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Sunday 13th January 2019

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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CONFESSIONS - Sunday 5.30 to 5.50pm and Wednesday 6 to 6.30pm (not this week)

Entrance antiphon*:

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Psalms R/:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Acclamation:

The heavens opened and the father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Communion antiphon*:

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

* Not said if sung Mass

NOTICES

Offertory

Our offertory collection last week amounted to £241-18 plus £735 by Standing Order. Many thanks.

Diocesan Prayer Link

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, Cheddar. St Joseph and St Teresa, Wells.

Cleaning Rota

Team E

Adoration

Tuesday 1pm-1.50pm and Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 6.45pm and Perpetual: Thursday 10am to Friday 7pm.

Newsletter items to elaine@josephfrancis.org.uk no later than 10am Wednesday mornings.

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Cycle: C (II) Liturgy of the hours: Ps Season

	Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat
StF	11am 6pm	-	9am Morning prayer 2pm Rosary	-	-	9am Praying the Sunday readings	-
StJ	6pm (Sat, vigil) 9am	-	-	-	-	-	-

We hold onto the season of epiphanies for a little longer as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. For St Luke, we find Jesus at prayer as he receives the outpouring of God's Spirit. This beautiful feast gives us chance to reflect upon our own baptism, not so much as something that took place however many years ago, but something – an encounter – that we try to live out each and every day. Find a moment where you can be at prayer this weekend. Reflect upon God's favour resting upon you. Ponder God's Spirit at work within you and know yourself loved by the Father. Our baptism is a real encounter with God – Father, Son, and Spirit – but it reminds us that because of our baptism, because of the Spirit poured into us, we are called to be an encounter with God for others... that is our mission, yes! But its a mission simply because we *know* and experience the outpouring of the Father's love in our lives. That's something to be thankful for today.

Welcome

We welcome Canon Thomas Atthill who is celebrating our Masses this weekend.

PRAYER BOARD

Please remember in your prayers the following who are sick/housebound:

Theresa Parkes, Christine Broderick, Tony Madden, Kathleen McGhee, Nancy Evans, Josef Leduchowicz, Pauline Hill, Ann Keen, Mary Mott and John Malone.

Anniversaries: 8th January, Michael O'Byrne, 1951. Claire Taverner, 2018; 9th January, Bernadine Julia Shaw, 1998; 11th January, Catherine (Cathie) Campbell, 2008; 12th January, James Leonard Devlin, 1987.

Marriage Encounter Friary Cook

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Movement which aims to give couples who are married, or in long-standing relationships and commitment, the opportunity to enrich and refresh their relationships and there is a weekend taking place in our diocese in the new year. The Campanile Hotel, Swindon is the venue from 1st-3rd February 2019. Please book your place at <https://wwme.org.uk/marriage-enrichment/marriage-encounter-weekends/> and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact anitra.rawlins@cliftondiocese.com or see the website which is full of info!

Understanding and Praying the Liturgy

The diocese is running a new course being launched by our bishop as part of the Year of Prayer. Across ten Wednesday evening sessions in Clifton cathedral it seeks to immerse participants in a rich understanding of the Eucharist and the Liturgy by way of allowing us to deepen our sense of prayerfulness in the way we celebrate. This is a great opportunity for all those engaged in ministry in parish life. Details can be found on the Liturgy Office pages of the diocesan website at <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office/> or by calling Doreen Wyatt or Richard Williams on 0117 902 5595.

Parish Project Meeting

As Lent will be fast approaching we need to decide our next Parish Project to support. Everyone is invited to a meeting to discuss this after 11am Sunday Mass on 20th January. If you have a suggestion for a project please bring information about it to the meeting.

The Franciscan Friars in Clevedon seek a weekday cook from Monday to Friday. Simple, nutritious meals for up to three people, consisting of two courses. £9.00 per hour in the New Year and holiday entitlements of 28 days per year pro rata, including bank holidays. Please contact Fr Tony for further details—01275 873205 or tonybaya@friar.org.

Perpetual Adoration

Thursday 10am - 7pm Friday every week. All welcome.

If you would like to join the rota either on a regular basis or as emergency cover please speak to Fr Tom or contact Sue Mazza susanmazza@btinternet.com Mobile: 07879473828.

Children's Liturgy

Reminder that we have a short Children's Liturgy team meeting in the Committee Room after the 11am Mass Today. We are looking for new helpers, so if you would like to join us and help or just find out a bit of what we do at Children's Liturgy you are very welcome to attend this meeting or speak to Deacon Paul.

Cafe Francis

Cafe Francis will open again this Tuesday from 2pm until 3.30pm. So come along to the Church Hall and enjoy a chat and a cuppa and homemade cakes! All are very welcome.

Joint Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 19th January, 10am til 12.30pm at St Francis, Nailsea.

All singers / musicians or those who wish to join in with little or no musical experience to sing through the new Mass setting of St Luke and a new CJM hymn. Even if you can come to just some of the rehearsal, please join us to raise the roof!

Retreat in Tressaint (France)

A reminder that Fr Tom is preaching a 6 day retreat in Tressaint at the end of February and there is still time to apply. Coach transport will make travelling very easy. For further details and booking form go to <https://www.foyers.org.uk/retreats>

Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

An event on Wednesday 6th February at St. Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Lawford's Gate, Bristol, BS5 0RE there will be an event to raise the awareness of the issues and explore what can be done together to combat this crime and support its victims. Refreshments at 6.30 pm then beginning at 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm. Booking is not necessary. All very welcome.

Discovering Christ

Discovering Christ is aimed at helping us understand our faith and is ideal for those wanting to know more about Christianity. We intend to run the course regularly and this first one is aimed especially at our own parishioners although all are welcome – Catholic or not. A hot meal is provided free of charge and it is on Sunday lunchtimes from 12.15pm beginning on 3 March. To enable us to cater appropriately please register on-line at www.josephfrancis.org/christlife or by filling one of the registration forms which will be available in the lobby from next week.