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Sunday, 13th January 2019 – Baptism of the Lord

LITURGY AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

COMMUNITY LIFE AND SERVICE

<p>Saturday 6.00 - Mass: Teresa Keenan (R/D)</p> <p>Sunday 10.00 - Mass: Parishioners with Children's Liturgy, The Connection and Baptism Welcome 11.00 - Baptism Preparation #1 11.15 - Holy Communion to Homes</p> <p>Monday 9.00 - Mass: Alan Swift (1st Anniv.) 7.30 - RCIA (ASK Group): Meeting Room</p> <p>Tuesday 9.15 - Mass: Bridget McConnell (Successful Op.)</p> <p>Wednesday 12.00 - Mass: Julia Ramsdale (R/D)</p> <p>Thursday 9.00 - Mass: Deceased Parishioners</p> <p>Friday 8.30 - Mass: Special Intention 11.15 - Holy Communion to Douglas Bank</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Weekend: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Pax Christi</p> <p>Saturday 6.00 - Mass: Parishioners</p> <p>Sunday 10.00 - Mass: Lily & Chris McKeown with Children's Liturgy 11.00 - Baptism Preparation #2 11.15 - Holy Communion to Homes</p>	<p>This weekend:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPUC White Flower Appeal</p> <p>Saturday: 7.30 – It's a Knockout: Family Group: Club</p> <p>Monday: 7.00 – Focus Team Meeting: Office</p> <p>Thursday: 2.45 – Newsletter: Office</p> <p>Next Weekend:</p> <p>Saturday: 7.00 – Youth Social: Club Lounge</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our church is open daily 8.30 am – 3.30 pm for anyone to come in and pray</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Masses at Don Orione Mon, Tue, Wed 6.00 pm Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sunday 10.00 am</p>
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THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Preparing next Sunday's Mass:

First Reading:	Isaiah 62:1-5	The Wedding-Feast of the Lord
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	Gifts of the Spirit
Gospel:	John 2:1-11	The Wedding-Feast at Cana

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Year C is the year of Luke's gospel, but we start with this reading from John which recounts the symbolic beginning of Jesus' ministry. It is full of riches. After the first reading from Isaiah it is impossible not to see this 'sign' (as John calls it) as a sign of that final wedding-feast of God and his people. Furthermore, in Jewish thought, water represents the Law: in an arid land water is the sign of life and is precious – just so, the Law of God is precious and gives life. Jesus transforms this water of the Law into the wine of the New Covenant – and in such generous quantities: over one hundred gallons of wine! Then there is Mary's part: Jesus says his Hour has not yet come (and the reader knows that the Hour of Jesus will be the moment of his exaltation at the Cross and Resurrection), but Mary's confident plea is a reminder to us of the power of her intercession. She will be mentioned no more in this gospel till she is present at the Cross, sharing the passion of her Son and joined to the Beloved Disciple to form the first Christian community. **Why did Jesus choose to do this as his first miracle?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

This reflection is taken from "The Wednesday Word", download more at: www.wednesdayword.org/parish
 and also try: www.sundaygospel.co.uk

PARISH VISION

illuminated by the light of Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we St Teresa's Parish strive always to be a loving and welcoming community where all people are included and valued, and strangers are treated as friends. Fed and nurtured by scripture, prayer and the Sacraments, we journey together, seeking always to come closer to God, so that we can proclaim His love in our thoughts and words and by our actions in the world.

FR. PHILIP'S REFLECTION

Jesus also had been baptised and was praying. Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him.

Jesus, the sinless one, you stood among us, awaiting the sacrament like everybody else, as if you were a sinner who needs to be made clean. But the Father said in a loud voice: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Oh, Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you stand with us, sinful as we are, forming us as beloved daughters and sons. Baptism shows your light in us for all the world. Each time we make the sign of the cross with holy water, let it remind us of our baptism and our commitment to you.

