



Sacred Heart, Teddington

Parish Newsletter

12TH JANUARY 2020

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PSALTER WEEK III

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!

Well once more the Christmas season has been and now is gone! I do hope you all had a peaceful, happy and holy time together with your family and friends. And now we have a NEW YEAR! 2020 – I wish you every blessing for the year ahead. May it be a happy and safe one for you all with good health and much love around you.

As we begin 2020, there are many people in the parish I must thank for their contribution in 2019; those who help in a public way and those who work behind the scenes.

To all our duty parishioners, readers, eucharistic ministers and our wonderful band of altar services – thank you! Thank you! To our two music groups: MASH! Maria, Zoe, Ian and all the group – thank you for all that you bring to the 9.30am liturgy and your gift of sacred music – we are so very lucky to have you in our parish. 11.15am choir – Brenda, John and all your faithful singers – thank you for your time and efforts throughout the year and for all that you give at the Mass on Sunday mornings.

To those behind the scenes – those who keep our church so clean and tidy – thank you! At Christmas Pat stood down as team leader and Joan took over – Pat, many many thanks for all that you have done behind closed doors, early in the morning or late at night – thank you! Joan and your helpers – thank you! It is so important that we keep the Lord's house in good order. Fiona, Gemma and all the gang who help with the flowers – thank you! What a beautiful gift you all have. Tony E and all that you give to our parish – again, behind closed doors in the church and the house – every parish needs a Tony E! Outside, those who keep the grounds looking so tidy and well. Thank you all! Thank you to our faithful newsletter team, Katherine, Megan, Pat and Joe! Phillipa - your work on the parish website is so important – thank you! To Anne and John, thank you for your work on and with CTT. To all members of the Parish Finance Group - thank you! Pauline in the parish office – thank you!

I know I will have forgotten someone (or many) – forgive me for that! Thank you all for putting up with me. I will offer Mass for all of your intentions in Lourdes next week.

With my love and blessing, Fr R.

Message from Father Reg

I wish to thank everyone for your Christmas messages, cards and many kind gifts over Christmas. Thank you so very, very much.

LAS POSADA 2019

I have just read this year's Posada journal. It looks like Mary, Joseph and their friends had a wonderful Advent. Many thanks to all who hosted our little crib this year and for all of the drawings and photos in the journal. I will ask Pauline to type up the journal so we can all read about what the gang got up to in Advent.. and with whom!

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

Promotion of World Peace We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH OF ROME

Please remember that you must give at least six months' notice for marriage here in the UK, and longer for marriage outside the UK. For more information, please see Fr Reg.

BAPTISM IN THE CHURCH OF ROME

If you will have, or already have a child for Baptism, please contact Fr Reg ASAP to register on the next Baptismal programme. It is best to do this before baby comes along!

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please make yourself known to Fr Reg and make sure you're registered here in the parish!

Next week's Mass Intentions				Mass Times:
Monday	13 th January	9.30am	Prayer Int. Parish Sick	Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm
Tuesday	14 th January	9.30am	Prayer Int. Lourdes pilgrims	Sunday: 9.30am and 11.15am
Wednesday	15 th January	9.30am	Prayer Int. Holy Souls	Weekdays: 9.30am
Thursday	16 th January	9.30am	Prayer Int. H.E. the Cardinal	Reconciliation: Saturday 6pm (and by appointment)
Friday	17 th January	12.30pm	Funeral Mass - Eileen Moloney	Weekday Mass also: 6.45pm
Saturday	18 th January	6.30pm	People of the Parish	Sons of Divine Providence, Lower Teddington Rd
Sunday	19 th January	9.30am	Josie Lennon (RIP)	
		11.15am	Mary Coll(RIP)	

EILEEN MOLONEY, RIP

The funeral for Eileen will take place here in the church next Friday, 17th January at 12.30pm. Eileen and her family have been members of the parish for many, many years. Do try to be with us next Friday as we thank God for the life of this woman of great faith.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

On Monday morning, a group will travel from the parish down to the Grotto in Lourdes. You may think it's a mad time to go, but it's not – it's the right time to go – Lourdes will be empty! We will have Our Blessed Lady all to ourselves. Every day in Lourdes, you will all be in our prayers. On Wednesday evening we will leave a parish candle at the Grotto. Please pray for the pilgrims' safe travel and peace in Our Lady's company. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

RETRouvaille – a lifeline for marriages

Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need. See www.retrouvaille.org.uk for details. Next programme: 28th, 29th Feb and 1st March. For more information phone or text 07887296983 or 07973380443. Complete confidentiality assured.

ELLERAY HALL CHRISTMAS LUNCH – THANK YOU

To all who gave presents or made a donation towards the Churches Together Christmas Day Lunch at Elleray Hall! The lunch was a great success with 66 guests, all of whom went away with a "goodie" bag of presents.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Please join with our fellow Christians for a United Service at St Mark's Church, St Mark's Road on Sunday 19th January at 4pm. Sacred Heart will host a short devotion at 10.15am on Monday 20th January when we will be inviting fellow Christians from Teddington to join us, followed by refreshments. Please come along! See the notice board for other services during the week.

SUPPER TALK WITH RUTH VALERIO OF TEARFUND

29th January, 7.30pm

Ruth's new book, Saying Yes to Life 'imaginatively relates the themes of the Creation story to matters of environmental, ethical and social concern to explore what it means to be human and to be a follower of Jesus during Lent'. St Mary's and St Peter's School, Church Road, Teddington. Tickets £10 (includes a two-course meal) from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supper-talk-saying-yes-to-life-the-archbishop-of-canterburys-lent-book-2020-by-ruth-valerio-tickets-80917617773>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(19th January, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isa 49:3-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

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Parish Responsibilities

13 th – 19 th January	Saturday 6:30pm	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday 11:15am
Duty Parishioner	As agreed with Pauline	Shirley Townsend	Catherine Ridler
Readers	As agreed with Pauline	Dolly Townsend Richard McWilliams	John Lunt Catherine Ridler
Ministers of Holy Communion	As agreed with Pauline	Shirley Townsend Claudia and Nuno Costa-Ferrera	Suu Wynn Marie Blanc Anne Antoniades
Counters	As agreed with Pauline		
Cleaners	Myo and David		
Flowers	Jacqueline		