



## CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST BERNADETTE

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*Seeking to revel in the Father's love; to proclaim Jesus as Lord; and to be alive in the Holy Spirit*

### THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019

5.45pm Mass

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January – THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

10.30am Mass *Tony Russo RIP*

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

10.00am Coffee Morning

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot**

No Mass

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Memorial of Saint Wulstan,  
Bishop**

5.45pm Mass

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Welcome to all the children who will be making their First Holy Communion later this year! Let's keep them in our prayers over the coming weeks and months, as well as their families too.

**200 CLUB WINNERS:** Grand Draw No.17 Sheila Woodbridge (£25), No.184 Mr Garrett (£50), No. 148 Peter Williams (£50), No.69 Bev Smith (£200)

**LINKAGE NETWORK:** Booking is now open for all post-retirement events. Links can be found on the website [www.linkagenetwork.org.uk/pro](http://www.linkagenetwork.org.uk/pro) Please see the noticeboard in the narthex for more information.

**SOUP LUNCH:** On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January in the parish centre from 12.00 to 1.30 to celebrate Christian Unity week. Drop in and enjoy warming home-made soups, bread, fruit and cheeses.

A FUTURE  
FULL OF HOPE  
CLIFTON DIOCESE

*Confessions:  
Sat 5pm – 5.30pm  
or on request*

**WELCOME:** To Canon Thomas, who will be celebrating the Masses this weekend and next weekend too.

**STUART FORD:** From Fr Matt: *“On behalf of the parish, I would like to welcome Stuart Ford, a seminarian for Clifton Diocese to St Bernadette's. Stuart will be staying in the parish for the next year or more and will continue his studies next year.”*

### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

*‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you’*

In today's joyous readings we are reminded of God's kindness, compassion and love for all mankind; so much so that he sent his beloved Son, and poured out the ongoing gift of his creative Spirit upon us to redeem us.

The First Reading offers words of consolation and hope to God's people in exile. The Lord comes with power to restore and protect his people, like a shepherd who guides and nourishes them.

The Psalm is a meditation on the glories of God in creation, where he looks after all he has made. The psalmist also reminds us that God's spirit is the spirit of life, rebirth and renewal.

Paul's letter tells us that through his life and his giving of himself, Jesus embodied the kindness and love of God. The life-giving gifts of the Holy Spirit were revealed and shared with all.

Today's Gospel describes the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus whilst he was at prayer, emphasizing the importance of both the Spirit and of prayer in Jesus's life.

This week, let us pray for an openness and understanding of what the Holy Spirit is offering us and asking of us.

*Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:** £225.48 (Gift Aid) + £365.26 (Cash) + £197 (S/O) + £94.60 (Average Tax back) = £882.34 Thank you.