

Good News!

10th January 2021 • Baptism of the Lord

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Latest News: join our WhatsApp list (not a chat group). Put our number 07766335591 in the address book of your phone, and send a WhatsApp message to us using saying "Add me" and your name.

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(Birmingham Diocesan Trust: Reg Charity No. 234216)

Every Mass Broadcast Live: facebook.com/cannockcatholic/live • The Family Mass: bit.ly/FamilyMass

Masses, Intentions and Services

Every mass is broadcast live and available as a recording to watch later.

The Obligation to hear mass on Sundays and Holy Days is suspended during the pandemic.

First Collection [RED BAG] as you arrive.

Second Collection [BLUE] as you leave

When there is no second collection required by the Archdiocese, a second collection will be taken for Parish Development.

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Sat 9 12pm Maria Diver RIP
5pm Peter Kilgallon RIP
Sun 10 8am Teresa Burrowes RIP
10.30am Fr Pat Farrelly RIP (Anniv)

No Masses during this week

January 17th • Second Sunday of the Year

Sat 16 12pm Maureen Murphy RIP
5pm Clare Breeze RIP
Sun 17 8am Betty Rayson RIP
10.30am Peter Garnett RIP (Anniv)

Parish Administration online:

Please also send a short message to Fr Peter when you have completed one of these forms.

Baptism Application: bit.ly/2BrczkQ

Mass intention Request: bit.ly/310DfSf

Foodbank

A message from Anne Foy who organises the collection of donations:

On behalf of the Foodbank we would like to express sincere thanks for the very generous donations for families experiencing difficulty at this time. Despite the incredibly cold weather, including snow and ice an amazing total of **86 kg** were donated this week!

Blessing of our Homes

At masses of the Epiphany the traditional blessing and distribution of chalk took place. Remembering the visit of the Kings to the Holy Family, the chalk is used to bless our houses for the new year as if the Kings had visited us.

The Blessing is especially appropriate this year.

Blessed chalk is available from Church.

At the door we write:

**+ C + M + B +
2021**

or, alternatively:

20 + C + M + B + 21

The + denotes God's blessing, CMB refer to the kings Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

Some interpret CMB to stand for

Christus Mansioni Benedicat!

May Christ bless this house!

When writing the blessing, say the following words:

**The three wise men
Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar
followed the star to Bethlehem
2,021 years ago.**

**May the Christ Child
bless our home
throughout the coming year.**

End with: In the name of the Father ...

During Lockdown 3

During this third lockdown, guidelines from government are more permissive to corporate acts of worship than was the case previously.

The Church on the other hand, is advising us, quite rightly, not to think that because we *can* do something, then we *should*. It is more important to consider whether something is the right course of action, even if it is permitted. Consequently, in this current crisis, many parishes are now celebrating public mass only at the weekend, and even then celebrating fewer masses.

I am giving this very serious consideration and welcome your thoughts and comments. It is clear from mass attendances this week that many who were coming in the week are very reluctant to come to church so often, and the general advice of **Stay at Home** is best observed by coming to mass only once each week, if at all. Several of our stewards have, with good reason, decided to step down from this important work during the current crisis.

I am taking a break from Monday to Friday this coming week, and am looking forward to the opportunity to recharge my batteries. You can continue to send non-urgent messages by WhatsApp or email, but if there are any urgent matters requiring a priest, please contact other local priests. Next weekend I will make clear what new pattern we will have for weekdays from then onwards. As far as possible, all masses will continue to be live streamed, whether or not they are celebrated in public.

Keep safe, God bless.

Fr Peter x

Hot Chocolate: I believe in miracles!

A great result to Shirley Weatherby's fund raising venture last weekend. You raised £900, through purchases, donations, and the "telethon" which followed!

Stewards & Cleaners' Rota

WEEKENDS

Saturdays 12pm Kay Rimmer, Patrick & Patsy Warren

5pm Eileen Clancy, John Gay, Paul Doyle

Sundays 8am Liz Fraser, Margaret Harris

10:30 Tommy Tait, Alan & Jean Slater, Ruth Wright

WEEKDAYS (when open)

Tues volunteers needed

Wed Sheila Clancy, Cath Bowker

Thu Ruth Wright, Kay Rimmer

Fri Peter Summerfield, John Woodworth

Readers' Rotas (weekdays)

Each weekday (when open)

Tuesday: Clare Jackson

Wednesday: Pat Wilson

Thursday: S. Fountain or K. Rimmer

Friday: Cath Hunt

Readers' Rotas (weekends)

Sunday	First Reading (recorded)	Saturday 12:00 (second reading)	Saturday 5pm (second reading)	Sunday 8am (all readings)	Sunday 10:30 (second reading)
January 10th Baptism of the Lord	Pat Wilson	Patrick Warren	Doug Bruce	Margaret Tym	Callum Pearce
January 17th Sunday 2	Clare Jackson	Kay Rimmer	Cath Hunt	Sr Jacinta	Justine Lomas
January 24th Sunday 3	Françoise Gray	Lynne Jones	Alex & Tamsin Davies (all readings)	David Korzonek	Jo Burrowes
January 31st Sunday 4	Clare Jackson	Shirley Weatherby	Paul Doyle	Michael Burrowes	Sue Andrews

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