to know more and be interested in joining the choir then please speak with Christopher (those under 18 years must have a letter of parental consent, the details of which can be obtained from Christopher). Additions to our Tenor and Bass voices would be particularly welcome. The next Choir practice will be on Monday, 16 January at 7.00pm. The preparation for Easter begins!

There will be an **SVP meeting** in the Undercroft on Thursday, 12 January, from 7.30-8.30pm. Enquirers are welcome.

We are in need of new or additional **Readers to proclaim the Word of God at the Saturday, 5.00pm Mass**. This is an important apostolate and liturgical service, please consider if you could take part in this way at this or any other of our Masses. Thank you.

The new **church cleaning rota** is now available. **We thank** our cleaners and are always ready to welcome new people to the task.

Dates for your diary:

Ash Wednesday 22 February, a *Day of Fasting & Abstinence*: our annual observance of Lent begins with Masses at 10.00am, with St Joseph's School, and 7.00pm.

Saturday, 25 February, A Lenten Recollection, a morning at St Joseph's Church, with a Talk at 10.00am, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30 with Confessions available, Benediction at 11.20am and concluding with Mass at 11.30am.

Sunday, 2 April, Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins.

Sunday, 9 April, Easter Sunday.

In **The Bible in a Year** podcast Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. With this podcast, you won't just read the Bible in a year ... you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today. Each 20-25 minute episode includes: two to three scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz and a guided prayer. *Why not give it a try this year?*

The Baptism of the Lord

We pray that we will be faithful to our baptism

Eternal Father,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him,
and revealed him to us at his baptism in the River Jordan,
grant that we,
who have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit,
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
who is alive with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, now and for ever.
Amen.

From the Requiem of Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI

Let us pray,
O God,
who in your wondrous providence chose your servant Benedict
to preside over your Church, grant, we pray, that,
having served as the Vicar of your Son on earth,
he may be welcomed
by him into eternal glory.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

The Sacred Liturgy

Sunday 8 January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Intentions of Patrick Clarke
Monday 9 January <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	10.00am Intentions of Christine Hynes
Tuesday 10 January <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	10.00am Gretta Jones
Wednesday 11 January <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 12 January <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	10.00am Private Intention
Friday 13 January <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	9.00 – 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Pope Benedict XVI
Saturday 14 January <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	5.00pm Jimmy Cahill
Sunday 15 January <i>2nd Sunday</i> <i>in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am Jeff Mason 10.00am For the People

Last week's collection was £612.13 (£316.50 in offertory envelopes, £295.63 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

Our **Crib Offerings** will be donated to **help the Homeless**.

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
 Sufferers of Dementia

This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
 Those who care for people with Dementia

Please pray for Gerard Cahill & Brian Sedgwick *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

N.B. Deacon Simon's email is now: stjosephsdeacon@outlook.com