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9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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| Sat 08 Jan | 5.30 pm  | St George's | For the intentions of the Clarke family.                     |
| Sun 09 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | Maureen Rafferty RIP, 3rd Anniv.                             |
|            | 11.15 am | Holy Spirit | People of the Parish   |
|            | 6.00 pm  | St George's | Hilary Crosbie, for good health.                             |
| Mon 10 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | Deceased of the McDonald family                              |
| Tue 11 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George   | Priest's own intention                                       |
| Wed 12 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | For Holy Souls and priests living and deceased               |
| Thu 13 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | Mary Daly RIP, 14 <sup>th</sup> anniversary                  |
| Fri 14 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | Holy Souls in Purgatory and donor's special intention        |
| Sat 15 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | For all the recently deceased of St George's and Holy Spirit |
|            | 5.30 pm  | St George's | Charles Augustus RIP   |
| Sun 16 Jan | 9.30 am  | St George's | People of the Parish   |
|            | 11.15 am | Holy Spirit | Priest's own intention                                       |
|            | 6.00 pm  | St George's | Charlie & Mary Doherty and family, and the Connors family.   |

### GOSPEL REFLECTION:



The significance of the Christian baptism resounds in all the readings of this first Sunday of the year. The feast of the Lord's baptism marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of the ordinary time of the year. It is striking to see how the church switches from one feast to another. In addition, it brings out the importance of the sacrament of baptism – as the gateway to life in Christ. Armed with the grace of baptism, the Christian faces the challenges of the ordinary life with a view to overcome it.

The baptism of the church as instituted by Jesus

Christ is the sacrament of Christian initiation. It is the initiation into the life of faith. Faith guarantees the new life in Christ. Today's readings define faith as loving God. Only the one who is begotten by God through baptism can really understand what loving God means. The ability to see God in the other is the fruit of our baptism. Baptism creates God in our hearts.

The gospel according to Luke presents John the Baptist saying; *I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

The Christian baptism as mentioned earlier is a life of faith made possible through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit inspires our faith towards good. The fruits of our baptism lies in our good works. Faith without good works is dead. Thus, the spirit enables our faith to live up to the expectation. The expectations include; enlightening the ignorant, serving the course of right, promoting justice and peace, proclamation of the kingdom by works of charity.

### APPLYING FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES:

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31 August 2018 you will need to apply for their infant or primary school place by 15 January 2022. They will be eligible to start school in September 2022. Please go to the website for St. George's Catholic Voluntary Academy <https://www.stgeorgescatholicacademy.co.uk/>

for information on how to apply for places or contact the school Tel: 01332 766815 or Email: [admin@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stgeorges.derby.sch.uk)

The first point of contact is our admin team; Miss Doyle-Maw and Mrs Evans who would be most willing to respond to your queries.



CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45

### SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Wed 12 Jan St Aelred of Rievaulx

Thurs 13 Jan: St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Sat 15 Jan: Saturday Mass of our Blessed Lady

### PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JANUARY 2022:

For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

### COVID19 UPDATE:

Face coverings in places of worship are now mandatory by government law, so we ask everyone, unless exempt, to wear one. If you, or someone in your household, displays symptoms of Covid19, then please stay at home.



*To all our volunteers who have helped to make our Advent and Christmas so wonderful and to those who have helped throughout the last year, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude. Here within our Parish we are blessed to have such a wonderful range of talent with us - all helping, working, encouraging and supporting each other to continue to build our community. The past two years have seen us face so many challenges, in particular with Covid, but we have come together to ensure that we will, and can, continue to grow, gather and worship as a living Parish.*

*Thank you. Fr Alan.*

### POPE'S PEACE DAY MESSAGE:

'Everyone has a creative role to play in building peace'. Several Vatican officials presented Pope Francis' message for the 55<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace, held on 1 January, and recall that peace is the work of every person and that it must be rooted in human dignity and justice.

### FAITH IN FAMILIES:

Due to financial difficulties, Faith in Families is merging with a larger agency and charity, Adoption Focus. They have decided to stop the collection boxes as they feel this source of fundraising has come to a natural end - the income from this method has dropped tremendously over the years. Thank you to all box holders who have supported Faith in Families. If you have a box that needs emptying, please bring it to the Church as soon as possible. Thank you.

