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THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday 9th January 2022

Holy Mass

Intention

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Chinwe Odilo

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

Pro Populo

11:00am Solemn Mass

Mina & Alf Hanson Anniv

Weekday Masses

Monday 10th

9:30am Holy Mass

Private Intention

Tuesday 11th

5:30pm Rosary & Novena

6:00pm Holy Mass

Private Intention

Wednesday 12th Saint Aelred of Rievaulx

9:30am Holy Mass

Elizabeth Thomas &
Catherine McKenna

Thursday 13th Saint Hilary

5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:00pm Holy Mass

Richard Kelly Anniv

Friday 14th

9:30am Holy Mass

Patricia & Frank McDonald

10:00am – 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 15th The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00am Holy Mass

Mgr Seamus Conway

Next Sunday 16th SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday for Sunday

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Eileen Conlon

SUNDAY

9:00am Holy Mass

William Buckley Anniv

11:00am Solemn Mass

Pat McGowan Anniv

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm

Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass

Saturday after the morning Mass

Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays

DAILY ROSARY

The Holy Rosary is an enormous source of grace and spiritual protection, one of the most powerful sacramentals of the Catholic Church. Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the children to whom Our Lady appeared at Fatima, once said, "There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families ... that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Christmas Season, which ends precisely today, has made us contemplate the Child Jesus in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, lovingly tended by Mary and Joseph. God entrusts every child who is born to his parents: so how important is the family founded on marriage, the cradle of life and love! The House of Nazareth where the Holy Family lived is the model and school of simplicity, patience and harmony for all Christian families. I pray the Lord that your families too may be welcoming places where these little ones can not only grow in good health but also in faith and love for God, who today, with Baptism, makes them his children.

In Baptism God himself acts, Jesus acts through the Holy Spirit. In Christian Baptism the fire of the Holy Spirit is present. God acts, not only us. God is present here today. He takes on your children and makes them his own.

Let us entrust these children and their families to the Virgin Mother of Jesus, Our Saviour, presented in today's liturgy as the beloved Son of God: may Mary watch over them and accompany them always, so that they can fully carry out the project of salvation which God has for each one. Amen.

Pope Benedict XVI

THANK YOU!

Many thanks for all your kind Christmas gifts and prayers and good wishes and thank you for your Christmas offering. To everyone who helped in preparing the church for Christmas, the cleaning team, the donations of Poinsettias and especially to Agnes for the beautiful flower arrangements, Paul for playing the organ at all the Solemn Masses. Thank you to Agnes and Sarah for all the help in the Sacristy. Thank you to all the Stewards at the Masses, their help was very important to the smooth running of the Masses. And thank you to the Readers and Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Thank you to Fr Jan for his help celebrating Christmas Masses.

With my Prayers and Blessing for the New Year.

Fr Christopher

EPIPHANY BLESSING 20+C+M+B+22

The numbers represent the current year and the letters stand for the first letters of the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. The letters are also an abbreviation for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," "May Christ bless this dwelling." Epiphany Chalk will be available at the Epiphany Masses and the Sunday afterwards.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS

Please take very great care as this is so sacred. As you approach the Priest remove your face covering so that you can receive the Host with great care and reverence. **Do not move while holding the Blessed Sacrament.** If you wish to receive on the tongue, please come to the communion rails last.

If you need the Most Blessed Sacrament brought to you at Holy Communion please sit at the front of the Church and in any case at the end of a bench so that the greatest amount of honour and respect can be shown to Jesus. It is not appropriate that the Priest or minister has to reach across other people.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Fridays 10:00am – 11:00am

Please continue to support this powerful time of prayer for the good of the Parish and for our own good. If you have never been - come and Adore the Lord present in the Most Holy Eucharist.



Recently Deceased – May they rest in peace

Patricia Devlin – Requiem Mass at Holy Family Small Heath Thursday 13th Jan 12noon.

Catherine Ready – Reception Thursday 20th 6:45pm
Requiem Mass Friday 21st 10:30am

Paul Mahon

Annette Anderson

Kate Ford

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored for Bram Garner and the Lawlor & Allt Family.

Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

26.12.21 - Gift Aid: £233.20 Non-Gift Aid: £266.22

Total: £499.42

02.01.22 - Gift Aid: £85.72 Non-Gift Aid: £321.70

Total: £407.42

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Weekend – Pax Christi

Friends of the Holy Land £170.98. Crib Offerings can still be given.

All collections will still be taken before and afterwards. Please consider giving by standing order

Office Hours: The Parish Office is open between 10:30am and 2:30pm Mon, Tue & Wed. Any requests for Baptism Appointments, certificates, parish centre enquiries etc; should be made during these times. Tel. 0121 743 2367 or Email: stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk



CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN

New Year Resolutions

How about some very practical, down-to-earth resolutions for reviving the Eucharist as the “source and summit” of our life?

1. Return to Sunday Mass! No excuses—OK, if you’re in fragile health—just get back. Rates of attendance at Sunday Mass were scary pre-Covid—about 24 percent of Catholics in this archdiocese were faithful—and now it’s more frightening. Sunday Mass is a constant, an essential, of Catholic life.

2. Remember the Eucharistic fast! It’s simple, especially when compared to the strict fasts many of us old-timers recall. All we have to do now is cut out food and drink for an hour prior to receiving our Lord at Mass. A practical way to prepare....

3. Genuflect to the tabernacle as we enter the pew. Catholics used to be teased as “knee benders” because we automatically “bent the knee” to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. Let’s earn that nickname again.

4. Make a good confession, if we’re aware of serious mortal sin, before we receive Holy Communion. The Bible tells us not to receive unworthily! Listen to the Good Book.

5. Mean it when you say Amen! before you receive the Sacred Host. That word means “I agree!” We whisper it when the priest or deacon presents us Holy Communion with the words “The Body of Christ.” With our sincere “Amen!” we profess our faith that it indeed is.

6. Dress modestly. I’m afraid “Sunday best” has gone into the vocabulary museum. I’m not saying we all need to “gussy up” in lavish or expensive clothes, but the way we dress does show our reverence. (And boys, please, no ball hats, or hats of any kind, in church!)

7. Participate at Mass! Pray hard those beautiful prayers; sing; listen to God’s Word and the sermon; arrive on time and do not duck out early; think about volunteering as a lector, usher, choir member, or server.

8. Invite—encourage but don’t pester—others to get back to Mass. I love it when I see our grandparents bringing their grandkids to Mass. Invite neighbours, family, and friends. Let them be inspired by your example of fidelity to Mass.

9. Visit Jesus, really and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, often. Many of our parishes have Eucharistic Adoration; many keep the church open so folks can stop in and visit their friend Jesus. Great resolutions.

10. Let’s recover a sense of silence and awe while in church. I can’t think of a more helpful or fruitful resolution for 2022 than to renew the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist as the anchor, the centre of our lives

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Pilgrimage to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham - “Known as England’s Nazareth”

From Sacred Heart & Holy Souls, Acocks Green,

St. Thomas More, Sheldon

St. Anne’s, Chelmsley Wood

Special Offer from the Basilica and National Shrine

“Two Nights Half Board En-Suite Accommodation”

“Plus Cooked Lunch on Friday 25th March 2022”

Friday 25th March 2022 - Sunday 27th March 2022

Inclusive of Coach Travel Price: £ 160.00 Per Pilgrim

There is only En-Suite Accommodation Available on this Pilgrimage, due to other groups booking very early for 2022

Please Book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment

£ 50.00 Non Refundable Deposit Required

For Further Details: Contact Charles Keily on 07710 - 189036