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St. Mary's, St. Patrick's & St. Thomas of Canterbury



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St. Mary's The Mount Parish Family Wishes You All A Warm Welcome

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BAPTISM: GOD'S CHILDREN

The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, which we are celebrating today, is a segue from our celebration of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time in our Liturgical Calendar. However, as we celebrate this Solemnity, let us all ask God to grant us the grace to put into practice the graces brought about by our own baptism.

We find, in the Catechism, that one of the fruits of baptism is that we became God's children: *"The fruit of Baptism, or baptismal grace, is a rich reality that includes: ... birth into the new life by which man becomes an adoptive son of the Father"* (C.C.C. No. 1279). In lieu, we are all God's children by adoption and, clinging to this concept, let us all try our very best to really become God's children. Consequently, we need to think about the way in which we can become God's children. We will become

God's faithful and obedient children by keeping God's Commandments, as our Second Reading for today instructs us: *"Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments..."* (1 John 5:1-3).

Therefore, let us all try to live out our very identity of being God's children through our own baptism and incorporation to the Body of Christ, the Church. Moreover, let us continue to ask the grace of God to be at work, so that as we come before Him, to God, we will also find peace in His very commands and precepts.

May God bless us all.



INFORMATION

- **Parish Contributions:** Last Sunday Offertory – £753.82 (Standing orders: £686, Offertory Envelopes & Loose change £67.82). **Counting: This Sunday – Team D, Next Sunday – Team E.** Next Sunday there will be a voluntary second collection for Pax Christi.
- **Holy Mass, Baptisms, funerals, & Weddings:** Our church is open for Holy Masses, funerals, baptisms and weddings, in accordance with government guidelines. We are operating a booking system for weekend Masses; you will be able to make a booking online or by telephone. *All Masses will continue to be live streamed for the foreseeable future.* Please refer to the parish website for information about baptisms, weddings and funerals.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of **Tony Callaghan** who died on 4th December. He will be received into church at 4pm on Monday 11th January and his Requiem Mass will be at 11:30am on Tuesday 12th January. Please remember his wife, Carol, in your prayers at this sad time. *(Please note that, until restrictions are lifted, attendance at all funerals is by family invitation only. We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.)*
- **Cleaning Rota:** If you have not already collected your copy, the Church Cleaning Rota for the year 2021 is available for collection from the sacristy.
- **Catholic Newspapers:** If you are a reader of the Catholic Universe or the Catholic Times, you may wish to take out a subscription and have the newspaper delivered to your home each week, post free. Please visit www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call 0161 8205722. There is currently a special offer of 3 months for £22 or 12 months for £80.
- **RCIA Programme 2020-2021:** As the COVID situation in the UK is at a serious level and we are now in lockdown, the RCIA meetings will take place through a virtual zoom meeting at the usual time on Mondays at 7.45pm. The topic on Monday 11th January is “*Sacrament of Confirmation*”.
- **Memories of Sister Sabina, RIP:** Sister Sabina, who died in December 2019, did a tremendous amount of work for the homeless and vulnerable in the Birmingham area. To mark her anniversary, ‘SIFA FIRESIDE’ charity have produced a free audio CD of treasured memories and tributes. The CD is entitled ‘Stories by the Fireside’. We have 10 copies so if anyone would like a copy, please contact Fr. Jobin or speak to one of the stewards.

RESERVING YOUR SEAT FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Telephone Booking Times: Telephone: 01922 622 633 (Ext 1)

Wednesday: 10am – 12 noon, Thursday: 5pm – 7pm, Friday: 5pm – 7pm

Online Reservation: You can reserve your seat online for Mass through the parish website: www.stmarysthemount.co.uk

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer at the Time of Distress

Merciful God come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for Vocations

Divine Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the church in our Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Blessed Justin and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen. Hail Mary.....

Prayer after Communion

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.”

Bl. Fr. Justin



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DATE	TIME	CHURCH/PLACE	MASS INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday 9 th	5:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas's	Vigil Mass	
Sunday 10 th THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9:00am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am	St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's	Dianne Bolton – <i>RIP</i> Kathleen Boland - <i>RIP</i>	Mary Francis V Fenlon
Monday 11 th	9:15am 10:00am 10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Josie Kelleher - <i>H</i> Holy Rosary Thanksgiving	Mary Francis Chipo
Tuesday 12 th St. Aelred of Rievaulx <i>Religious</i>	9:15am 10:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:30am	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Holy Rosary Stanley John Davis – <i>RIP, DA</i> John Martin – <i>TH, B</i> Requiem Mass – <i>Tony</i>	Anne F Kazmie Evangeline Martin
Wednesday 13 th St. Hilary <i>Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	10:00am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Adoration for Vocations Mass for Vocations Uma Small – <i>H & WB</i>	Paul Challinor
Thursday 14 th	9:15am 10:00am 9:30am 10:00am	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Holy Rosary Nancy Byrne - <i>RIP</i>	Katherine
Friday 15 th	9:15am 10:00am 6:15pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Confessions Holy Rosary Success in Exams	Ms C Vambe
Saturday 16 th	10:00am 10:30am 5:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas's	Patricia Powell – <i>RIP, DA</i> Adoration & Confession Vigil Mass	M Powell
Sunday 17 th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am	St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's	Tony Walford	V Fenlon

C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being, H=Healing, SI=Special Intention, PC=Parish Centre, M=Marriage, WA=Wedding Anniversary, Ch=Church, MV=Maryvale, SCH=School, BD=Beechdale, BP=Baptism

Let us pray for those who are sick:

Lorraine Darby, Mavourneen Smith, Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Patricia Davies, Angela Gonsalves, Margaret Powell, Matthew McGill, Dr. Petroc Willey, Lee Chit Wei, Margaret Abbot, Susan Naughton, Mrs K Carter, Carol Callaghan, Jo Baker, Mrs Small, Peter Corrigan, Josie Kelleher, Gilbert Wilkes, Doris White.