

RECENTLY DIED

Please pray for the eternal repose of the following:

Mr George Tanti R.I.P. – The Funeral Service will be celebrated at St Mary's on Tuesday 11th January at 11.45am.

Mrs Maureen Petersen R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Tuesday 11th January at 12.15pm.

Mr Barrington O'Brien R.I.P. – The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family on Friday 21st January at 11.30am.



**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.
Amen.**

Readings continued

Luke announces the launch of the ministry of Jesus as a public phenomenon that unfolds in full sight for all the world to see, within the run of human history. Alongside this 'macro' context there is the 'micro' point of reference, for Jesus is at prayer. Luke is the evangelist of prayer. It is Luke who explicitly depicts Jesus praying at crucial moments of his ministry: at the baptism; at the appointment of the Twelve; at a point before Peter's confession of faith; at the Transfiguration. Luke also emphasises how Jesus teaches us to pray: through the account of the unjust judge, through his multiple addresses to the pharisees and to the tax collectors. The Lord's Prayer (Our Father) is seemingly inserted into the Sermon on the Mount by Matthew but in Luke it is given to the disciples in response to their explicit request that he teach them how to pray. This event is placed between the story of Martha and Mary, where the primacy of contemplation is outlined, and the parable of the friend who is forced out of bed at midnight as a result of persistent intercession. Luke reminds us that all the events of our lives must begin and end with prayer for only then can these events bring for fruitfulness. John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you.

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St Mary's SVP contact number 07731847622.

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Pray for the Sick

Holy Family: Catherine Driscoll, Kay & Paul Parris, Bernard Perry, Mary Bodman, Valentine, Collette Griffin, Vivian Miller, Brian Webster, Henry Fernandez, Hanna Marengi, Susanna, Martin, Chris Collins, Joseph Stancombe, Zaid Saffo, Peter Macpherson.

St Mary's: Fr Christopher Delaney, Bethan Williams, Jean Allen, Madison Lane, Marian Lamb, Nadasiri Ifada, Cecily Hughes, James Church, Anthony Jackson, Tom Hopkins, Margaret Griffiths, Joanne Coakley, Helen Ward, Carina Foster, Ben Foster, Maria Sullivan, Mary D'Alpa, Patricia Sadka, Mary Williams, Donald Rees, Michael McLoughlin., Jacob Callaghan, Martin Jones and Connie Greck.

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9th - 16th January 2022 Baptism of the Lord (Cycle C)

Readings for the Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Our text from Isaiah is taken from the first of the four great 'Songs of the Servant', the servant who would ultimately accept the burdens of suffering on behalf of the people. We can directly relate this text to the life and ministry of Jesus. When Jesus approaches John the Baptist on the banks of the River Jordan we behold the 'Innocent One' receiving a revelation from the Father which will constitute the keynote for his work as Messiah. At the time when Jesus was about to commence his public ministry there were many expectations attached to the figure of the Messiah. Jesus will not adhere to most of these expectations. He has come to bring healing, peace and justice and these elements will be forged through humility and gentleness. At the very beginning of his public ministry Jesus gives his allegiance to the Father's will. When the Father bestows his favour upon his 'Beloved' Son, Jesus begins to prepare himself for the final test. The Christmas Season is already preparing us for Lent and the Paschal Sacrifice.

A voice cries, 'prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.'

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 103.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7.

We are called to imitate the generosity of Almighty God. We are to be selfless in imitation of Christ. This text from the Letter to Titus reverberates with joy, drawing its imagery not only from Old Testament sources but also from Greek philosophy. We can lay claim to nothing for we deserve nothing. Our behaviour is nothing but unworthy, yet God approaches and addresses us with inexplicable affection. God has repeatedly pardoned the sins of his people. The majestic and unmerited favour of Almighty God is finally and fully revealed in Christ.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions. God has saved us – by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour.

Alleluia. Alleluia!

Someone is coming, said John someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

According to Mark's Gospel it is Jesus alone who sees the Spirit descending upon him at his baptism and the voice from heaven is addressed to him, suggesting that these events are a purely private communication to Jesus himself. According to Matthew's Gospel it is still Jesus who sees the Spirit come down upon himself but the voice is a public announcement for all to hear. The account of the Lord's baptism in Luke's Gospel brings a manifestation of the Spirit 'in bodily shape' and the audience becomes 'all the people'.

