

Stewardship: time,

talent & treasure - Please do

listen out for announcements and news activities regarding Stewardship. There will be plenty of chances to take up stewardship and we take this opportunity to list the growing areas of parish life that make us community and witness:

<u>Practicals</u>: H &S, safeguarding, fire protection, car parking, event stewarding, event/hall management, security, parish maintenance, Church cleaning

Ministries: reading, Altar Serving, music, welcoming groups, bereavement support, Offertory procession, collectors & processors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Prayers of the Faithful writers, Children's Liturgy, visits/helping the sick, Mass stewarding Parish groups: Ascent Group, Legion of Mary, St. Mary's Parish Women's Group, SVP, Children's Rosary Group, the Knights, Parish Pastoral Group & Stewardship Group, Finance, Refreshment Group, Bible Study Groups/Year of the Word, SFN/Young Adults, vocations encouragement

Liturgy & Devotions: catechism for children & adults, Sacraments; Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, marriages, Adoration, prayer groups – vocations, First Friday &Saturday

<u>**Other:**</u> outreach work, soup-kitchen/shelter evangelisation, returning Catholics, encouraging & supporting vocations., foodbanks and appeals,

These are just a few, but with God's help and us building together, we will leave a legacy of Faith, Church and Community for future generations.

Today, Sunday 12th January Feast of the Lord's Baptism

Fr. Sean will celebrate his final Sunday Mass with us at 12.15pm. Please do join us in person or over the parish live stream. The Mass will be followed by a Farewell Presentation in the parish centre.

Thank you

With Fr. Sean leaving and Fr. Celestine away, we welcome and give thanks to our visiting clergy who are helping us during this time of change.

2nd Collection at all Sunday Masses today for Pro-Life



Society for the Protection of Unborn Children Please pick up a petition card to lobby the Prime Minister to <u>reject</u> new

abortion laws that fail to protect the unborn child. The laws were enacted in Ireland and they are now proposed for England & Wales. Your continued prayers and support for "pro-life" are much needed. There will be 2nd collection at all Masses today for the work of The Society. Thank you.

Today's Parish Music Ministry - 12 Jan Cantor & organist @ 9.15am Latin choir @ 10.45am Main choir & music group

@ 12.15pm



Do you play a musical instrument? Would you like to use both your "time & talent"? We need a <u>flautist</u> to play regularly at the Sunday 12.15pm Mass and be part of the parish music group ministry. The parish has 8 choirs for all ages and needs regular musicians to support all music ministry. New singers and instrumentalists: pianists, guitarists, wind instruments, violins etc. very, are <u>always</u> welcome. Please approach after any Mass where the music group is present, usually Sunday 9.15am, 10.45am & 12.15pm.



Peace Sunday 19 Jan 2020 This international

Catholic Movement for

Peace does much good work sharing the Peace of Christ with our world. They are responsible for many initiatives and prayers to create communities of peace and justice. Please support them with your prayers and envelopes are available as you enter Church for donations. There will also be a 2nd collection next week for Pax Christi. Thank you.

Book for Sale – Poems by an active parishioner, Titled: Poems for St. Mary's is available for purchase from the parish shop. Suggested donation £2.50 and available from the parish shop. Please ask for a copy and help raise parish funds. This is one of the fruits of Stewardship – it took 'time,', used 'talent' and is raising 'treasure' Thank you.

Parish App & Web site – Our new look parish web site is a work in progress but is live for seeing Masses and services and obtaining the parish newsletter. You can also now access the parish web – using an App. Please see the porch display for the IOS download and Android download. Our parish web site and e-mail address are not changed.

Please keep in prayer

- For Father Sean as he continues his ministry responding to God's call to new vineyards.
- We keep Father Celestine and his family in our prayers as he remains overseas on the occasion of his youngest brother's marriage.
- For the work of Pro Life Groups
- For Peace Day Sunday 19th Jan
- For Christian Unity Week 2020 Theme is : Unusual Kindness 18th to 25th Jan inclusive

Eternal Rest

We keep in prayer the souls of all who have passed away especially remember :-

Frances Bell, RiP

Funeral Mass @ 10am Thu 16 Jan

Mary McDonagh, RiP

Requiem Mass @ 12.10pm Fri 17 Jan

May the Lord who has loved Frances and Mary with an everlasting love welcome them both to Paradise.

It is a tender time for the family and friends of Frances and Mary. We offer to them our sincere sympathies and assurance of our prayers.

Today's Parish Music Ministry 5 Jan The Lord's Baptism

Cantor & organist @ 9.15am Ugandan choir @ 10.45am Main choir & music group @ 12.15pm Parish Groups

- Bible Study & Charismatic Prayers meets this coming Friday 17th Jan immediately after the 6.45pm Mass, in the Church. All are welcome.
- Sacramental Classes have resumed for First Holy Communion, RCIA and classes led by Deacon Vincent. Those attending, please see your e-mails and or check with the lead catechists or clergy if you have any questions.

Pilgrimages supporting Catholic Charities 2020 •Padre Pio: 30th April to 5th May•Lourdes: 5th to 9th June •Medjugorje:1st to 7th July•Divine Mercy: 30th July to 4th August •Fatima:20th to 24th August • Infant Jesus:2nd to 5th September Flying from Gatwick. Further Details from Malcolm Fernando:- 075 05 011 249 or 0208 777 4785 mjsfernando@gmail.com

PRACTICAL NOTICES

Candles:We have real "live" candle stands in the Saint alcoves and by Our Lady's Altar. Parents/carers must be responsible for their children/vulnerable adults around the real candles at all times and anywhere on Church premises or grounds.

Children/vulnerable adults are <u>NOT</u> to handle or light the real candles or use the igniters or similar. No other candles should be left anywhere around the Church other than on the proper stands. Thank you.

General health, safety, security & signage: These should always be observed and are the usual requirements & signs that we are all familiar with. If you see anything untoward or of concern, please let the clergy know. Any emergencies use 999, local non-emergencies, ring 101. Thank you.

Lost Property: Please take a look in the parish prayer room and claim any mis-laid hats, gloves scarves, water bottles and similar. The box and all contents will be donated to charity in Feb 2020 if it remains unclaimed. If you have lost travel passes, glasses, mobiles etc, please contact the parish office