



# The Catholic Parishes of

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12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Year C</b>	Mass Book page 50
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It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: This is my Son, the Beloved.

On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

**ANIMA CHRISTI** Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds, hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>			<i>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i>
5:30 pm	St C	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Rita Burns RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>John &amp; Freda Beswick RIP</i> <i>Tony Smith RIP</i>	
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>St C</b>	<b>Funeral Service - Brian Kavanagh RIP</b>	
7:00 pm	St C	Eucharistic Service	
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
7:00 pm	St C	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
10:00 am	St T	<i>Margaret Hession RIP</i>	
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>			<i>Memorial of St Anthony, Abbott</i>
10:00 am	St T	<i>Peter Lamb RIP</i>	
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
10:00 am	St C	<i>Holy Souls</i>	
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>			<i>Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop</i>
10:30 am	St T	Morning Mass: Rev Deacon Brian Dockerty RIP	
11:00 am	St T	Exposition and Holy Hour and Confessions	
4:00 pm	St C	Exposition and Holy Hour	
4:30 pm	St C	Confessions	
			<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
5:30 pm	St C	<i>Cecilia Pinto RIP</i>	
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
9:15 am	St C	<i>Anthony Fitzsimons RIP</i>	
11:15 am	St T	<i>Mary &amp; John Walsh RIP</i>	

**Remember in your prayers those who have died** Brian Kavanagh and Anthony Callaghan  
 Brian's Funeral Service will be at St Christopher's Church on Monday 14 January at 10 am.  
 Anthony's Requiem Mass will be at St Thomas of Canterbury on Wednesday 23 January at 9 am.  
 May they rest in peace. We pray also for their family and friends at this time.

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME** Mary Anderson, Rev Deacon Brian Dockerty, Doris Payton, Gordon Fish, Phyllis Roy, Mary Tooth, Roseanna O'Regan, Bertha Richards, Thomas Hutchison, Luke Mee, Paula Hodge, Freda Beswick, Mary Lloyd, Mary Chavasse, Peter Lamb, Martin Moran, Charles Poulton, Henry Fisher, Bernard Casserley, Ernst Fuchs, James McCloskey, Fr Edward Leicester, Thomas Walsh, George Kertland, Kenneth Thompson, Norman Williams, Veronica Gill, Edith James, Joan Dupont, William Wall, Joseph Lakeland, Eileen Pothecary, Antoinette Legg, Maria Legg, Mary Griffiths, Margaret Munn, Joan Makosinski, Patrick Nicholson, David Cartwright, Patricia Burns, Kathleen D'Arcy, Edith Thacker, Margaret O'Shea, Gwen Risdon, Anna Scanlon, Rev Benedict O'Gorman, Deacon Thomas Carter, Rev Archibald Snell, Rev Bernard Robertson, Rev CJ Gregory Winterton.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK** Zofia Stanislawska, Rosie Hassman, Mike Heap, PWB, Dee Allsopp, Mary Doherty, Vera Ody, Ian Morris, Kathy Barnwell, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, Pat Lennon, Queenie Webb, Mr & Mrs JT Begue, John Lewis, Margaret Waleczek, Peter Mason, T Hill, Alexandra Marshall Jayne Wiggins, Patrick Murphy, Anthony Jones, Tony Jones, Betty Cotter, Joan Mullen,

**SICK LIST** To comply with GDPR legislation, as of November 2018, we have started the parish sick list afresh and so only those who have given consent will be on our sick list. Consent is understood to be either from the person who is ill themselves, or if that is not possible (if the sick person, for example lives far away), confirmation should come from the person who asks for the name to go on the list to say that the said person is aware of their name being included on the newsletter which is also available online should people choose to access it via the website.  
**A letter is available which can be handed to sick people that you know, offering them the chance to request a visit or to be prayed for.**

## JOINT NEWS

**Birmingham Directories 2019** are available at a cost of £3 each.

**Census Forms** available for you to collect & fill in. Please take one to people who you know are unable to come to church in our parishes & please return the completed form.

Thank you

**St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** Next Meeting at St Christopher's Monday 21 Jan at 7.30pm. If you have tinned/dried food, baby items, nappies, personal toiletries, gifts/toys leave them in the Hall, Thank you. Ring Tess Fitzsimons 01902 262004/07842 383689 for transport to Mass, shopping, medical appointments etc.

**If you know of anyone** who would be able to go to Mass on a Saturday night if they could have a lift, please contact Tess Fitzsimons or Jo Stewart.

**Baptism Preparation** Anyone wanting their child to be baptised contact Matthew Bradbury, 01902 844701. Baptism dates made by appointment. Next class, Sat 2 March, 9.45am.

**The Birmingham Passion Play 2019:** The Archbishop asks the Catholic community to support/participate in this event which will run on 16th, 17th and 18th April 2019 in the City Centre. The leading actors/actresses will be supplied by professional players from the Saltmine Trust ([www.saltminetrust.org.uk](http://www.saltminetrust.org.uk)), a Christian company who are keen to recruit volunteers for the community cast, choir, musicians and stewards, etc. *There will be meeting for all those who are interested at One Colmore Row, Floor 8, from 2.30-5.00 pm on Saturday 2nd February.* (This is one of the new 'glass' buildings just up from the Cathedral in Snowhill) All welcome!

**Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral** will be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley on Sun 3 Feb at 11am. This is especially intended for couples celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10,15,20,25,30,40,45,50,60 and every year over 60) and for couples preparing to marry in 2019. If there are any couples celebrating a milestone anniversary please email Lianne Pap at [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org) marking your email "Marriage Mass".

**A Charity Concert by international Pianist Margaret Fingerhut** telling stories of refugee composers in music & words at The Royal School, Wolverhampton WV3 0EG on Sun 10 Feb at 6pm. Cost: Adults £10, U18's £5. All proceeds for the refugee work of Wolverhampton City of Sanctuary. See flyers and poster. Email [tickets@wolvescofs.com](mailto:tickets@wolvescofs.com) or ring 07396 146 830.

**Wolverhampton Church Shelter.** If you think you could volunteer or want more info, more contact Jeremy Watson on 07970 778595, email [churchsheltervolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:churchsheltervolunteers@gmail.com) for an application form or more information. People can volunteer for one night a fortnight or even one night a month. All volunteers will be trained, must be aged over 18 with two character references

**A Day for Practising Catholics Aspiring for Leadership Positions in Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham** Sat 19 Jan, 8.30am–3.30pm, Don Bosco House, Coventry Rd, Coleshill, B46 3EA (the course is free). Please use the link to book a place <http://w.pfrms.co/2lttp>

**Newsletter** To receive the newsletter by email, send your email address to either parish office.

## ST THOMAS'S NEWS

**Please park with care and consideration** to the people who live in Haywood Drive and Hanover Court. Please do not park close to the corners of Wood Road and Haywood Drive or Hanover Court as this makes the corners blind spots and dangerous to other road users. Thank you.

**We have noticed through the census forms that there are a number of people who are tax payers who have not yet signed up to Gift Aid their offerings.** If you are one of these parishioners please would you consider signing up as it costs you nothing and we get extra revenue. Forms are available from Fr Paul or Linda and at this juncture every penny counts!

**Church Collections** If you would like to set up a standing order directly into the parish bank account whether you are registered for gift-aid or not, **the Sort Code is 560069, the Account Number is 60313595. Please see Linda if you have any questions.**

## ST CHRISTOPHER'S NEWS

Thank you to all who came to help dismantle the cribs your help was very much appreciated.

**Good Shepherd Relief in Need collection** "Officially now 25% of all children under 16 years old living in Wolverhampton are living in circumstances less than child poverty criteria so that is why your gifts are so precious." Thank you for your generous donations.

To collect large items tel Ann Reaney, 07845 003656, the shop 07510 618752, House clearance tel Peter 07889 786687. (Beds, sofas & chairs need fire labels).

**St Christopher's Tots** on Wed 23 Jan, 10-11.30am in St Christopher's Church Hall. Stories, crafts, activities and songs for those aged 0-4 years.

**Andrew Tyson Piano Recital** Wed 6 March at 7.30pm, at Codsall Community High School, WV8 1PQ. Tickets cost £15 (students £8) purchased from Ian Rigby Jewellers, Village Crafts, the Square, Codsall, (payment by cash or cheque) or online at [www.codsallartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.codsallartsfestival.org.uk) from 29 Jan. See poster for details or email the address above.

**Flame, 2 March, Wembley Arena** Come with the Archdiocese of Birmingham group to join 10,000 young people £39pp includes local pick-up travel by coach, insurance & T-Shirt. Email [kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) for information or to book.

**Mission@Home 26-27 Jan** BCYS invites young adults to serve their community by connecting with a local mission project for one weekend then the local groups will come together at Ss Peter & Paul, Wolverhampton on for Mass, Panamanian food & to listen to Pope Francis's homily at the Mass of WYD. Email [david.hannett@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:david.hannett@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) for information

**'Treasured' Girls' Retreat 8-10 Feb** For girls aged 13-17 to discover their shared identities as daughters of God. A weekend together exploring the Churnet Valley with outward bound activities, with liturgy, worship & social time. Contact [victoria.hamilton@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:victoria.hamilton@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) to book. Cost £50 per person.

**Fearless weekend retreat 22-24 March** at Alton Castle filled with adventure, adrenaline, and times of prayer, worship and entering in to the Sacraments. Open to young people in Years 5-9. Cost £75. Includes a stream for Young Leaders in Years 10-13 having their own accommodation and will take part in sessions tailored just for them: designed to engage, inspire and build up their ability to lead and share their faith. Email [stephen.harris@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:stephen.harris@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) for more info.

<i>Weekly Collections</i> 5/6 January	<b>Loose</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b> <i>Standing Orders</i>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Columban</b> <b>Mission</b>
St Thomas's	£141.98	£148.50	£413.00	<b>£703.48</b>	<b>£291.76</b>
<b><i>Thank you for your generosity</i></b>					

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