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PARISH PRIEST Fr Philip Griffin **PARISH DEACON** Rev Mr Tom Tranter

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Baptism of the Lord -9th/10th January 2021 - Year B

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	FEAST
Sat 9th	5-00PM	People of the Parish	Baptism of the Lord
Sun 10th	8-30AM	Mgr Louis McRaye	
	10-30AM	Deirdre Callaghan	
Mon 11th	No Mass		
Tues 12th	12-30PM	Mary Wrigley	
Wed 13th	9-00AM	Jackie Bradley	
Thurs 14th	9-00AM	Norah and Arthur Lewis	
Fri 15th	9-00AM	Fr John Ellis	
	7-00PM	Holy Souls	
Sat 16th	10-00AM	Fr John Dewis	
	5-00PM	Robert Wolfe	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 17th	8-30AM	Fred Toni	
	10-30AM	People of the Parish	
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PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR TODAY ARE ON PAGE 119 OF THE MASS BOOK The Crib Offerings this year will be for Friends of the Holy Land.

Gift Aid - £664.00 Non-Gift Aid £738.98 Standing Orders 27th December 2020 – 8th January 2021 - £1544.00

RECENTLY DEPARTED - Mary Griffin and Pamela Rowley.

CONFESSIONS – Fr Philip is also available to hear confessions after any Mass. Please ask the stewards.

Today is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the liturgical celebration of Christmas. However, in many parts of the Catholic World, Christmas decorations and cribs stay up in Church and homes until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2nd February, 40 days after Christmas Day.

On Monday, we enter "Ordinary time" – a dreadful way of saying that we are not in a particular season of the liturgical year like Advent and Christmas. Ordinary time continues until we start the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday which falls on 17th February this year.

The Gospel at weekday Mass is Mark, so I would encourage those of you who come to weekday Mass either physically or online to read the whole Gospel through at the earliest opportunity. It won't take you long, as Mark is the shortest Gospel, and it will give you a chance to renew your

awareness of its themes and style. Mark also is the Gospel on Sundays (Year B), so this would be a useful exercise for everyone.

We cannot communicate the faith, answer peoples' questions, or reach personal spiritual maturity if we are not familiar with our Scriptures, the Word of God, and the teaching of the Church. At a time when many of us have more free time than normal, now is an ideal time to dust off our Bibles, and gently engage with the Word of God.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM THE SOWER MAGAZINE AND PARISH 2021 DIARIES – Are available at in the Church porch. The Diocesan Directory 2021 will be on sale this weekend for £3.00

<u>CHURCHES TOGETHER ADVANCE NOTICE: RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE - January 2021</u> Please visit the "what's on page" on our website for further details.

FOODBANK SHORTAGES THIS WEEK. - We are open on Tuesday, 12:30pm -3:00pm and donations can be received at the back door of the building. Shortages this week - SMALL PACKETS TEABAGS, TINNED FISH, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED MEAT, e.g., Fray Bentos Pies, Corned Beef, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE (1L cartons), LONG LIFE MILK (1L cartons), TINNED POTATOES or INSTANT MASH. WASHING-UP LIQUID, DEODORANT. Thank you so much for your continued support of the foodbank especially in the time of uncertainty for many.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Online Marriage Enrichment Experience with Bishop David Evans January 30th-31st 2021 An opportunity for couples to enrich their relationship, regardless of the length of time they have been together. Couples can explore their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. Other dates for 2021 - 20th-21st March & 15th-16th May To find out more visit https://wwwme.org.uk/ or call 0845 2602016

PARISH DONATIONS – Any donations to the Parish will be allocated to fundraising for the refurbishment of our parish centre toilets. Thank you for your support.