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Sunday 12th January 2020

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

(Yr A)

Mass Times and Intentions:

Sunday 12th January 2020

The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)

(Parish Mass Book – Page 118)

6.15pm (11th January 2020)

Ana Fernandes RIP

8.30am Intentions of Alan Blaquiere
(recent birthday)

10am Eugene Shihemi RIP

(Free Coffee Morning after this Mass)

11.30am John Mernagh RIP

4pm Benediction

5pm People of the parish

First Week of in Ordinary Time (Yr 2)

Monday 13th January 2020

7.30am Brother Thomas CSsR RIP

10am In thanksgiving

Katarzyna & Maciej Siniło

Tuesday 14th January 2020

7.30am Manuel Pita RIP

10am Thomas Corr RIP

Wednesday 15th January 2020

7.30am James & Kathleen Kennedy RIP

10am Franco Amato RIP

Thursday 16th January 2020

7.30am Patrick & Mary Sheehan RIP

10am Leonard Borgonha RIP

Friday 17th January 2020

St Anthony, Abbot (Memorial)

7.30am The Holy Souls

10am Intentions of

Mr & Mrs D Muoghalu

8pm The Holy Souls

Saturday 18th January 2020

Our Lady

10am The Holy Souls

Next Sunday 19th January 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is also Peace Sunday

(Parish Mass Book – Page 125)

6.15pm (18th January 2020)

People of the parish

8.30am The Holy Souls

10am Intentions of Jonathan

D'Souza-Walker (birthday)

11.30am Intentions of Romano Ippoliti

4pm Benediction

5pm Intentions of Sandra Fitzsimons

Daily Mass & Prayer

*Mass: Monday – Friday @ 7.30am

*Morning Prayer of the Church:

Monday – Saturday @ 9.15am

*Adoration & Benediction:

Monday – Saturday @ 9.30am

*Mass: Monday – Saturday @ 10am

*Mass: Friday @ 8pm

*Rosary: Monday – Saturday @ 10.30am

*Confessions:

**Saturdays, after 10am Mass, until
11am; Then from 5pm to 6pm.**

(and at call, if a priest is available.)

THANKYOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Collections over the past few weeks:

Sunday 22nd December 2019 - £1946.00

Sunday 29th December 2019 - £1752.00

Sunday 5th January 2020 - £1948.00

**(In each case, Standing Orders of
£650.00 are included in the total.**

YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Father Deo and Father Tomasz thank you most sincerely for the generous offering you gave to your priests at Christmas.

The amount you gave broke all previous records! If you would like to know more, please speak privately to either of them.

FREE COFFEE MORNING TODAY

Organised by the Social Committee, after the 10am Mass, in the hall.

WELCOME

We welcome **Canon Joseph Collins** to say today's 10am & 11.30am Masses. Canon Collins will return next week at the same times. Also, during the next couple of weeks, we shall be welcoming

Fr David Standley, who will be covering some weekday Masses for us.

Fr Deo has arrived safely in Tanzania, and will be back with us on Friday 24th January. We wish him a happy holiday and pray for his safe return.

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

Please give generously today to this annual appeal. SPUC are at the forefront of the protection of the unborn, in particular lobbying MPs in a bid to save the unborn and protect vulnerable mothers who might benefit from their help.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK, UNDERGOING TREATMENT, OR ARE HOUSEBOUND:

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Frances Carter, Jean Cowie,

Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude,

Teresa Florek-Smail,

Delphine Fernandes, Michael Fogarty,

Raffaella Forte, Raffaele Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,

Elaine Gunther, Anna Harris,

Agnes Healy, Jim Hughes,

Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski,

Joseph Lunn, Elsie McCleave,

James McDonald, Michael Madigan,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Gerard Mascarenhas,

Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern,

Sheila Newman, Thomas Pereira,

Sheila Price, Parwar Saib,

Frederic Saint-Rose,

Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott,

Charmaine Shali, Christine Shaughnessy,

Ronald Smail, Fr David Standley,

Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Gail Wilson, Carole Winch,

John Windsor, Charmaine Wise,

Margaret Worrell, Georgette Yoo Foo,

Tony Zammit.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

Ronald Theodore Francis, of Heybridge Avenue, husband of Pauline.

Ronald died on

Saturday 28th December 2019.

His funeral will take place here on Monday 27th January 2020 at 10am.

Our prayers and condolences as a parish go to the family.

In the coming week:

Church Cleaning – Group 2 please.

If you have put yourself forward for church cleaning, but have not yet heard anything, kindly contact the Parish Office. Also, if you are on the cleaning rota, but you are no longer able to help, please let us know.

CHRISTMAS THANKS

We should like to formally thank everybody who worked so hard to make Christmas such a blessed and beautiful time.

There are too many of you to thank individually:

Those who spent hours decorating the church and the crib, the flower arrangers, all our faithful altar servers, the Choirs, Organists, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers, the Children's Liturgy Group. To all of you, our grateful thanks. For, without your generous help, we could not have done anything. Happy New Year to you all!

