



# Sacred Heart Of Jesus Newsletter

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This information is also available on the [Sacred Heart Web Page](#) Please note the web page will always be the most up to date link with parish news.

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## COVID Reminder we must follow please:

**Feeling unwell** – symptoms of covid, generally feeling unwell, or full of cold, please stay at home.

**Face Coverings** - must be always worn in church services please.

**Hand sanitiser** - must be used on entry

**Kneelers** - to be kept in the upright position and not used

**One way System** – access through the church porch and egress via door on the right to the foyer exit.

**Social distancing** -common sense with persons around you and wearing a face covering in close proximity.

Weekend Mass is to be booked using this link [Weekend Massbooking.uk](http://Weekend Massbooking.uk) Each Mid-week Mass, you don't need to book, however as you arrive, we ask that you sign in with your name and contact number.

Thank you

## Message for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The surprising thing about today's Gospel story is that Jesus, who was without sin, accepted John's baptism of repentance for sinners.

The best explanation is that it was like the parent who takes a spoonful of the medicine, which they don't need, to encourage the toddler, who does need it. As so often in the Gospels, Jesus is demonstrating the behaviour he expects from his followers.

John the Baptist is at pains to point out to his followers that the baptism that Jesus brings is very different from his baptism. John's baptism is symbolic. By accepting immersion in the Jordan, the people are showing their intention to do better but they are told that Jesus "...will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire." The Holy Spirit is the active power of God and fire was considered to be the element that had the power to change and refine things.

This distinction is important for our understanding of the sacraments. The sacraments contain a great deal of symbolism but they are also effective; they bring about the change in a person which the symbolism suggests. One writer put it like this,

"In the sacraments, God shows us what He does and does what he shows us!"

Many thanks,

Fr. Paul

Date	Service	Intentions	Stewards
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	17:30 Vigil	Carol and Michael Sharman R.I.P.	Noel &
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	10am Mass	People of the Parish	Liz and Maggy
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	09:30 Mass	Canon Owen O'Neill R.I.P.	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 Mass	Sean Maloney R.I.P.	Wednesday Team



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Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 <sup>h</sup>	09:30 Mass	Eamon Keating R.I.P.	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	17:30 Vigil	Intentions of the Carroll family	Ian & Fiona
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	10:00 Mass	People of the Parish.	Richard and Liz

## Message from Frank:

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Rainbow's Christmas Appeal. The total amount was £356. St Mary's Grub Club also ran a Christmas Cheer appeal and received a grant of £1000 from the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace, a grant of £500 from a councillor at Charnwood Borough Council (Members' Grants) and a personal donation from another councillor of £100. Therefore, Grub Club was able to help 55 families (71 adults and 136 children) from 7 Loughborough schools, including St Mary's and Sacred Heart. The box for donations to the food bank will remain into the New Year because Loughborough people will continue to need our help and currently the need is for tea, coffee, cooking oil, toilet rolls and cleaning materials. I am informed that currently the food bank is OK for dry foods (pasta, rice etc) and tinned goods. I wish everyone a Healthy and a Happy New Year.

## Mature Adults meeting this coming Monday

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 there will be a meeting in the Hall at 2.00pm for Mature Adults in the Parish of Sacred Heart. Don't worry we will be following guidance & strict rules relating to Covid 19 for everyone's safety. However, It will be wonderful to see so many friends after these past months. Please come along.

Our guest speaker is Terry Jackson who will be giving a talk on the life of "Florence Nightingale". Tea & Coffee will be served during the afternoon. We welcome All who would like to come along.

## KSC Youth Liturgies

With regret, the level of current Omicron transmission in the schools and community have made it unreasonable to go ahead with the Epiphany service planned for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Sacred Heart. We are sorry to disappoint those who would have liked to participate and attend.

As for 20 of the last 21 years, we hope however to have the usual enactment of the events of Holy Week in the evening of Palm Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at St Mary's. The 2021 event was very well supported, so we hope for another relatively Covid-free liturgy this year.

We hope that you have a happy New Year, and that you enjoy good health in 2022,

## Jesus is Baptised

