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The baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, which John the Baptist speaks of to his followers in today's Gospel, was a moment when the world was changed forever. Jesus was revealed as the second person of the Holy Trinity—as the Son of God — as the Spirit descended upon Him and the voice of God called from the heavens. At the same time, Jesus was revealed as the suffering servant of Isaiah, whom we heard about in our first reading. Why did Jesus really allow Himself to be baptised by John? He actually insisted. He was baptised in solidarity with us—taking on our life for our redemption. We are told in that Gospel passage that the Spirit not only descended on Jesus but rested with Him. There is something lasting here. And we too have a lasting presence. Once we enter into the spiritual life of baptism, we embark on a special journey; one in which from now on we love everyone the way God loves us. We are God's beloved, so, like Jesus, we are called to treat one another as God's beloved. Once we realise life is good and precious we won't want to waste it on negativity and resentment. So let us live out our promises and share God's love and peace.

Sunday 15th January 2017
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

The Homeless: This is the worst time of year to be without the basic comforts of home - the baskets in the porch are for tea, coffee and tins of non perishables to be given to those who have nothing. Thank you for all you give, consistently, to those in need.

Fr. Joe McKenna: This week sees the anniversary of Fr. Joe McKenna's death and the 8.00am Mass on Sunday 22nd January will be for his intention. Fr. McKenna was the first Parish Priest to the newly designated parish of St. Joseph's, Whitnash in 1963 and was responsible for the building of our church.

200 Club: Congratulations to Adam Borley who won 1st prize this month and Kath Fasi who won 2nd prize!

Lectio Divina: Our meetings are back to the normal 3rd Friday of the month, which will be 20th January, **starting at 10.00am** in the Holy Family Room. All are welcome to this gentle reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

A team from Our Lady's Lillington are running ALPHA, a 10 week faith-building course that explores Christianity, on Thursday evenings. There is an Introductory Supper on 19th January with testimonies from previous participants. Each week, there will be a DVD or live talk and an opportunity for discussion in small groups. Please come for supper and invite your friends and family to find out more about ALPHA on 19th January at Our Lady's Church Hall, (situated

behind the Church), 170 Valley Road, Lillington CV32 7SJ. There is a car park just past the Church in Valley Road. For more details or to book a place on the APHA Introductory Supper please contact June on 01926 511720 or e-mail june@finmandev.com

All Readers and anyone who wants to be a Reader: There is another Deanery Readers' Day on Saturday 28th January 10.30-4.30, St. Gregory's Stratford upon Avon. If you missed the one in Leamington Spa in September, this is another chance to explore the spirituality and role of the Ministry of Reader and your part in it. How the Liturgy of the Lord and of the Eucharist fit together and practical aspects of being a Reader. If you are interested in attending, please phone Kate on 01926 314077 or e m a i l kate.tennyson@googlemail.com

Fatima Centenary special event 2017

There will be a meeting at 7.30pm on Friday 20th January at 56 Princes Drive to make arrangements for the local celebrations. Parishioners from St. Peter's, Our Lady's and St. Joseph's needed. Contact Peter Dimambro 01926 428399 m d i m a m b r o @ h o t m a i l . c o . u k

Headteacher Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Headteacher at Bishop Ullathorne School, Coventry, starting from September 2017. The details are on the noticeboard in the narthex.

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Brian McCann, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Karen Ireson, Hollie Sauvage, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson

The Lawns

Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan
Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange,
Kathleen Hammond,
Winifred Galvin

**Clarence House
Eversleigh N. H.**

Mollie Benson
Mary Craig, Marie Kelly, Mary Darby
Monty Jenkinson

**Clarendon Manor
Stratford**

Robbie Burns
Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
Marjorie Smedley, Frances
Lovell

**RLS Nursing Home
Woodside**

Galanos House

NEXT WEEK 15.1.17	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
8.00am	Carol Bowler, Liz Leddy	Adam Borley, Pauline Mills, David Harwar
5.30pm	Ian Dove	Mary Hendry, Julia Leask, Hilary Callow



*This week Our Lady's 7 Day
candle burns for
The Gateley Family*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 14 January <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	VIGIL OL SP	12.30 pm 5.00 pm	John Maher Kitty & John Lucey Mary & Tom Beirne	Confessions: SP: 9.15am (& Exposition) OL: 11.45am; SP 4.15 pm
Sunday 15 January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time *PEACE SUNDAY*	SJ OL SP SP SJ	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 3.00 pm 5.30 pm	Peter Bogue People of the Parish Henri L. Raymonde HOLY HOUR for Peace John Gately & Family	SP: 3.00pm Holy Hour with Exposition. NB: Regular Holy Hours begin on the first Sunday in Lent (5 March)
Monday 16 January <i>Feria</i>	SP SJ Sch. SJ	10.00 am 2.15 pm 7.00 pm	Hector Valdes Phillips Mass at St Joseph's School, Rowley Rd. In Thanksgiving MT	SJ: Mass with Novena
Tuesday 17 January <i>Memorial of St Antony, Abbot</i>	SJ SP	9.30 am 12.30 pm	Bob & Stephen Rogerson Jenny McGivney	Rosary: SJ: 9.10am, SP: Noon
Wednesday 18 January <i>Feria</i>	OL SP	12.00 pm 12.30 pm	Paschal Dunbar Jeremiah Healey Mary McSharry	Rosary: SP: Noon
Thursday 19 January <i>Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop</i>	OL Sch. SP SP SJ	10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm 7.00 pm	Mass at Our Lady & St Teresa School, Cubbington Bernard Hird Reception: Kathleen Hardaker-Jones R.I.P Friends, Relatives and Leaders, SA	Rosary: SP: Noon
Friday 20 January <i>Feria</i>	SJ SP OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 12.00 pm 12.30 pm	James, Mary and Betty Gilvarry Requiem Mass: Kathleen Hardaker-Jones R.I.P Eileen Lawless Josie Hartshorne	SJ: Mass with Novena Rosary: SJ: 9.10am SP: Noon
Saturday 21 January <i>Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i>	SJ SJ SP VIGIL OL SP	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 12.30 pm 5.00 pm	Sr. Marie Nivard Flynn Exposition until 10.45am Bridie McGerty Frankie Stevens Deacon David & June Palmer For Vocations Mick McKeown	SJ: Morning Prayer: 9.15am Confessions: SP: 9.15 am (& Exposition) OL: 11.45 am; SP: 4.15 pm
Sunday 22 January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	SJ SP OL SP SJ	8.00 am 9.00 am 9.30 am 11.30 am 5.30 pm	Fr Joe McKenna R.I.P <i>Anniversary</i> First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass Private Intention Deceased Members of the Scarisbrick Family Susan Day Phil Lane R.I.P Pauline Jenkins R.I.P	Christian Unity Service at Leamington Baptist Church in Chandos Street at 6.30pm today. All welcome.

Anniversaries

Jan Gardner, Lucy Maynard, Edith Bird, Bob Rogerson,
Patrick Lane, David Kelly, Maureen Rawsthorne, Fr.
Joe McKenna, Pauline Jenkins, Tom Silk, Tony Cooper,
Phil Lane

May they rest in peace

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon: 8.00pm Dancing
Tues: 10.30am Tuesday Club
Wed: 9.30am Art Group
8.30-10.00pm Hall booked
Thurs: Church Cleaning - Team 2
10.45-12.15pm Music Group
7.00pm Weight Watchers
Fri: 10.00am Lectio Divina, HFR
5.30pm Karate
Sat: 8.30 + 10.30am Slimming World

LAST WEEK
8th January
2017

Offertory:
£540.80

No Second
Collection

Attendance
241

