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Parish Newsletter

Weekend 12th/13th January 2019

The Baptism of the Lord



Today's Mass: The Mass readings and prayers for the Baptism of the Lord are on page 118.

The Baptism of the Lord

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 recognised "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 symbolic 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 Sons and Daughters of God. At Christ's Baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us.

At all Masses this weekend we will replace the penitential rite with the blessing and sprinkling of Holy Water to remind us of our own Baptism and to renew our commitment of faith.

White Flower Appeal

This year, the Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual White Flower appeal this weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion becoming even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

Baptism

On this great feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we welcome a new member of the Church through Baptism. Caleb Waterson, the child of a family which has recently moved into the parish, will be baptised at 12.30pm on Sunday afternoon.

Memorial Candle

The candle burning in front of the Book of Remembrance this week is for the repose of the soul of Shelagh Mary Penhale. May she, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Anne St Clair, Ruth Denning and Denis Griffiths. Mrs. St Clair's Funeral Service will take place at Thornhill on Wednesday, January 16th at 12.30pm. Mrs. Denning's Funeral Service will take place at Thornhill on Wednesday, January 16th at 2.15pm. Mr. Griffiths' Requiem Mass will take place at St. Teilo's on Monday, January 21st at 10am followed by internment at Pantmawr Cemetery.

Adoration for Our Families

Monday sees the beginning of a monthly adoration for families here at St. Teilo's between 1.30pm and 2.30pm. Families face many challenges in our society. This monthly adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity to pray for our families and the problems that they face. All are welcome to attend this time of quiet prayer.

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from January 18th to the 25th – the Octave leading up to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. This year, the Octave focuses on the context of ethnic and religious diversity, where there is a strong emphasis upon the need for a unity that is found in diversity and one built on solidarity and collaboration. It highlights issues of economic injustice and how religious pluralism can face challenges in the face of radicalisation. We pray for an end to harm and hurt and for collaboration between Christians for the greater glory of God.

Here in the parish, the highlight of our Christian Unity engagement will be a Mass to mark the Octave on Sunday, January 20th at 6.30pm. The Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop and will be sung by the choral scholars of the Llandaff Cathedral School, led by Mr Timothy Hill, their Director and other staff of the School

The SVP need Adult and Children's Clothing collection

Wanted for the St Vincent De Paul Charity Shop in Pontypridd: clean, good quality adult and children's clothing. Please leave your donations outside the confessionals at the rear of the Church by the end of next Sunday, January 20th. Please ensure that donations are brought to the Church by the end of the weekend or retained at home until the third Sunday of February. Alternatively, donations can be taken directly to the shop situated at 15 Taff Street, Pontypridd.

First Holy Communion

Preparation for First Holy Communion will start at 10am on Sunday, January 27th at St Teilo's. If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like him/her to make his/her First Holy Communion, please complete an application form that can be found at the back of the Church and return it to Canon Isaac as soon as possible. First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May 19th 2019.

Collections for 5th/6th January 2019

OLOL	6pm	St Teilo's	9am	11am	6.30pm
Cash	£ 109		£ 188	£ 191	£ 140
Gift Aid	£ 118		£ 179	£ 163	£ 67

Mass attendance on Sunday 5th/6th January 2019
OLOL 6pm - 80, St. Teilo's 9am - 132, 11am - 148, 6.30pm - 86

Refreshments after the 11 o'clock Mass

Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the 11 o'clock Mass, next Sunday, January 20th. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions

You will note that there is one Mass this week for which a Mass Intention has not been received. A reminder that Mass Intention envelopes are at the back of the Church and can be handed in at the sacristy or the presbytery. It is helpful if at least three weeks' notice is given if you want an intention on a particular date, otherwise the intentions are allocated on a first come, first prayed basis.

St Teilo's Church Alarm

During the Christmas Season, the alarm in the Church was set off one evening by someone opening the Church doors without remembering the code to cancel the alarm. This is costly for the parish as the only way the alarm can be reset after such an entry is by the Alarm Company sending an engineer to reset it. A reminder that if the church doors are locked, please be careful to disarm the alarm or do not enter the Church. When the Church doors are open, only the sanctuary area is alarmed. The Church is normally open from dawn until dusk, so this should not be a problem for most people.

St. Teilo's Votive Candles

Please ensure that candles are not placed on top of previously used candles. A combination of two candles in the same slot is a fire risk as the top candle can easily fall and light others.

Baptism Courses – January, February and April

The second session of January's Baptism Course will take place in St. Brigid's Sacristy (the Sacristy is accessed beyond the altar in church) on Tuesday, January 15th at 7pm. Please contact Anna Martin (stevemartincardiff@gmail.com) if you wish to attend.

February's Baptism Course will take place in St. Teilo's Parish Hall (access at rear of the Church) on the Thursdays, February 14th and 21st at 7pm. Please email Cathy & Mel if attending: cathyhopkins@sky.com

April's Course will take place at Christ the King Church, hosted by Brigid Lee on the Tuesdays, April 9th and 16th at 7.30pm.

Anyone wishing to attend should e-mail Brigid for details of the venue: andylee63@talktalk.net
Please note that there is no Baptism course in March.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2019

Preparation sessions for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin on Monday, February 4th from 6pm to 7pm in St Teilo's Church Hall. We are inviting pupils from Year 8 and above. If you have not already indicated you wish to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation but are interested, please complete an application form that can be found at the back of the church and return it to Canon Isaac by Monday, January 27th. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, May 25th 2019.

Confessions Saturday:

St. Teilo's - 10.30-11am, OLOL - 5.15-5.45pm

Mass Times / Intentions Weeks Beginning 12th/13th January 2019			
Sat 12th January The Baptism of the Lord	O.L.O.L.	6pm	Special Intention
	O.L.O.L.	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sun 13th January The Baptism of the Lord	St.T.	9am	Sheila Martin (T&DO'L)
	O.L.O.L.	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	11am	For the People of the Parish
	O.L.O.L.	12pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	6.30pm	Private Intention
Mon 14th January	St.T.	10am	All the Dead (CBY)
Tue 15th January	St.T.	10am	Well-being of Lola Jones-Watts (18th Birthday)
Wed 16th January	O.L.O.L.	7pm	Tony Mullins
Thu 17th January St. Anthony, Abbot	St.T.	10am	Well-being of Dominic Walters (M&RW)
Fri 18th January	St.T.	10am	John and Maureen Bending - RIP (RCB)
Sat 19th January Our Lady	St.T.	10am	No intention received
Sat 19th January 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	O.L.O.L.	6pm	For the People of the Parish
	O.L.O.L.	7.15pm	Msza w języku polskim
Sun 20th January 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	St.T.	9am	Holy Souls
	O.L.O.L.	10.30am	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	11am	John Norris - Anniversary
	O.L.O.L.	12pm	Msza w języku polskim
	St.T.	6.30pm	Private Intention

Please note that the list of our Faithful Departed whose anniversaries occur this week is on the noticeboard. Please inform Canon Isaac of any sick or housebound parishioners who would like to receive Communion at home.