PLANNED GIVING UPDATE

More of you have now handed in your **Commitment** forms and **Time & Talents** inserts, over Christmas and New Year.

If you have not yet responded to the appeal, you may still do so at any time. Please ask for information via the parish office or ask Fr Deo, Fr Tomasz or Deacon Ged.

In respect of weekly offerings, a number of you have switched to monthly Standing Order payments and, in some cases, parishioners have kindly increased their existing Standing Orders. This really helps us to manage parish finances better. Please note that any new standing orders or changes may not take effect until February, once they have been processed by the Gift Aid Team and the banks.

If you are amending your Standing Order online, please check with the Parish Office with regard to what you should write in the box marked for a Reference Number.

Please do consider setting up a Standing Order. And, of course, do take advantage of the Gift Aid Scheme if you are a taxpayer. Remember that, if you give by Gift Aid, the parish can claim a further 25% of your offerings. It costs you nothing extra, and you need only sign a simple form.

Please contact the Parish Office with any enquiries.

Once again, thank you for all that you do.

Please keep our parish in your prayers.

You will find plenty of information on our Parish Web Site: www.stbartsnorbury.co.uk/planned-giving.html

MASS INTENTIONS

Please use the Mass Intentions Envelopes provided.

There is no fee for Masses. As a guide, most tend to offer £10.00, provided they can afford it.

Please do worry if you are unable to make an offering.

In order to avoid disappointment, you are advised to book Masses well in advance. Nevertheless, we cannot give any guarantee in this regard. Please note that, should a funeral be scheduled on a date which you have requested that a Mass be said, we are obliged to move your intention to another date and time, and shall attempt to inform you.

If you belong to the Gift Aid scheme, you may Gift Aid your Mass Offerings. There is a special box on the Mass Offering Envelopes for this purpose, though please ensure that the name of the person requesting the intention is the holder of the Gift Aid number provided. It is best to book a Mass in your sole name if Gift Aiding your Mass Offerings.

PARISH DINNER DANCE 2020

Please note that the date for this event has now changed from Saturday 15th February to Saturday 25th April.

Please save the date in your diaries, and support the great efforts being made by our Parish Social Committee to reintroduce and stage this event on your behalf.

THANKS FROM THE SVP

Thanks to all who gave to the collection taken at the Advent concert, which raised a total of **£250.00**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

The first two sessions, "In the Name of the Father" & "Lord Have Mercy" take place next Saturday 18th January from 10am – 11.30am as scheduled, at BTG school.

Information on our First Holy Communion programme is available on our Parish Web Site using the following link: <https://stbartsnorbury.co.uk/eucharistic-preparation.html>
Would those parents who have put themselves forward to help, please contact Teresa Furtado **urgently** on 07742 911152. We really do need **extra** volunteers to help with delivering the programme. Please contact Teresa if you can help.

CONFIRMATION 2020

The introductory meeting for all candidates, parents and guardians takes place **this Wednesday 15th January at BTG School from 7.30pm – 9pm**. It is vital that all attend. See: <https://stbartsnorbury.co.uk/confirmation-preparation.html>

THE HALL

The new nursery is now occupying the hall. You might have seen their sign outside. The majority of the uniformed groups are remaining, subject to slight time changes, whilst the Rainbows have now found an alternative venue, as has the Playgroup. In future, Hall Bookings will be handled by an external company which, in fact, manages hall bookings for a number of parishes, and operates strictly in accordance with Diocesan regulations.

Further details will follow once finalised. If you have provisionally booked the hall, the hire company will be informed, and will contact you directly, so that you may confirm your booking should you wish to do so. You will be able to make payment by credit or debit card.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN MEDAL CEREMONY

We shall be enrolling new members into the Guild of St Stephen **during the 10am Mass on Saturday 29th February**.

If you think you should be receiving a medal, and you have been serving for at least a year, please add your name to the notice in the Sacristy. If there are any parents or guardians who could help with teas & coffees afterwards, please let Deacon Ged or Jed Murphy know. The Guild Mass is a great opportunity for **all** servers to come and renew their Guild Promises. If you are available on that day, it would be great to see you there too.

MISSIO

New Box holders will be contacted by their promoters shortly in order to advise that red boxes should be emptied. This is due by the end of January, and will continue to happen monthly.

A DAY WITH MARY

The next local event will take place next Saturday 18th January at Our Lady of the Rosary SW9. Please see the poster.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

A retreat is to be held at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday 25th January. Full details are on the poster in the porch.

LONDON SW CATHOLIC SOCIAL GROUP

See our Facebook page or email: londoncatholicsocial@gmail.com.
Next event: Mass at St Patrick's Church, 21A Soho Square, London W1D 4NR on 19th January at 11am, followed by a meal and a walk.

CONFESSIONS IN POLISH

From February, there will be Confessions in Polish each Saturday preceding the first Sunday of the month, 3pm – 5pm.

SPOWIEDŹ W JĘZYKU POLSKIM

Od przyszłego miesiąca, w każdą sobotę przed niedzielną Mszą w języku polskim będzie możliwość spowiedzi po polsku od 3 do 5 po południu.