Continued opposite

Holy Family Masses

Sunday: Baptism of the Lord (9th January)

6pm Vigil Mass Michael Gerard McMahon

11am Patsy Treanor RIP

Tuesday: (11th January)

12.15pm Funeral Mass for Mrs Maureen Petersen

Thursday: (13th January)

9.30am

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (16th January)

6pm Vigil Mass Private Intention

11am Bella & Family

St Mary's Masses

Sunday: Baptism of the Lord (9th January)

10am W Lynch & Deceased Family Members

12pm Hatcher / Morgan Families

6pm James Amali Tresa (1st Anniv.)

Monday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (10th Jan.)

9.30am Frances O'Callaghan

Tuesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (11th Jan.)

9.30am Dom Alan Rees

11.45am Funeral Service for Mr George Tanti

Wednesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (12th Jan.)

9.30am Michael & Mary Walsh (Anniv.)

Thursday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (13th Jan.)

7-8pm Adoration & Benediction

Friday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (14th Jan.)

9.30am Michael Maher

Saturday: Weekday in Ordinary Time (15th Jan.)

12.15pm Archbishop Peter Smith

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (16th January)

10am Lawrence & James Tobin

12pm Antonino D'Alpa

6pm Eileen Lane

Confessions will be celebrated in children's liturgy room on Saturday from 10am to 11am. Access via the Church.

THE SYNODAL PROCESS OF CONSULTATION - FURTHER INFORMATION

- Please can any outstanding question choices for the Synodal process be returned by Sunday 16th at the latest. Your choices cannot be taken into consideration after that date.
- St Mary's Open Meetings to support the Listening Exercises
Saturday 22nd January at 10.30-11.30am and Sunday 23rd January 3-4pm.
Please be assured that we will maintain safe social distancing and protections.
- Further updates will be given by Kath Elley after each Mass in St Mary's this Sunday and next Sunday and members of the St Mary's Synodal Team will be available to answer any questions before and after each Mass.
- In our general discussions on the Synodal Process lots of people have acknowledged we need to support young people of the Church. We have been chatting to young parishioners and we'll be sharing their thoughts through the Newsletter. Here are the first from Bethan:

"I'm Bethan; a 23-year-old parishioner of St. Mary's and member of the Music Group that sings at 6pm Sunday Mass. I was received into the Catholic Church 6 years ago after embarking on the RCIA 'Journey of Faith' program.

"I want to participate in the Synodal Process as I am keen for the voices of young people to be heard and amplified in this Synod. Young people have such an important role to play in this process. As the objective of the Synod is 'to listen to the entire People of God', we need to ensure that young people are involved every step of the way. This involves those who used to attend church but no longer do so.

"I would like to form a small group of young people within St. Mary's and Holy Family parishes that can meet and have a discussion around the three key themes of the Synod; communion, participation and mission. This is important as the young people of our parishes will most likely have different views or thoughts arising from their particular experience of the world on these themes that need to be heard and not overlooked. After the initial two general 'group listening exercises' at the end of January, we will look into forming a group composed of just younger people. My contact details will be at the back of the church if anyone has further thoughts that they would like to share at this stage.

"I believe we have a lot to learn from the younger members of our parishes. Young people are the present and future of our Church, and so now, more than ever, we need to make our voices heard".



FINANCE & PROPERTY

Parish Offertory Collection at St Mary's:
19th December - Gift aid £282.21 Loose £673.70
SVP final total - £975.25

26th December - Gift aid £42.10 Loose £418.81
2nd January - Gift aid £50.91 Loose £537.64

St Mary's Standing Orders per week amount to £600.00 of which 90% is gift aided.

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26th December - Gift aid £42.10 Loose £418.81
2nd January - Gift aid £50.91 Loose £537.64

Holy Family Standing Orders per week amount to £250.00 of which 95% is gift aided.

A WORD OF THANKS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GENEROSITY

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the immense generosity expressed through your Christmas Offerings and the many gifts that were delivered to The Priory. I will not have to purchase any wine or confectionary over the coming year. I hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy the company of family and friends over Christmas and New Year.

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INVEST IN MY COMMUNITY

Those of you who have donated in the past via Virgin Money Giving will be aware that this is no longer available. However, it has been replaced by a new scheme called Invest in My Community. If you would like to make a donation online, please use the following link. In the future there will be a button on the parish website. The link is rcadc.org/portfolio-item/parish-offertory/ then you select the parish.

USED STAMPS

There is a box in the entrance to Holy Family where you can put any used stamps you may accumulate at this time of year. This will help to raise funds for the RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People).