



# THE PARISH OF ST. PATRICK & ST. GEORGE



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN 9th – 15th JANUARY 2022

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, 9th January	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	Josephine McDonagh RIP
Wednesday, 12th January	St Patrick's, Forest Town	9.15 am Mass	
Sunday, 16th January	St Patrick's, Forest Town	11.00 am Mass	

### ROTAS

Sunday, 9th January	Mass	Stewards:	Jackie & Colin	Reader: Pam
		Minister:	Mary W	
		Counters:	Ken & Rosie	Cleaning: Jackie & Colin
Sunday, 16th January	Mass	Stewards:	Kevin & Sheila	Reader: Ann
		Minister:	Maria	
		Counters:	Kevin & Sheila	Cleaning: Val, Linda & John

**Honouring Sunday:** During the pandemic, public worship was suspended for a time and there have been restrictions on parish life. As a result, people have been exploring other ways to practise their faith including Spiritual Communion via live streaming. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our spiritual and pastoral life. The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love. We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. The Sunday Mass is the very heartbeat of the Church and of our personal life of faith. We gather on the "first day of the week," and devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42).

Your Prayers are requested for: Janet C; Mary S; Stephanie W; Garry; Malcolm S; Jay; Liz T (Anne's niece); Jackson L (in thanksgiving for a recovery from his operation); Martin M; Rosemary S; Tina T; Mary C, KP (Karen's brother-in-law), Joseph D, Noel De L; Danny De L; Dianna B, Mary M, Theresa D; Ron and Jean M; Claire D and Mrs C. Casey. All those suffering from the coronavirus and those working in the NHS or Care Services; those working in essential services to keep our country functioning. Please let Fr John know of anyone who would like to be remembered in our prayers.

**IT IS NOW MANDATORY TO WEAR A MASK AT ANY INDOOR VENUE – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION**

**Mass of Induction:** Next Sunday's 11.00 am Mass will be a Mass of Induction for Fr John presided over by our Dean, Canon Michael O'Donoghue. We would like to have some light refreshments afterwards. If people are able to provide a few sandwiches or cakes or would be willing to help serve teas or coffees please contact Ken Daly on [kendaly@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kendaly@hotmail.co.uk). Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

**Food Bank:** Thank you for your continued support and the foodbank is very grateful and amazed at our generosity every week of the year. Please continue to donate tinned meat and fish, UHT milk, tinned fruit and vegetables, coffee, fruit juice, nappies, toiletries and cleaning materials. Many thanks for your generosity. Angela.

**SYNOD PRAYER**

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;*

*Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.*

*Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.*

**Amen**

**Read the Bible in a Year:** If you've always wanted to read the Bible cover to cover, take this New Year as an opportunity to put your plan into action.

Join the group of nearly half a million people around the world who are finishing reading the Bible using Ascension's **Bible in a Year** podcast, beginning on January 1st, 2022!

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**Faith in Families:** From 5th January Faith in Families will be merging with a larger charity and agency called "Adoption Focus" who are based in the West Midlands. It has its roots in Catholic Community and whilst Faith in Families will no longer exist, it is hoped that it will give financial stability. Therefore, there will be no more collections of Faith in Families boxes. Thank you to all those who have contributed in the past and I am sure if you wish to continue to contribute to Catholic based adoption society, then Adoption Focus will be pleased to receive your donations.

**Vacancy for Lay Chaplain at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi- Academy Trust: Location:** De La Salle Hub – All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy, and its feeder primaries – Holy Trinity in Newark, St Joseph's in Boughton, St Joseph's in Langwith Junction, St Patrick's in Mansfield, and St Philip Neri with St Bede in Mansfield. **Closing date:** 9.00am, Monday 24th January 2022. Details of this post and an application form are available on our website [www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/vacancies)

**SCHOOL NEWS:** Pupils returned to school last week and following Diocesan advice regarding the current COVID-19 situation, Masses in St Patrick's School will resume on a class basis during the week commencing 17th January. Unfortunately, families and parishioners are unable to attend at this present time. The situation will be reviewed as soon as possible as the school has greatly welcomed the opportunity of inviting you all to Mass. Other school news available on their respective websites.

**VACANCIES AT ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY ACADEMY: Early Years Foundation Stage Leader and an Apprentice Sports Teaching Assistant.** Enquiries about the above vacancies are very welcome by contacting the school on 01623 478090.

**ONE TO WATCH:** Parishioners may be interested in a programme available on BBC1 and BBC iPlayer entitled *Heaven Made* focussing on Benedictine communities.

**BINGO IS BACK:** Cory and Debbie are re-introducing Bingo Sessions on a Thursday at 7.00 pm in the Parish Hall. Raffle and Scratchcard prizes and refreshments. Proceeds to the Emily Harris Foundation. All welcome.

**FINANCES: Sunday, 2nd January Envelopes £85.00 Loose Plate £86.90 Standing Orders £135.00  
Total £306.90 Crib Offerings £6.00 Development Fund £5.00**

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