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The Baptism of the Lord

My Dear People,

The early Church struggled with the Baptism of the Lord, since Baptism washes away sin, yet Jesus is sinless so why was he Baptised? His Baptism was the model for ours as we are Baptised into the Body of Christ, so Jesus's body needed to be Baptised. "Christ is Baptised not to be made holy by the water but to make the water holy, and by his cleansing to purify the waters which he touched. For the consecration of Christ involves a more significant consecration of the water." St Maximus of Turin  
Wishing you every blessing,  
Fr Gerry

### Church Opening

Following the announcement of a further lockdown, here is the information regarding public worship from the Gov Website.

Places of Worship

You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle

with anyone outside your household or support bubble. You should maintain social distancing at all times. You should follow the national guidance on the safe use of places of worship. If you are in the critically vulnerable group please do not attend. If you or anyone in your household has any symptoms please do not attend. **We very much look forward to welcoming you.**

### Stewards and Cleaners

In order to open safely we require stewards and cleaners at every Mass. We have had a small team of parishioners who have faithfully served this role since the first lockdown - cleaning the pews and church after every single Mass. We are hugely grateful for their hard work and thank them for making the celebration of Mass possible. Could we now ask those parishioners who attend Mass regularly to volunteer their services to allow stewards to have a break sometimes. Gloves, aprons and materials all provided. **Together we will get through this.**

### Readings for the Baptism of the Lord

First Reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:1-11

Responsorial Psalm— **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

Second Reading from the first letter of St John

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11



from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

**St Joseph** - the ordinary man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

### A Daily Prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

### Baptism

If you are thinking about preparing your child/children for Baptism please speak to Fr Gerry after Mass.

### First Holy Communion/ Confirmation 2021

Unfortunately during lockdown we are not permitted to hold preparation courses for these sacraments. As soon as we are given the go ahead to proceed we will notify you.

The church remains open for Mass and we do hope you will attend.

### Confession

Fr Gerry is available before and after every Mass or by appointment.

## Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"



With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To

mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph"

### Notices

### Giving Basket



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

At any time in our life we may find ourselves struggling to afford food and everyday household bits. We are very blessed, here at St Teresa's and St Pius X to have a large parish family who take care of each

other.

At the back of church you will find a 'giving basket' for you to donate non-perishable food and new toiletries which will be available for families who need a little extra help from time to time.

Thank you for your generosity.

## School News

The application process for primary school places for September 2021 closes in just a few a few days.

If you were unable to attend any of our open afternoons please feel free to ring our new head **Miss Hickey** on **01702 547918** who would be happy to have a chat with with you.

Alternatively please go to our new website at [strcs.net](https://www.strcs.net) and view our virtual tour.

## Parish Centre Caretaker Vacancy

After a number of years carrying out this role Tracey will be taking a rest. We would like to thank Tracey for the amazing job she did - we are extremely grateful for her hard work.

As a result we are therefore seeking a new caretaker to oversee the running of our popular Parish Centre. This is a voluntary role but an integral role in the life of our wonderful parish and essential to our parish community.

If you are looking for a new challenge this year and would like to assist the parish in this way please email Fr Gerry on [fgerryd@gmail.com](mailto:fgerryd@gmail.com)

Full support will be given.

Thank you!

## Parish Finances

Once again we appeal to you all to continue supporting your parish. We receive no help from the Government and rely totally on your help. **Please donate online** [https://](https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=brentwood)

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## Daily Prayers:

Pray for one another, that we may each hear the voice of Jesus speaking clearly to us, and that we may have hearts open to share his love, and courage to share the Gospel.

**Sunday:** The Sick: Mary Fugl, Martin Chandler, Lee Davis & Sian, Karen Landy, Joe Mullany, Mark, Renate Butler, Angela Read, Jonathan Somervell, Norma Goater. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

**Monday:** The Sick: Stephen Kennedy, Ron and Christine Holloway, Trevor Ridgwell, Marguerite Jakes, Louise Knight, Cory Lees, Anthony George & Mary Smith. Those who live in Ash Green, Magnolia Way, Eastbury Avenue & Spindle Beams.

**Tuesday:** The Sick: Lyndsey Reynolds, Brian Holt, Anne, Baby Theo, Samuel, Nellie Smith, Mary Reilly, Edward Cunado & Andrew Stevens. For the people of Hockley SS Peter and Paul and their Minister fr Kenneth Havey.

**Wednesday:** Fr Jeff Woolnough, Fr Stewart Foster, Fr Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Kieron Dodd, Fr Liam Hayes, Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Sarah Knight, Kevin Cosset, Ethan Adlum, William McArthur & Marjorie Jay. For the Queen and her ministers, that they may govern us wisely. For our own Parish Priest Fr Gerry.

**Thursday:** The Sick:Maureen Lumholst-Smith, Kenneth Jobson, Venus Rubertazzi, Ellen Franklin, Jackie Gravestock, John Vasey & Sheila Van de Vyver. The Farming Community.

**Friday:** The recently departed John Rice, Peter Stevens, Len Smith and Mary Hillier.

Those whose anniversaries fall over the next week: Jackie Hartnett, John Nagle, Mary Parisio, Doris Boulter, Patrick Gibbons, Joseph Victor Nathan, Geoffrey Cook, Moira Lock, Elizabeth Reilly, Mary Milne, Tim O'Driscoll and Joyce Ryan.

**Saturday:** The Sick: Bartly Igoe, Padraig Evers, Margaret Thomas, Oliver Kelly, & Terry Lewis. Our Student Priests: Rick, Patrick, Michael, Adrian, Eamonn, Alexander, Tony, Damien & Jonathan.

Sun	10	9am	The Baptism of the Lord	For then Repose of the souls of the McIntyre & Sylvester families	TS
		10.30am		Len Smith RIP	SVP
		12 noon (Latin)			
Mon	11	No Mass Today			
Tues	12	7.30pm		Len Smith RIP	F&SV DV
Wed	13	9.30am	Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ		
Thur	14	10.30am		Requiem Mass for Alf Harnwell	
Thur		7.30pm	S Hilary B C D	Repose of the Soul of Len Smith	TS
Friday	15	9.30am	S Paul the First Hermit C		
Sat	16	No Mass Today	S Marcellus I P M		
Sun	17	9am	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Repose of the Soul of John Jones	TS
		10.30am		Len Smith RIP	LOM
		4pm (Latin)			

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