**Mass times and Intentions**

**THE BAPTISM of the LORD**

**SATURDAY 11th JANUARY** **6.30 p.m. MASS** *Kath & Hugh Hannon RIP*

**SUNDAY 12th JANUARY** **10.00 a.m. MASS** *John Riley RIP*

**FIRST WEEK of the YEAR, Year A (Weekday Cycle Year II - Psalter week 1)**

**Monday 13th January** **NO MASS/SERVICE**

**Tuesday 14th January** **6.00 p.m.**
**Service of the Word & Holy Communion**

**Wednesday 15th January** **NO MASS/SERVICE**

**Thursday 16th January** **12 midday**
**Service of the Word & Holy Communion**

**Friday 17th January** **9.30 a.m. Holy Rosary**
**10.00 a.m. MASS** *Jo Fielding RIP*

**Peace Sunday**
**SATURDAY 18th January** **6.30 p.m. MASS** *Julie (int)*

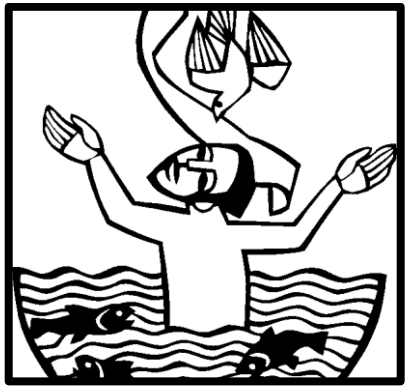
**SUNDAY 19th January** **10.00 a.m. MASS** *Jess (int)*

**Money banked this week**
*with grateful thanks:*
**Collection:** £583.00
**Building Fund:** 100 Club - £130.00

PLEASE

during Mass and other services in church.
*Thank you*

**CLEANING TEAM: 18th January:** Alan Kent, Aneta Ziecik, Michael Bradshaw, Mary Martin and Judith Dance



# PARISH OF ST. FELIX

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## 11th/12th January 2020

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**Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Stewards:**
**Saturday: Anthony Quarterman** **Sunday: Ian Blythe and Zielinski family**

| *Day* | *Reader 1* | *Reader 2* | *Ciborium* | *Chalice* | *Chalice* |
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| *Saturday* | D. Allen | Z. Collings | | M. Staight | I. Sch-Bidwell |
| *Sunday* | S. Cook | C. Williams | A. Wade | J. Teixeira | Dcn. Huw |

***NEXT WEEK***
**Stewards:**
**Saturday: Bridget Smith** **Sunday: Jozefowicz Family and Ron Hefford**

| | *Reader 1* | *Reader 2* | *Ciborium* | *Chalice* | *Chalice* |
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| *Saturday* | K. Shurety | J. Dance | | S. Buck | A. Rymills |
| *Sunday* | A. Wolna | S. Cleghorn | S. Copperthwaite | L. Lord | Dcn. Huw |

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Dear Friends

The Baptism of Jesus is the third of three great manifestations which characterise the Christmas season: the Nativity of the Lord, the Epiphany of the Lord, and the Baptism of the Lord. Today is a sort of transition as we have come to the end of the Christmas season - today is the First Sunday in Ordinary Time, although it is never celebrated as such.

Today is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own baptism. It is not something which happened a long time ago and which "made" us Catholics. It is not just a ceremony lasting a few minutes which produces magical effects; it is the beginning of a lifelong journey. It is the beginning of a process of growing into the Body of Christ as its members.

Our baptism is essentially a community experience; it is not just a private or a family event although in the way it was "celebrated" it may have looked like that. It involves active participation in the life of the Church and not just passive membership.

Each one of us is called to be a living witness to the Gospel. So let us today renew our faith in Jesus and our commitment to follow Him. Let us re-affirm our readiness to carry on his work.

