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The Baptism of the Lord

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| Saturday | 8 th | 6.00 pm | Michael O'Driscoll RIP |
| Sunday | 9 th | 8.15am | Charles Hayes RIP |
| | | 10.30 am | Kathleen Herron RIP |
| Monday | 10 th | 9.30 am | Peter Sivyer RIP |
| Tuesday | 11 th | 9.30 am | The Parish |
| Wednesday | 12 th | 9.30 am | Dick Cleere RIP |
| Thursday | 13 th | 9.30 am | Holy Souls |
| Friday | 14 th | 9.30 am | Tom & Kevin Corrigan RIP |
| Saturday | 15 th | 6.00 pm | Intention of Dan & Joan Gould |
| Sunday | 16 th | 8.15 am | Antonio Maccarrone RIP |
| | | 10.30 am | Anne & Mike Steere RIP |



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am and 5.15 – 5.45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah: 40:1-5,9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16,21-22

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

COLLECTIONS: Church: £235 Digital collection £40 'Turning Tides': £348 Thank you for your generosity.
NEXT SUNDAY there will be a second collection for Mary's Meals

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Kathleen Brennan, Chris Judge, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, John Smith, Mick Brouder, Eileen Beech, Ian Threlfall, Thomas Duggan, Len Argent, Sister Catherine Lai, Justin Gould, Rose Little, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Patrick Ryan, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Joan Cutmore, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Adriana Gaboli, Elvira Kelly, Janine Leyder, Marianne Fisher, Jessie Patten, Kathleen Page, Sarah Finnegan, Ella Turnbull, Robert Barber, Ruby Bernardi, John O'Brian, Kathleen Bennett, John Evans, David Sheldon, Elizabeth Coleman, Johnny Johnson, Edith Murphy, Edward Hatton, Winifred Pearce, Bernard Hagel, John Flood, Philip Gilpin, Andrée Price, Sheila Bishop, Kathleen Bull, Anne Wapshott, Mary Bertolini. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

3. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022: The first lesson for the children will be next Tuesday 11th January

4. CHILDRENS' LITURGY is back up and running! Bring your young children to the 10.30am Sunday Mass and join us in the barn for our liturgy, which is suitable for all ages, until they have made their 1st Holy Communion. Volunteers are desperately needed to join the rota for delivering the Childrens' Liturgy. All resources are provided, and it would only be once every 4-6 weeks, depending on how many volunteers come forward. Catch Peter Clarke after 10.30am Mass for further details.

5. THE 'CAFOD AUCTION' AND SUPPER will be held in The Barn on Saturday 22nd January 2022 at 7.00 pm. Please remember to save any 'surplus' gifts or unused items for the Auction. For collection/information call Charles on 01903 505546 Tickets for sale this weekend and next.

6. WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? Or should it be '**YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!**' We are a busy parish with many good things happening in it but these only can happen if you are prepared to join in. At the moment help is needed with Readers, Children's Liturgy and Flower Arranging. At the beginning of April we open again to the public who wish to come and view the ceiling and our lovely stained glass windows. There is much to do but we really do need you to come and help where you can. Please contact Anne in the Parish Office for further information and with your offers of assistance.

7. SYNOD MEETINGS have had to be curtailed due to the virus. We hope to conclude them in January.

PLEASE REMEMBER to follow the COVID rules, masks, hand-sanitiser, social distancing, taking all papers away with you, hymn books returned to either porch AND, most importantly, going to Holy Communion row by row – out one end of the bench and back by the other end.

8. CONFIRMATION 2022: If you are in Year 10 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will be starting on 20th January with the Parents and Candidates Meeting in the Barn at 7.00 pm . Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

9. LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Online applications for the 2022 Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for all those who do not require any assistance in Lourdes or on the journey can now be found on our website lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk. Paper applications for those who require assistance will be posted out in the new year. If you or someone you know would like to receive an Assisted Pilgrim Application Form, please email us with the name and postal address.

10. JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY WEBINAR: It's not too late to sign up to our annual diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly 'To a Safer Shore?' taking place Saturday 15 January, 9.45am - 2pm online. The Assembly will explore the considerable difficulties and challenges faced by individuals and families who are compelled to leave their homes and seek safety - and longed for sanctuary - in countries that can be considerable distances from their homes. Speakers include Aidan Cantwell, from the Jesuit Refugee Service who will explore current legislation in the UK and how best we can respond, Karen Goldsmith, who has first-hand experience of the refugee crisis, having spent time volunteering at a refugee camp in Chios, Greece, Canon Rob Esdaile who will provide insight on Pope Francis' Encyclical Fratelli Tutti and John Paul de Quay, from the Ecological Conversion Group, who will examine the links between the plight of refugees and climate crisis. You can find out more and book your free place here.

10. MARY'S MEALS: Between now and the end of January all financial donations will be doubled and so we will hold a Second Collection on 15th/16th January.

11. TURNING TIDES (WCHP): Items needed: Tinned Vegetarian Meals, Tinned Meals, Horlicks, Hot Chocolate. Coffee, Cooking Oil, Cling Film, Small Tents, Sleeping Bags, Hand Warmers, Drinking Flasks, Mattress Protectors, Pillow Protectors. Men's Jeans, Jogging Bottoms, (Small/Medium) Men's Boxers (New please), Men's Fleece (Small/Medium) Waterproof Coats, Fingerless Gloves, Trainers Sizes 8 – 12. Small Armchairs, Chest of Drawers, Single Bed Frames, Single Mattresses, Bedside Cabinets. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations.

FATHER LIAM SAYS: pope Francis was 85 years old on 17th December and is showing no signs of slowing down. From the start of his papacy he has made clear the direction in which he would like to guide the Church and he has been increasingly making efforts to achieve his goals. On 13th March he will have been Pope for nine years. He had never lived or worked in Rome before his election and we can expect more surprises as he dynamically continues to lead us. The Pope seems determined to use every opportunity to reshape the Church for the twenty-first century. There are certainly no signs that he intends to stand down. The operation on his colon last July was successful and apart from suffering bouts of sciatica seems to be in good health for a person of his age. It would be highly unlikely that he would resign while Pope Emeritus Benedict is still alive. He would certainly want to remain in office until at least October 2023 when the crucial Synod of Bishops concludes in Rome.

The worldwide synod process launched last October is part of his efforts to uproot the entrenched culture of clericalism. This process is fragile and inevitably is meeting with negativity and cynicism from some who like the hierarchical pyramid as it is. What would a more synodal Church that Pope Francis is working for look like? He emphasises three characteristics in particular. It should be more embracing. It should be more humble. It should be more prophetic.

Pope Francis likes to emphasise that the Church should be welcoming and embracing all its members equally. On his visit to Cyprus last month, he said to the priests and religious: 'Walls do not and should not exist in the Catholic Church'. For the Church is a common home, a place of relationships and of coexistence in diversity. He wishes the Church to become 'an open space in which all are welcomed.' He explained that the 'diversity of the whole shows the richness of unity.' One of the things that synodality, with its emphasis on the discernment of local churches – the Church in different parts of the world – seeks to bring about. He emphasises that unity does not mean uniformity. He has often lamented the 'we've always done things this way' attitude which prevents evangelisation and hardens divisions between Christians. Addressing Orthodox Christians in Cyprus he said: '\|Let us not permit the 'traditions' in the plural and with a small 't' to prevail over Tradition in the singular and with a capital 'T.'

The second characteristic is humility. A Synodal Church is able to listen and learn from other Christians and admit mistakes. During his meeting with the Holy Synod in Nicosia Pope Francis said that the Orthodox experience of synodality 'can truly help us'. He said to the Orthodox Archbishop Ieronymos in Athens: 'We feel that we have much to learn from you.' He asked forgiveness for 'the mistakes committed by many Catholics'.

A Synodal Church must be prophetic. The most moving scenes of Pope Francis visit came when he met refugees on Lesbos. He has consistently been an advocate for refugees and migrants at a time when European Governments often have hardened their attitudes. The President of Greece, Katerina Sakellaropoulou described him as a 'protector of the poor and persecuted, sharer of their pain and strong supporter of their rights.'

Pope Francis sees synodality as a path towards a deepening participation of all the People of God in the governance of the Church. The Pope intends to do what he can to ensure that his reforms are irreversible. Those Cardinals who are under 80 years old will chose the next Pope. Pope Francis has already chosen 60% of the current College of Cardinals. In the next few months he is expected to create more – to bring the number to 120 which is the number set by Pope Paul VI -though subsequent Popes are free to increase that number.

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