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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b> <b>Baptism of the Lord (Feast)</b>	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Christine Hughes, RIP Anniversary (D H) Benjamin Ini-Abasi Usoroh, Private Intention (E U) O/L Lamp Angela Crotty & G
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Peter Tennant, RIP Anniversary (B T)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Ray Clancy, RIP Anniversary (L B) <b>Coffee Morning</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	Gregor Dutko, Birthday Thanksgiving (K D)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>St Anthony, Abbot</i>	9.30am	David Maylor, RIP (B R)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am	Anne Beresford, RIP Anniversary (N E)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Intention of the donor Parish Community Intention of the donor O/L Lamp: Sarah O'Kane

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION:** Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Martin Garry, Eileen Kennedy, Una Upton, Lucia Derriman, Sonia Capper, Gregor Dutko.

**2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE:** The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis inaugurated this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope for the whole church to celebrate. As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "*We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and/ help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.*"

**THANK YOU:** Monsignor Brian wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, good wishes, cards and many kindnesses on his birthday last week.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** The Christmas Raffle raised the grand total of **£1220**. Proceeds are to be split between **Mind** and the **Missionaries of Charity**. The prize list is on the noticeboard in the Porch and there are still a few prizes yet to be collected. Many thanks to all who organised, donated and supported these good causes.

**BARBARA OWEN, RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Barbara Owen (Stephanie Jefferies' mum)** who died peacefully on Monday night (6<sup>th</sup> January) after a brief illness at the **age of 103**.

**PARISH LADIES' GUILD:** Next Meeting is on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm**. Agenda: 'Welcome Back and Forward Planning'.

**SVP:** Next meeting is on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 6.30pm**. All are welcome.

**PARISH PRAYER GROUP:** Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm**. All are welcome.

**PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE:** **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm**. Text: John chapter 10. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

**HOUR OF GRACE:** 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. **Next on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm**.

**PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOUR OF GRACE):** If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

**CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE:** Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: Treasures of the Catholic Faith.**

**PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** Are you in need of confidential one-to-one support following a bereavement, whether a recent loss or one that occurred some time ago? A member of our Parish team is available to meet you and provide individual support. Whether you need someone to talk to, listen, pray with or just some company for a coffee and chat, please don't hesitate to call Rose at 078131-57296. We are here to support you. You are not alone in this journey of grief.

**WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:** Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Mary Brearley, Angela Matthews, Janet Blackburn, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Rachael Naylor, Michael Kinrade, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Noreen Hyden, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Angela Millar.

**THE CYCLE OF PRAYER:** we are invited to pray for Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat it; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; The Unemployed.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:** For the respect of the rights of migrants, refugees, and those affected by war.

**SUNDAY OFFERING: £759** Thanks for your generosity.

**EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:**

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## Pope Francis on the Baptism of the Lord

“...while on the one hand it [the baptism of the Lord] reveals to us that Jesus is the Son of God, on the other it speaks to us of our Baptism, which has made us in turn children of God, because Baptism makes us children of God.

**Baptism:** it is God who comes into us, purifies, heals our heart, makes us forever his children, his people, his family, heirs to Paradise (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1279). And God becomes intimate to us and he does not leave us anymore. This is why it is important to remember the day of our Baptism, and also to know the date. I ask all of you: you, each one of you, think: “Do I remember the date of my Baptism?”. If you do not remember, when you return home, ask what it is, so as not to forget it any more, because it is a new birthday, because with your Baptism you were born into the life of grace. Let us thank the Lord for Baptism. Let us also thank him for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the Sacrament, for the godfather, for the godmother, for the community in which we received him. To celebrate your own Baptism: it is a new birthday.”

- Taken from Pope Francis' homily on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, 7 January 2024

