

PARISH FINANCE

Gift Aid	£ 312.00
Loose	57.20
Total	£ 369.20

THIS WEEK

Red Bag

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NEXT WEEK

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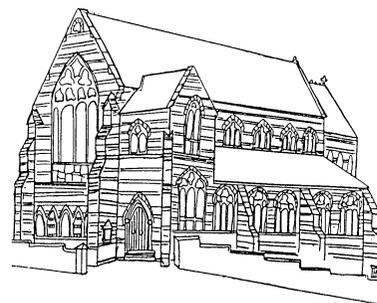
Counters**Pax Christi****Team****Team****Many thanks for your contribution****Mass Attendance**

Sat:27; Sun:41 . Your weekly mass attendance is the greatest support to the parish. If you are going away on holiday please remember the parish in your prayers.

Guidance for attending Mass: National Lockdown

1. Please only visit if you are well and it is safe for you to do so.
2. There will be space for at least 50 people and possibly more if families are able to sit together. Please listen to the volunteers on duty who will advise you about seating, so that we can accommodate the maximum number of people for each mass
3. The doors will remain open during all times that the church is open.
4. The toilet and confessional will remain closed at all times.
5. Please also do not enter the Sanctuary or sacristy unnecessarily.
6. The guidelines for 1m plus social distancing will be followed, so It is required that everyone (apart from those under 5 or with breathing conditions) entering the church use a face covering at all times to minimise the risk of contagion to all present.
7. No candles will be lit in the body of the church during this time and veneration of statues by touching is not permitted.
8. Please keep personal possessions should to a minimum when you visit and remember to take these away when leaving the church.
9. Any children under the age of 16 should not visit the church alone and should be under adult supervision at all times.
10. There is still no obligation to attend mass on a Sunday, so please consider attending during the week if you are able to.
11. Please leave promptly when the celebration of mass ends to allow for the cleaning of the church

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please contact Fr George.



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Sun 10th January 2021 – **Baptism of the Lord**

Welcome to all new comers. If you are visitors, I hope you have a good time staying in the area. If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself to the Parish Priest.

Sat	9	Mk 1:7-11		5:45pm	Thanksgiving Mass
Sun	10	Baptism of the Lord	Feast	10:30am	People of the Parish
Mon	11	Mk 1:14-20		6:00pm	Vincent Tierney (RIP)
Tue	12	Funeral Service		10:30am	David Dudley (RIP)
		Mk 1:21-28		6:00pm	Chito Amora Intention
Wed	13	Mk 1:29-39		6:00pm	Mair & Derreck Williams (RIP)
Thu	14	Mk 1:40-45		-	
Fri	15	Mk 2:1-12		-	
Sat	16	Jn 1:35-42		5:45pm	John Cooney (RIP)
Sun	17	2nd Sunday in OT	Week 2	10:30am	People of the Parish

Please pray for: Our sick and housebound: Robin Butler, Firdela Aclan, Margaret Roberts, Michael Barlow, Ann Malanaphy, Jesse Adams, Dave Hilditch, Eliadora Mamaril, Audrey Weller, Virginia Arcebedo, Moses Soro, Esther Kojo, and Tony Brougham.

Those whose anniversaries occur during this time: Jim Boyer, Clarita Marquez, May Holt, and Barrie Unett.

PPE Donations: to all the donors, thank you for your continuous support.

Confessions: Due to the current pandemic, confession is done by booking only. Please contact the church or email to book for confession.

Vincent Tierney RIP: pleas pray for the repose of the soul of Vincent who died recently. Vincent died in peace at his daughter's home in Nottingham. Please pray for his Bereaved family too. May he rest in peace.

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 – Here is my servant in whom my soul delights.

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38 – God anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11 – You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you.

Sunday Reflection

Life messages

1) The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity and mission. First, it reminds us of **who we are** and **Whose we are**. By Baptism we become the adoptive sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit. We become incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made sharers in the priesthood of Christ [CCC 1279]. Hence, “Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1213). Most of us dipped the fingers of our right hands into the holy water font and blessed ourselves when we came into Church today. Why? This blessing is supposed to remind us of our Baptism. And so when I bless myself with Holy Water, I should be thinking of the fact that I am a child of God; that I have been redeemed by the Cross of Christ; that I have been made a member of God’s family, and that I have been washed, forgiven, cleansed, and purified by the Blood of the Lamb. *d* not to God.

2) Jesus’ baptism reminds us of our mission: *a) to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God’s children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them and serving them in all humility; b) to live as the children of God in thought, word, and action so that our Heavenly Father may say to each one of us what He said to Jesus: “You are My beloved son/daughter with whom I am well pleased.” Being “God’s child” means that we are to let His thoughts direct our thoughts, His mind control our mind, His concerns be our concerns. In the Church, we all share the same intimate connection with Christ; we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, and so of each other; c) to lead a holy and transparent Christian life and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus’ Body) by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy or hatred; d) to accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness; e) to grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by reading the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation; f) to be co-creators with God in building up the “Kingdom of God” on earth, a Kingdom of compassion, justice, and love, and to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.*

In other words, He has called us to help others to see, through the love that we show and the help that we give, that God loves them, that He invites them, too, to be His sons and daughters, and that He wants to be their Helper and Strengtheners through all the troubles that life in this world can bring.

3) This is the day for us to remember the graces we have received in Baptism and to renew our Baptismal promises: On the day of our baptism, as Pope St. John Paul II explains, “We were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, the sign of Christ’s gentle strength, to fight against evil. Blessed water was poured over us, an effective sign of interior purification through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We were then anointed with Chrism to show that we were thus consecrated in the image of Jesus, the Father’s Anointed One. The candle lighted from the Paschal Candle was a symbol of the light of Faith which our parents and godparents must have continually safeguarded and nourished with the life-giving grace of the Spirit.” This is also a day for us to renew our Baptismal promises, consecrating ourselves to the Holy Trinity and “rejecting Satan and all his empty promises,” which our profane world is constantly offering us through its mass-media of communication. Let us ask Our Lord today to make us faithful to our Baptismal promises. Let us thank Him for the privilege of being joined to His mission of preaching the “Good News” by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service, and forgiveness.

By: Fr Anthony Kadavil

Notices

The Safeguarding Team: For those who have any safeguarding concerns. Please speak with your area Safeguarding Representative to guide you on the proper procedure. Alternatively, you can contact the safeguarding office on 0121 230 6240 or email the office at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Online Marriage Enrichment Experience with Bishop David Evans on January 30th-31st 2021. An opportunity for couples to enrich their relationship, regardless of the length of time they have been together. Couples can explore their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. Other dates for 2021 - 20th-21st March & 15th-16th May. To find out more visit <https://wwme.org.uk/> or call 0845 2602016

Harvington Hall is recruiting a new Management Committee: the Hall is currently organising a radical re-structuring programme and is looking for a new committed team to develop its Management Committee. Applicants are expected to be self-motivated and sympathetic to the ethos, aims and objectives of the Catholic religion and Harvington Hall, irrespective of their personal beliefs, values or worldviews. To apply, please send complete application form along with covering letter to the acting Chair of Trustees, the [Revd Deacon Paul](#).