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The Baptism of the Lord

Reflection: The weak and tender child in Mary's arms stands against all corrupt practices, oppression, hurtful gossip and slander. In his gentle forgiving way he breaks down the hardness of our hearts. In the touch of his Spirit in baptism he heals us and makes us free. The witness of John the Baptist depended on what was revealed to him in his prayer and on what he saw with his eyes. Lord, help us to recognise more clearly where you are moving in our lives. Jesus came to take away sin, yet we still sometimes hang on to guilt, and won't let the past go. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us!

Please Pray for the Sick: Mary Lamberth, Yoland Rahim, Clement Akujiobi, P J Tunney, Veronica Ugo, Lily Rahim, Patrick O'Reilly, Trisha Weldon, John Curry, Pat Hillman, Clément, Trish, Teresa and Masie.

Please also pray those who have died recently and all the Souls of the faithful departed.

Sat	11/01	5.30 pm	Vigil Mass of The Baptism of the Lord	Maura Curtain (RIP)
Sun	12/01	11 am	The Baptism of the Lord	Brigida Elisabeth Bernarde
Tue	14/01	6 pm	Feria	Keven Melody (RIP)
Wed	15/01	6 pm	Feria	Nicholas Taylor & Andrea Scanlon Lugsdin
Thurs	16/01	6 pm	Feria	Norah Tighe (RIP)
Fri	17/01	6 pm	St Anthony, Abbot	Jim Butler (RIP)
Sat	18/01	5.30 pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	Anthnio Solazzo
Sun	19/01	11 am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Anne Marie Charlery (RIP)

Confessions and Rosary for the Month of January

Rosary in the Lady Chapel on weekdays Tuesday-Friday @ 5.30 pm before 6 pm Mass and Sundays at 10:30 am. Confessions on Saturdays at 5 pm or on request.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RICA)

The RICA programme will be every Thursday @ 7:30 pm in the church. Please email the office @ stcatsiena@gmail.com details about the RICA programme.

Baptism Preparation Course

The next courses will be held on Friday; 13th March 2020 @ 7 pm in the Lady Chapel. Before attending the course please email the office @ stcatsiena@gmail.com for a form which you should complete and return.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage

Knock Shrine, Ireland, 20th April 2020. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Happy New Year!

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity over the Christmas period in helping to prepare for the Christmas celebration. Our special thanks goes to the Parish Council, the Organists, Choir members, Flower Ladies, Church Cleaners, those who served refreshments, the Altar servers, those who decorated the tree, set up the beautiful Crib scene and got candles ready. We also send out our thanks to all those who contributed in any way but haven't been mentioned. You have our thanks and our prayers. *Fr J Kurapati and Fr Subbu wish you all a very happy and Holy New Year. May the joy and peace of the Christmas season stay with you now and forever. Amen.*

SVP Membership

By becoming an SVP member you can make a real difference to the lives of those near you who are suffering. We help all people irrespective of their background or religion. Membership is open to anyone.

St Catherine's Parish Lottery Club

Earlier this year we started a Lottery Club. So far we have sold 46 numbers; our aim is to sell at least 100 numbers! You can buy a number for £2 per month /£24 per year (Standing order only). 50 % of all income goes to the church, 25% to 1st number drawn, 15% to 2nd and 10% to 3rd. **Draw will be held on 15th Dec** after Sunday Mass and winning numbers published in the next newsletter. There are still numbers available - Please contact the office @ stcatsiena@gmail.com.

Parish Lottery Draw Held on the 15th December 2019:

Winning Numbers are: 1st Prize: 13, 2nd Prize 31, 3rd Prize 45. All Winners have been contacted

Sunday Collections

We will be publishing monthly collection instead of weekly collection, because we want to include gift aids, which come in monthly. Many thanks for all your contributions.

Church Repairs and Conference Centre

We need to raise approximately £50,000 over 5 years to cover the cost of essential Church repairs and a new Conference Centre with Kitchen. Many thanks for all your contributions so far.

Need	Cost
Essential Church repairs	£ 32,500
Conference Centre	£ 14,000
Total	£ 46,500 + VAT
Amount Collected so far	£ 13,261.56
Amount remaining	£ 33,238.44 + VAT