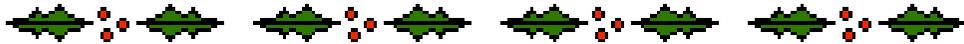


Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world". Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin. – Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas.



**Collect Prayer**

**Almighty ever-living God,  
who, when Christ had been baptized  
in the River Jordan  
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,  
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,**

**grant that your children by adoption,  
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may always be well pleasing to you.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.**

**Amen**



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*The Baptism of the Lord* 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Sunday 12.01	10.30am 4pm	Claire Flanagan RIP (Birthday) Phoebe Philip Thanksgiving	Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17
Monday 13.01		No Service	
Tue 14.01		No Service	
Wed 15.01		No Service	
Thu 16.01		No Service	
Friday 17.01		No Service	
Sat 18.01		No Service	
Sunday 19.01	10.30am 4pm	Una Shearer RIP (Birthday) Malayalam Mass	Isaiah 49:3,5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass.  
Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday, or whenever required.**

**Feast of the week: Friday, St. Anthony, Abbot.**



**Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish. If you know of anyone who would like a visit from Father George, please let him know.**

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS**

**YEAR OF THE WORD** - Bishop Patrick writes on the Year of the Word 2020: I would encourage you to engage generously in this 'Year of the Word' initiative of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales in partnership with Bible Society. The 3 themes of; Celebrating God's Word (Encounter), Living God's Word (Discipleship) and Sharing God's Word (Missionary Disciple- ship) weave beautifully and easily into our own 3 Diocesan themes. So may it be a blessed year for our diocese!

**Year of the Word: Day of Prayer.** The Nottingham Diocesan Spirituality Network is holding a day of prayer at St Peter's Church, Hinckley, LE10 1LW on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January entitled: Encounter Jesus and be Missionary Disciples through St Matthew's Gospel beginning at 10 am with arrivals from 9.30 and finishing at 3 pm with Liturgy. Refreshments provided, please bring a packed lunch. All welcome. **See poster in church porch.**

**Year of the Word: National Scripture Tour.** The Tour arrives in the Diocese of Nottingham on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 at Holy Trinity Parish Centre Newark NG24 4AU between 10 am and 4.30 pm. Pete Codling, the artist for the year, will be showcasing his artwork so please do try and pop in during these times and take a look. Other Scripture tents to inspire us are; Mary and the Word, Seeing the Word, Exploring the Word, Sharing The Word, Living The Word. All Welcome, plus, there will be a family competition to enter on the day. **See poster in church porch.**

**Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies.** The next module of the CCRS: The Old Testament (traditionally the first) is on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020 commencing at 10 am in Our Lady & St Patrick's Church Hall, The Meadows, Nottingham NG2 1JQ. If you would like to learn more about your faith, why not take a look at the leaflet and see if it's for you. The Living Ministry Course runs alongside and no assignments are required.

**J O B V A C A N C I E S**

The directors of St Thomas Aquinas Multi-Academy Trust are seeking to appoint a new headteacher (primary) at St Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy, Leicester. Further details are available at: <https://www.aquinas-cmat.org/vacancies/> Closing date: 10am, Wednesday 22nd January 2020.

The Diocese of Nottingham seeks to appoint a Support & Administration Services Officer to work with the Chief Operating Officer and others in providing support for our parishes in a wide variety of administrative areas and projects. This would suit someone with a good track record in project or administration management, or as an executive assistant to senior management. This is a permanent full-time post (37 1/2 hrs/week), although job sharing may be a possibility. Salary: £23,000 - £25,000 dependant on qualifications and experience. For more information and an application pack email: [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk). Closing date 31 January 2020.

We have an exciting new opportunity available in a thriving coffee shop in the city centre. 6 Degrees Coffee House, run by the Open Hands Trust is seeking a new manager who will continue to build links with the local community and provide fantastic customer service. If anyone would like details of the job and an application form they can email me at [hazel.phillpot@openhandsleicester.org.uk](mailto:hazel.phillpot@openhandsleicester.org.uk).

**Posters in the church porch.**

**P I L G R I M A G E S**

**Parish Pilgrimage to Lisieux** by Coach March 2nd - 5th 2020. Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). The cost of the Pilgrimage is £345. We will begin our Pilgrimage with a Guided visit to the Cathedral in Lisieux and then to the Basilica dedicated to St. Therese, to the house where she grew up and to the Carmel where she lived and died. In addition to this there'll be an optional excursion to Hon Fleur. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at [jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk) or 0115 9810320.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Nevers** by Coach June 13th - 20th 2020. (Pick up in Nottingham, Derby and Leicester). The cost is £595 per person. This price includes Coach and Ferry travel, overnight stay with Bed and Breakfast at the Welcome Break hotel in Orleans on the way out, full board at the Hotel Irlande in Lourdes, half board at the Kyriad Hotel in Nevers on the way back. In addition to this there's an optional excursion to Gavarnie, a Ski Resort in the Pyrenees. For more information and a booking form please contact Fr. John McCay at [jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jmccay1982@yahoo.co.uk) or 0115 9810320.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** from 20<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Also from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October. **Please see poster in church porch for further details.**

**Financial details:** Loose Plate £149.74. Envelopes £141. Donations £20. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

**300 Club:** 5<sup>th</sup> January £50 P Leslie (215). £25 E Odell (54), M Letts (34).

**Thought for the week:** "If you have the chance to make someone happy, just do it. Sometimes people are struggling silently. Maybe, your act of kindness can make their day." **Anon**

**Matthew's Gospel—a sample is in each parish.** A suggestion is that all parishioners have a copy of this gospel book. It's a handy size to keep in your pocket or handbag and to get out at any time. It's also a great opportunity for people to create a relationship with Jesus through scriptures written by St Matthew and to encourage further reading of the bible. Why not order some for your parish—bought in bulk it costs £1.20 per copy! [Biblesocietymatthewsgospelcatholic.com](http://Biblesocietymatthewsgospelcatholic.com).

**Pope Francis January Intentions: Promotion of World Peace.**

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



~ Tea/coffee after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday in the hall.  
Please join us!

**Mass Intentions.** One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. **Thank you.**