

# University of Warwick Chaplaincy

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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*Sacred Heart of Jesus, Seat of Divine Wisdom, enlighten us!*

*Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!*

*St Thomas Aquinas and St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patrons of students, pray for us!*

*(Mass times this week, at St. Joseph's unless otherwise stated)*

Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b>	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm <b>6.15 pm Reception of Joan Kelly</b>	Chris Mullen The People of the Parish Margaret & Sean Gallagher (Anniv.)
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Op. Mem. of St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor</i>	<b>11.00 am Requiem Mass</b>	Joan Kelly
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 am	Holy Souls
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>7.30-8.00 am Exposition</b> 10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy)	Sarah Ann and Joseph Morris Private Intention
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Memorial of St. Antony, Abbot</i>	10.00 am 12.15 pm (University Chaplaincy) <b>6.00 - 7.00 pm Exposition</b>	Sean McCrave (Birthday) Private Intention
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</b>	10.00 am	Paula and George Black
Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</b>	9.00 am 12.30 pm (University Chaplaincy) 5.00 pm	Delores Connolly (Intentions) The People of the Parish Peter and Gill Nottingham (Ints)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00-6.45 pm; Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am.		

Welcome to our celebration of Mass today, and welcome back to all those who have been away. Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. As he set out on that journey for all of us, he was assured of God his Father's favour, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you', and he was filled with the Holy Spirit, who descended upon him like a dove.

Tomorrow we return to Week 1 in "Ordinary Time" in the Church's Year.

Sunday Mass readings are taken from Cycle A, and Weekday readings are from Year 2.

**Bible Study.** There will be Bible Study in the Chaplaincy on Monday evening, 7:45, starting with dinner.

**Morning Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament.** Before we begin our day's work we can meet for Morning Prayer and quiet adoration of Our Lord for half an hour on Thursday mornings, 7.30-8.00, followed by breakfast. **Why not start your day with the Lord?**

**Evening Chapel, Friday, 6.00-9.00 pm in the church and hall.** It starts with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, with the opportunity for Confession, followed by a simple meal and discussion.

### Prayer Before Mass

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Would you like to spend a year** (Aug 2020-Jul 2021) as part of the SPEC community in London which runs retreats with young people in the Diocese of Westminster? Check out their website for more information: <http://dowym.com/spec/volunteer/>

**“Faith in Politics”: Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships 2020-21.**

The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales have organised an Internship Scheme and are looking to recruit up to nine recently-graduated Catholics to work for 11 months from September 2020 to July 2021 in Parliamentary, Public Affairs, and Social Action posts. The interns will be selected on the basis of ability and potential to gain most from the experience. The interns will live together with 70 other students in More House, a Catholic Chaplaincy and Student Centre in Central London. Financial support will be provided to cover living and travel costs for the duration of the internship.

The closing date for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Further information is available from, and applications should be made through, the website [www.faithinpolitics.org.uk](http://www.faithinpolitics.org.uk)

**LAST CHANCE. Bishop Kenney will be coming to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Joseph’s on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February. If you want to receive this Sacrament you will need to have some preparation. PLEASE SPEAK TO ME ABOUT IT TODAY!!!!**

**Next Sunday** is Peace Sunday, a day of special prayer for peace throughout the world.

**Crib Offerings.** Thank you for your very generous donations at St. Joseph’s which helped the total to rise to £724.35. This includes the money raised at the Christmas Tea (but not the money raised by carol singing in Tesco’s) and it is a tremendous sum. This year it will be divided between Friends of the Holy Land and the Coventry Winter Night Shelter.

**Cannon Park Memory Cafe** will continue tomorrow, Monday, 10.30-12.30, in our parish hall. It is to offer friendship and support, particularly to those with memory problems. Just come along to see if it suits you.

**Life in the Spirit Prayer Group.** The next meeting is tomorrow evening, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, in the hall, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Starting with prayer and praise, then *Lectio Divina*. Please do come and take part.

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January. The materials for 2020 have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo. Each year Christians there celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles used for the feast is the text chosen for this year’s Week of Prayer.

**The Annual Coventry Service for Christian Unity** will be next Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, in the Chapel of Unity in Coventry Cathedral at 2.00pm. All welcome.

**Instructions in the Faith.** On Wednesday evenings at St. Thomas More in Stivichall, Fr. Stephen and I will take it in turns to talk about aspects of our faith, 7.30-8.30. Please let people know about this opportunity to find out what Catholics believe and do. Next Wednesday Fr. Stephen will be talking about faith itself, and whether it is reasonable to believe in God in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Britain.

**Congratulations** to Canon David Oakley, priest of this Diocese and Rector of Oscott, who has been appointed as the next Bishop of Northampton.

**News about the building on the carpark next to St. Joseph’s church.** If you are planning to visit St. Joseph’s from now on (or even if you are planning to come to the shops in Cannon Park), please be aware that our life of peace and calm around the church (what do you mean, you hadn’t noticed it!) is about to end.

- Throughout this week there will be traffic lights from the church down to the traffic island while they put in drains across the road.
- The “real” work will start on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, when Phase 1 of the building work begins.
- This will mean closing off the half of the carpark nearest to St. Joseph’s and putting up the multi-storey carpark which should be open by next Christmas. They will also be putting up the shells of some of the student flats.
- There will be a crane overshadowing us for about 18 months, and delivery lorries will be bringing in equipment and materials from 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday-Saturday.
- When Phase 1 is complete, they will start Phase 2 when all of the carpark will be closed and student flats will be built over it all. Completion date is 2022.

The good news is that there will be a lot of accommodation available for you next to the church from 2022. The bad news is that this work will obviously have an effect on the roads round here and on our life in the church for some time to come. The constructors have promised to be as considerate as they can, but please be prepared for some disruption.

**Going into hospital.** I hope that you never need to go into hospital because of sickness, but if you or someone that you know is going into hospital please do let me know. It is also important that you ask for the Catholic chaplain when in hospital because Chaplains are often no longer automatically given the names of Catholic patients.

**Tailpiece:** A priest fell out with his parish finance committee over how the finances were handled. After bitter arguments and many nights of lost sleep, he decided to leave the congregation to take a job as a prison chaplain. He preached his last sermon at the church on John 14:1: “I go to prepare a place for you.”

**May God bless you and all those whom you love.  
Fr. Harry**