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Charity Number: 234092

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – 11 /12 January 2020.

Dear Parishioners,

At Christmas, Jesus reveals himself as the child of Mary. At the Epiphany, there is a first manifestation to the world. At his Baptism, Jesus, Son of God, takes responsibility for salvation of the world. Three Epiphanies, one Christmastide. In Solidarity with the suffering of his people, Jesus comes to take upon himself everyone's suffering. Jesus descends into the Jordan's waters, into the depths of human misery and sin, and announces the baptism of all humanity in the Holy Spirit.

God gives us the same Holy Spirit who comes to make all things new. Our baptism calls us to live in communion with God and in solidarity with humanity;-a double communion, with God and with each other. Jesus opens the doors of our night, he is light in our darkness, truth in our dishonesty, a compass in our confusion.

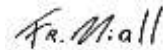
For Mathew, Jesus is the Centre, towards him everything converges: The descent of the Spirit, words of the Father, testimony of the Baptist, God raises the one who lowered himself, Jesus' humility brings us into his mystery: You too are my son, my daughter, you too are chosen, sent, loved, humanity is saved. We are baptized in Jesus who descends to our depths to deliver us, because in his baptism Jesus makes us one with Him. We allow Jesus to descend into our darkness and into the miseries of our world, to heal everything and everyone and to redeem us.

Baptism is indeed a gift, but a gift to be opened! How? Paul tells us: 'All those who let themselves to be led by the Spirit, are children of God.' (Rom 8:14) To live baptism, to live as God's children, is to let ourselves be led by the Spirit, grasping Jesus' hand and letting him guide us. What could be simpler?

Of course, this kind of adventure frightens us: we prefer to 'steer our own ship' than leave it to someone else. Baptism means allowing Jesus into our hearts and lives. God sinks down at our feet in His Son : will we allow ourselves to be touched by him? If we

can open our hearts, if we can let him in instead of clinging to our own ways, he will carry us very far in his love. He will carry us very far in his love. He will help us understand the true happiness of the Christian life and its extraordinary breadth and depth.

Have A Blessed Week

 (Fr. Niall)

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MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

Happy New Year to all parishioners and may you have many graces and blessings...
Fr Niall, Fr John, Fr Joseph and Deacon Joseph.

Congratulations to Shania Rodrigues on receiving a silver medal for 10 years serving at the altar of God.. Also congratulations to Chelsea, Vanessa, Peter and Derren who were awarded their medals on their acceptance into in the Guild of St Stephan.

Fr Niall and Fr John and Fr Joseph wish to thank all those who gave Christmas cards and gifts for Christmas. The clergy wish to thank parishioners for the generous Christmas offerings.

Fr John is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Malayalam and Tamil languages

This Sunday we welcome into the Community Faith through Sacrament of Baptism Kiyara Abrampah and Kayden Abrampah . May God bless them and their family and also Eddie Steven Mc Donagh. Thank to be to God.

On Sunday 29th of March,2020 England will be rededicated as the "Dowry of Mary"
This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish church and in as many homes as possible. Bishop Alan will celebrate the 11:30a.m. Mass on that Sunday in Brentwood Cathedral.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN We are planning to re-instate The Liturgy of the Word with Children at the Sunday Mass (probably the 10.00am mass) This involves the withdrawal of children to a room close to the main body of the church to celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word. The purpose of adapting liturgy for children is to lead them into full, conscious and active participation in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Liturgy with children, as with adults, demands dignity, clarity, and simplicity. If you are interested and would like some more information as to what it involves please contact Bernadette on 07804611914 bernadette.wilson1@ntlworld.com

Next weekend at all Masses there will be an appeal on behalf of Mary's Meals.

On Sunday 16th February at 3 pm. The Annual Lourdes Mass will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral. During the Mass there will be the Sacrament of the Healing.

Monthly Praise and Worship Evening: Sion Community, on behalf of the Diocesan Service Team, hold a monthly Praise and Worship evening on the last Sunday of each month. The next one is Sunday 26th January and then Sunday 23rd February. Everyone is very welcome to join us at Sion Community, 'SENT', Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood CM15 9BX at 7.30pm for an evening of contemporary Christian worship. If you have any queries, contact us on admin@sioncommunity.org.uk, call 01277 215011 or see our website: www.sioncommunity.org.uk. Looking forward to seeing you.

Sunday Coffee Morning Today 12 January 2020 is hosted by the Altar Servers after 10am Mass from 11am-12.30pm.

William 'Bill' John Roberts, Rest in Peace, We pray for the happy repose of the soul of William 'Bill' John Roberts, Rest in Peace. Requiem Mass for William 'Bill' John Roberts's soul will be on Monday 20th of January at 11 a.m. in Our Lady and Saint George.

Carole Hodges, Rest in Peace Memorial Mass for Carole Hodges, Rest in Peace, former staff member of Holy Family School at 6p.m. in the school on Tuesday 21st January.

<u>counting Rota</u>	15/12E	22/12B	29/12E	05/1B	12/01F	19/01F
<u>Hospital Rota</u>	15/12B	22/12D	29/12A	05/01B	12/01D	19/01A



Joke of the Week: I was sitting in the launderette watching the washing going around and I thought, I should bring my laundry in here one day!

(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Congratulations and Blessings to Sunny and Shiny who celebrated 21 years of marriage on Thursday last.

Happy 90th birthday to Bridie Curley.

Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tuddy.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Spurling Family's Intentions
Sun 12 January	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
08:30am	Mary Heagney and Family (Sr. Ann Marie)
10:00am	Pat McKenna's Intentions (Babs and Len)
12:00noon	Paul R. Yamson (Intentions) (Sylvia)
02:30noon	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 13 January	FERIA
9:15am	L Crampton (Intentions) (Kristina)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hopital- Mass-(Parishioners)
06:00pm	Ann Fitzpatrick Intentions (Family)
Tue 14 January	FERIA
09:15am	Sr. Annunciata's Intentions (Murphy)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Spranklan)
Wed 15 January	FERIA
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06:00 pm	Holy Souls
Thu 16 January	FERIA
09:15am	Staff and Children at OLSG School (Intentions) (Mana)
06:00pm	Parishioners
Fri 17 January	SAINT ANTHONY
09:15am	Parishioners
06:00pm	Holy Souls
Sat 18 January	FERIA
10:00am	Paul Fernanda Poulle and Barbra Croos (Rest in Peace) (Medonna)
06:00pm	Deceased of Moss and Nagle Family (Family)
Sun 19 January	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
08:30 am	Stephen Costelloe (Rest in Peace) (Martha)
10:00 am	Kitty Mackey (Mc Kenna)
12:00noon	Shun Choi and Choi Yee (Rest in Peace) (Ping)
02:30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass

Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Alix Charlery, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave,, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Hazel Belizaire, Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, Grace Mecaley, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Bernadette Wilson, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Paul Dynan, Roy and Margaret Bandhu, Maura Stone, Alma Willox, John Walsh, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeda, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen,

Rosary: Weekdays after morning Mass Reconciliation (Confessions): Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room