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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Year A

11 - 12 January 2020

'The Lord will bless his people with peace.'

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REFLECTION: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season within our liturgical year. Tomorrow will be the first Monday of ordinary time. Today's feast also marks a transition in the life of Jesus from his quiet family life in Nazareth (30 years) to the active years of his public ministry (3 years). It is telling that in the life of Christ, the vast majority of his years were occupied with the ordinary tasks of everyday living: working as a carpenter, eating meals with his family, praying in the synagogue and making pilgrimages to worship in the temple in Jerusalem. The disciple of Christ ought to value the ordinary tasks of everyday living.

Mass Times and Intentions for This Week

Saturday	11	Christmas Feria	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Abner Mkandawire &
Saturday	11	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	Edward Tan & (G Lawrence)
Sunday	12	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	10.00 am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Monday	13	St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor or the Church	12 noon	Holy Mass	Derek Rowland ひ (A & P Lewis)
Tuesday	14	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am	Holy Mass Y1 & 2 School Mass	Ball Family (J Lupino)
Wednesday	15	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service	
Thursday	16	Feria in Ordinary Time	9am 6.45pm 7.00 pm	Exposition Benediction Holy Mass	Lupino Family (J Lupino)
Friday	17	St Anthony, Abbot	9.15 am	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Nyirenda "Get well" (Marielle)
Saturday	18	Our Lady on Saturday	-	No Mass	
Saturday	18	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.00 pm	Holy Mass	Becky Jordan ⊉ (C & A Park)
Sunday	19	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish

One World Group Christmas collection

Our usual appeal will happen this weekend, for support for our four parish projects, and for a new initiative. Envelopes for your Christmas gift will be collected this week. As ever, we thank you for your generous support and understanding of the situation of poor and marginalised people.

Parish Office Opening hours this week

Monday 12.30 – 15.30 Tuesday 09.00 – 12.00 Wednesday Closed Thursday 8.30 – 12.00

Friday Closed

Parish Administrator

We are very pleased to announce that Sam Craig will be our new parish administrator as of January 2020. Sam has a wealth of administrative experience and skills and will be a wonderful addition to the parish team. Many of you will know Sam and her family as they are our parishioners. Sam will be working together with Anne Lewis as this role is shared. She will be replacing Edyta Mills who will be leaving at the end of January. Throughout January Edyta and Anne will be inducting Sam into the role and Edyta will be handing over her duties. Please join us in warmly welcoming Sam, we send her many congratulations and good luck!

We need more Eucharistic ministers who are willing to carry out the ministry of taking communion to those who are housebound. If you are thinking about this you would be welcome to accompany a minister on a home visit. Please contact the parish office or Fr Naz if you are able to help, Thank you.

Decorate a family candle On 2 February 2020, Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, (Candlemas), after 10am Mass, you are invited to stay and decorate a candle to use at home for family prayers.

Youth club meets Monthly on Mondays 7-8.30 The next dates and activities are: 13th Jan Alternative quiz; 3rd Feb Clothes swap and games night; 2nd March Gospel puppet Theatre; 6th April Climbing. Youth Club is for year 7 +. Cost £1 voluntary subs.

Praying for Vocations Around the diocese each parish is allocated a date to pray specifically for vocations and those training the for priesthood. This will usually include exposition, benediction and Mass. In our local area, the dates for the diary in 2020 are: 23rd January - Our Lady & St Alphonsus, Blackmore Park

29th February – St Wulstan's, Little Malvern 24th July – St Joseph's, Malvern 26th November – St George's, Worcester

Current shortages at Malvern Hills Food Bank: jars of coffee, pasta sauce, tinned meat, tinned custard, tinned potatoes, tinned peas and carrots, size 5 and size six nappies, baby wipes, men's and ladies toiletries, men's shaving cream, men's razors.

The Lyttleton Fundraising Quiz 7pm for 7.30pm start on Saturday 18 January at the Lyttleton Rooms. £2.50 per head plus a donation for tea/coffee and biscuits. Teams of four, but if coming on your own teams will be made up.

CTM in Malvern Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January 2020

Events to which all are invited Theme 'Unusual Kindness'

Sunday 19th 4.00pm Unity Service – Great Malvern Priory, Speaker – Reverend David Clarke

Monday 20th 12 noon Prayers in the Lyttleton Well Prayer Room led by Malvern Justice & Peace Group

Tuesday 21st 12 noon – 12.30pm Prayers at St Joseph's, Newtown Rd.

7.30 for 7.45 pm Open invitation to The Ladies' Club at Somers Park Methodist Church, speaker Rev Phillip Johnson, Vicar at St Matthias.

Wednesday 22nd 6.30 – 8.00pm Friends Meeting House, Orchard Rd. Simple meal followed by worship. **7.00pm** Link Inter-Church Games Evening at Somers Park Methodist Church

Thursday 23rd 10.30am St Matthias Church, Malvern Link, Eucharist with prayers for Christian Unity.

Friday 24th 10.00 – 12.00 noon Ecumenical Coffee Morning in Christchurch Hall **12.00 – 12.30pm** Meeting for Prayer

Newman Talk 7.30pm Thursday 16 January, Speaker Rev. Helen Caine, Superintendent South Worcestershire Methodist Circuit, will speak on "OUR CALLING - METHODISM WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY" at The Parish Hall, St George's Roman Catholic Church, Sansome Place, Worcester.All Welcome; non-members £3.

The ecumenical intention this week is for St. Andrew's Poolbrook, in the Chase Team. The Revds Dave Bruce & Peter Myers, Eddy Edwards Youth Minister) and Helen Attree (Children and Families Minister), as well as the wider leadership, for our children and Young People; the Chase High School and the Malvern Parish Primary School, the Octagon Coffee Shop and Outreach of the church centre; The Bereavement Cafe; The Bridge Education Centre.

Next week there is a Second Collection for Pax Christi.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The sick and housebound of St Joseph's parish, including: Anne Wiseman, Martin Burger, Monika Hill, Barbara Innes, Raymond Bree, Nicholas Ratcliff, Ellen Verdul, Jonah Willis, Ann O'Donoghue, Anna Tyack, Anne-Marie Elder, Jessica. We include all those in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes. Our Lady, Health of the sick, pray for them.