POPE FRANCIS'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS 2019

January: Young People

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Further information can be found at

www.apostleshipofprayer.org

SYNOD 2020: On **Sunday, 3rd February at 3pm**, the Archbishop, at a special service in the Cathedral, will celebrate formally the calling of a Synod for the Archdiocese of Liverpool. This Service will begin an important period of time leading up to the Synod itself in October 2020. As the Archbishop himself said in his Pastoral Letter for Synod Sunday 2018, the Synod is the time when we choose the path to walk on.

Everyone is welcome to come to this service. The Synod Members (Parish, Pastoral Area and others) will be mandated to undertake their task and we will all be invited to pray with and for them and for the working of our Synod. Please join the Archbishop at 3pm on Sunday, 3rd February in the Cathedral.

BAPTISM WELCOME: This **Sunday, 13th January** during 10am Mass, we will be welcoming the families who begin their baptism preparation. The children who will be baptised during February are: Pippa Bleu Gallagher-Cameron, Esme Alexandria Hill, Sebastien Thomas Hodgkinson, Zak Mykola and Josh Arthur Luschchan, Eden Faith Roby, Robyn, Alice and Hollie Tarpey, Tyler Matthew Wilson.

SPUC White Flower Appeal: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which mean 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 us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers and stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

PARISH FOCUS TEAM: There will be a meeting of the Focus Team this **Monday, 14th January, 7pm** in the Office.

RCIA (ASK Group): The next meeting will take place this **Monday, 14th January, 7.30pm** in the Meeting room. The group supports and encourages those who want to learn about the Catholic faith. All welcome.

YOUTH NEWS

The Connection meet for their special liturgy during 10am Mass on **Sunday 13th January**.

Youth Group meet on **Saturday, 19th January, 7-8.30pm** in the club lounge (venue to be confirmed)

Faith in Action: Our young people continue to serve in various ways towards achieving their Faith in Action awards, the date of the next Reflection Session will be announced soon.

FLAME 3 is on **Saturday, 2nd March 2019** at Wembley Arena - if you would like to join us with 10,000 other young Catholics for a fantastic faith filled day of worship, music and inspirational talks, please let Jane know. Visit animateyouth.org to download application forms.

MISSIO RED BOXES AND CALENDARS: If any red box holder has not yet received a 2019 Missio calendar, please collect one from the back of church.

If any red box has not been emptied for a while and needs to be emptied, please bring it to the parish office no later than the end of January. It will be emptied and returned to you, leaving it for you with a receipt at the back of church. **NB:** Please make sure your name is on the box. Thanks for your support. Ted Clarke (Parish Missio secretary).

WORKFORCE DATE: The next date for the workforce to meet up is **Saturday, 19th January, 9-12 noon**. Anyone who can help with clearing out, sorting and targeted cleaning, please turn up at Church. Thank you.

JOANNE WALLACE the new pastoral associate will be coming to Mass on **Saturday/Sunday, 26th/27th January** to introduce herself.

NUGENT: **Thank you** to the lovely knitters who have knitted baby blankets and baby items for Nugent. All items are greatly appreciated. Thanks also to those who knit for the homeless. Knitted blankets and squares are always welcome.

COPY CERTIFICATES: With immediate effect, there will be a £10 charge for all copy baptism and marriage certificates to cover administration costs. Certificates need to be paid for upon collection during normal office hours only.

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS presents "Jupiter", a glorious mix of jubilantly expressive pieces by Haydn and Mozart. **Saturday, 9th February, 7.30pm** at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Soprano: Barbara Ruzsics. Tickets £10, under 25s £3. Tickets can be purchased on the door, from the Piazza gift shop and from Music Notes, 4 North John Street, Liverpool. They can also be purchased on line at cathedralconcerts.org.uk See poster at back of church.

A PILGRIMAGE to the HOLY LAND 13-23 May 2019 with Fr. John Gorman and Fr. Tony Reynolds. 11 days based in Jerusalem and Galilee. For further details contact 01942 727271 or email j.gorman@rcaolp.couk See poster at back of church.

MONEY MATTERS

Thank you for last week's offertory of £465.74 + S/O £270