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**Newsletter for the week commencing**

**12th/13th January 2019**

**The Baptism of the Lord (C)**

**First Reading**: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

**Psalm 103**

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

**Second Reading**: St Paul to Titus 2: 11-14 3: 4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-15, 21-22

**Father John writes:**

Most of us were probably baptised as infants, so our first experience of Church was of having cold water poured over our heads. Then, at the other end of life, at our funeral, the priest will sprinkle holy water all over us again – although now we will be protected by the coffin! Water is vital! During expeditions into space, the scientists search above all for planets with water, or at least for signs that once there had been water there. Why? Because water = life, and no water = no life. The water of Baptism is even more life-giving. It brings us the new life of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism, and at the end of our earthly life, it brings us eternal life. Treasure your Baptism!

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased: -** Julia Welsh, Margaret Maloney, Anthony Whately

**Those ill or infirm:** Alan Davis, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant and David Lloyd-Thomas

Remember that parishioners who would like to be on the sick list must give their permission themselves or via another parishioner for this to comply with the GDPR. Do let Father John or Patricia know

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: -** Catherine Mellor, Norman Styles, Jan Czarski, Josephine Harrington, Mary Brangan, John Thompson, Norman Ulph, Alexander Watt, William Syer and Douglas Fowler.

**This week’s events**

Retiring collection **today** Society for the protection of unborn children (SPUC)

Weekly Meetings

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| **Day/time** | **Group** | **Place** |
| Tuesday 4.30pm | Mothers Prayers Group | Parish Room |
| Wednesday 7.00pm | Choir practice | Church |

**This week’s services**

**The Baptism of the Lord (C)**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 12th January | Feria | 6pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 13th January | The Baptism of the Lord | 8.30am Mass  10.30am Mass  *People of the parish* |
| Monday | 14th January | Feria | 10am Mass |
| Tuesday | 15th January | Feria | 10am Mass *Richard Wenham RIP* |
| Wednesday | 16th January | Feria | 10am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 17th January | St. Anthony | 9am Mass |
| Friday | 18th January | Feria | 10am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 19th January | Feria | 10.00 to 10.45am Reconciliation  6pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 20th January | Second Sunday (C)  *Day of prayer for Peace* | 8.30am Mass the *People of the parish.*  10.30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities: 19th/20th January**

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|  | **6pm Saturday** | **8.30am Sunday** | **10.30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Charles Ortner | Nick Carter | Rachel Heinrichsmeier |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Allan Shipton  Peter Lonergan | Peter Hook  Frances Lawrence |
| **Flowers** | Francien Foster | **Cleaners** | ---- |

**Mardi Gras Parish Meal**

Because of the multitude of events in people’s diaries before Christmas, we decided to postpone any plans for a Parish Christmas Meal.

In many Christian cultures, there is a celebration before the beginning of Lent, sometimes called Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday.

I would like therefore to suggest we have a Parish Meal together at lunchtime on the Sunday before Lent – Sunday 3rd March 2019

It would take the form of a “bring and share” meal, as we had very successfully on my birthday. The parish will provide the crockery, cutlery, napery etc.

Please could you indicate the type of food, you might be able to bring to share and bring your own choice of beverage. Please see the noticeboard.

Father John