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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIS SUNDAY'S PARISH MASS BOOK

Prayers & Scripture Readings (C) page 118 ff

Eucharistic Prayer I page 18 ff

Mass Times, Intentions & Feasts w/c Sunday 13th January, 2019

Sun 13 **9.00am** Priest's Intention

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mon 14 **9.30am** Priest's Intention

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Tue 15 **9.30am** Priest's Intention

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Wed 16 **9.30am** Priest's Intention

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Fri 18 **9.30am** Priest's Intention

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Sun 20 **9.00am** People of the Parish

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass at St Edward's, Clifford: Sunday 11am

Please pray for those who are sick especially **Jane Coleman, Irene & John Smith, Peggy Thompson, Tony Lyons, Anne Raines, John Rayne-Davis & Margaret Scrubbs**

Of your charity pray also for all who have recently died especially **Amy Fitzgerald and Frederick William Hall** and for all whose Anniversaries occur at this time.

The Ministry of Reader:

Today (1st) Kathy Walford (2nd) Milena van Kraay (BP) Maura Whittaker

Next Sunday (1st) An Other (2nd) Ruth Godfrey (BP) Tony Berry

ANNUAL CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

WITHIN THE WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, TADCASTER
NEXT SUNDAY 20th JANUARY
AT 10.30am

All Welcome

St Joseph's 52 CLUB

In 2018 we had a total of 46 members and after paying out the **£100.00 prize money each month**, it raised just under **£1,200** for church funds. It costs £52.00 to join, payable in cash, or a cheque for £52.00 made payable to St Joseph's Church with option to write 2 cheques, one dated January for £26 and one dated July for £26 **If anyone would like to join, please can they pick up one of the forms at the back of church, or have a chat with Kathy Walford.**

Last Sunday's To be published later. Thank you

WE WELCOME all visitors to St Joseph's, whether you are from near or far.

We ask that if possible you please use one of the blue envelopes at the back of church and 'Gift Aid' your offering, as this helps to maintain our lovely church.

TEA & COFFEE will be served in the Parish Hall after TODAY'S Mass. Please join us.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

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