*Dcn Huw*

**Bishop Alan**
**is coming to celebrate Mass with us**
**this Sunday** (12th January):

*Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee*
*and a chat with him after Mass*

**PRAYER BEFORE MASS**

**Please pray for all who are sick, those who are anxious or troubled, and for all those requesting prayers in our intercession book:**

God our Father,
we pray for the many people who have asked for our prayers
for their healing and their peace.
Hold them, shelter them and keep them in your tender care.
Comfort those who grieve and give courage to those who are fearful.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**
Peggy Magill, Maureen Chinn, Mary Ellen McClellan, Thomas Glancy, Ada Mahoney, Derek Cutler, Chervon Fitzpatrick, Clifford James, Donald O'Connor, Margaret Shervitt.

**Quiet Prayer:**
Lord, as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father may our lives manifest your presence in the world.

**During winter up to Lent, we are asked to pray for:**
Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Victims of Trafficking, The Sick and Those Who Care for Them, Racial Justice and The Unemployed.

**Pray with Pope Francis:**
In January Pope Francis asks us to join him in praying for:
**The Promotion of World Peace.**
We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

**CHANGING SEASONS:**

The winter is upon us and the expenses of our church will rise with the need for extra lighting and heating.

We all like to come into a warm church, so please review the amount you put into the collection plate. *Thank you.*

New items for the newsletter can be sent by email to:
**stfelixnewsletter@gmail.com**
by 12 noon on THURSDAY for inclusion in the newsletter the next weekend.

Haverhill foodbank

**General food list**

-Coffee
-Tea bags
-Sugar
-Longlife juice
-Longlife milk
-Tinned tomatoes
-Tinned vegetables
-Tinned fruit
-Tinned meat/fish
-Tinned sponge pudding
-Instant mash
-Custard
-Biscuits

**Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi Academy Trust**

**ST LOUIS CATHOLIC ACADEMY, NEWMARKET**

*Head of School L8-L14,*
*Required for September 2020*
*Full Time*

Please see diocesan website for more details:
**https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/**

## THE CHURCH'S SOCIAL TEACHING

*Talks & discussion presented by Deacon James Hurst.*

**Thursday 30th January**
**& Thursday 6th February**
**7.00 – 8.30 p.m.**
**in the Narthex**

***ALL WELCOME***

**If you need a lift to come please leave a message on J&P noticeboard in narthex.**

## Next week-end is PEACE SUNDAY

Every year Pax Christi promotes the Holy Father's World Peace Day message – the 2020 message is:-

***Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation and Ecological Conversion***

You can read the message by following the link on the Pax Christi UK website.

The money you put in the *'Pennies for Peace'* jar throughout the year supports the work of Pax Christi

*Thank you*

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gifts, your prayers and good wishes.

I am away from home at the moment, spending some time in residential care, but will continue to think of you all and wish you and your families every blessing in the coming year. *Fr. Michael*

***The Card for Fr. Michael***

The Christmas offering is, by tradition, our gift to our parish priest. This year a (large!) card is being prepared for Fr. Michael along with the Christmas offering to give to him with our thanks.

In order to allow everyone who wishes to write a note or simply to sign their name, a number of sheets of paper, on boards, are being circulated. You may write on any one of these sheets and they will all be bound into the card. More paper will be made available as necessary.

Please return the boards and sheets to Deacon Huw. The completed card and messages will be given to Fr. Michael next week.

## THANK YOU

for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts.
May you be blessed at this turning of the year
and may the months ahead be filled with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
*Dcn. Huw*

FAIRTRADE CHALLENGE:

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To encourage us to look out for and purchase items with the Fairtrade Mark when we are shopping, the parish Justice & Peace group has issued a challenge to see who can collect the most Fairtrade Marks between now and the 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) – 22nd March 2020.

You can collect as a family, in a team or as individuals. Collection forms are available in the narthex and extra ones can be found, when you need them, in a folder on the J&P noticeboard. Completed forms can also be left on the J&P noticeboard.

The Fairtrade Marks collected from your shopping must be original – not copied and can be from any Fairtrade product – tea, coffee, sugar, chocolate, wine, T-shirt etc.

Whoever collects most 'Fairtrade Marks' by the closing date will receive a Fairtrade Easter Egg… so get looking, shopping and collecting…