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# NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th January 2023

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year A)

**WEEKEND MASSES:** St. Augustine's Church: 6pm on Saturdays and 11am on Sundays.  
Our Lady of Sorrows: 9.30am on Sundays.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** 9.30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):** Each Saturday from 12.30pm to 1pm, in St. Augustine's, there is the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or for a discussion of any issue that might be on a person's mind.

**ADORATION TIME:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held at **St Augustines** on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week from 5.30pm to 6.15pm.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Fr. Frank is attending a meeting at the St. Patrick's Missionary Society, this week. Therefore, there will **NOT** be **Adoration Time** on the evening of **Wednesday 11th** or a **Morning Mass** on **Thursday 12th January.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7th 6pm	Fr. Julian Connolly RIP	Tue 10th 9.30am	Personal Intention
Sun 8th 9.30am	People of the Parish	Wed 11th 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 8th 11am	Fr. Fintan Byrne RIP	Thu 12th	NO MASS
Mon 9th	NO MASS	Fri 13th 9.30am	Fr. Frank Morris RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

**SICK OF THE PARISH:** Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, John Lipscomb, Terri Nicoll, Fred Oufi, Nino Puma, Eithne Reynolds and Roger Stewart. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

**TEA/COFFEE AFTER MASS:** This will be held after the 11am Mass on Sunday 8th at St. Augustine's.

**100 CLUB:** For a subscription of £1 per week (£52 per year), membership of the 100 Club enables you to contribute to the Parish as well as having the opportunity to win £100 in the monthly 100 Club Draw. For more information, please contact Pamela Bailey via [office@staugustines.org.uk](mailto:office@staugustines.org.uk)

**OFFERTORY:** 1st January: £279 cash and £250 standing orders.

**FOODBANK – A SPECIAL APPEAL:** Because of the very difficult times we are in at present, we know that many people are struggling as they have insufficient money to afford the essentials. We can help in some little way by being as generous as possible in relieving their anxiety by donating to the Foodbank.

When two volunteers visited the Foodbank with donations from our Parish today (Friday), they were asked to relay thanks and appreciation to our Parish from the Foodbank. At the moment, in addition to the items listed as required below, there is a very urgent need for bottles of **WASHING-UP LIQUID** and **LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE**.

In general, the items that are most essential are basics items.

**Food (Urgent):** Soup, Long-life Fruit Juice, Tinned Meat (stewed steak, mince, chicken in sauce), Sponge Puddings, Tinned Carrots/Mixed Veg.

**Toiletries and Basic Items: (Urgent):** Deodorants, Disposable Razors, Shampoo, Shower gel/soap.

**Always required:** Tinned Fruit, Instant Mash, Instant Coffee (small jars), Tinned Fish, Toothpaste, Washing up liquid, Shaving foam/gel, Baby wipes, Strong Carrier Bags.

**HELP WITH COST OF LIVING?** If you know of anyone needing help because of the Cost of Living crisis you might like to take with you a leaflet from Caritas, the Charity Office in Northampton Diocese. A limited number of leaflets are at the rear of the Church. More copies are available if needed.

**MARRIAGE CARE:** As Marriage Care returns to presenting the Preparing Together marriage preparation course in person, (as well as continuing to provide an online version and FOCCUS), they are looking to recruit more volunteers to facilitate courses in our area. Volunteers will be required for a couple of Saturdays in the year. Full training and support are given. To find out more visit their website [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or contact Sue Cooper at [sue.cooper@marriagecare.org](mailto:sue.cooper@marriagecare.org)

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's readings would have us dwell on the baptism of Jesus as a turning point, the closure of a life hidden in Nazareth and the beginning of a public life announcing the Reign of God. It is fitting, therefore, that there is a public proclamation by the Father of Jesus as beloved Son, together with a visible outpouring of the Holy Spirit. At this moment of transition from hidden life to public life, Jesus is being divinely authorised and divinely vindicated.

What does this Feast of the Baptism of Jesus have to say to you today? Perhaps an invitation to consider significant moments of transition in life – marrying, changing residence or downsizing, parting with loved ones or dealing with unexpected medical diagnosis. For us, as for Jesus, transition can be challenging, but also filled with God's grace. We, too, are beloved of the Father and anointed with the Spirit. This makes all the difference as we negotiate transitions in life

This Feast is also a time for us to reflect on our own baptism as a commissioning, a taking of responsibility to take God more into our lives and live more authentically as his children. It is also a call to do all we can towards eliminating evil in the world and towards building up God's kingdom of justice, of love and of peace.

Fr. Frank