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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Year C**

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**Minister of Communion:** Gail and Steve Ebsworth and Silvana Whitton

**Minister of the Word:** Julian and Tessa Dowle

**Prayer Ministry:** Silvana Whitton & Mary Francis

**Please Pray for the Welfare of our Sick People  
and those who care for them**

**Ian King, Steve Ebsworth, Bridget Spencer,  
Marjorie Beard, Ruth Wolseley, Paddy Arnold,  
Peter Gibbons, Joan Lumb, Clare Duncanson  
Lou Whitton and Honoria Houghton**

**We pray for Mike Poole's family and friends at this time.**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES - PRAY FOR US**

Office Open times:  
Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday 9.00 am to 12.00am

## THIS WEEK

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	9am 11am	<b>THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> <b>Collection: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children</b> Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 11.15am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Mass Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Group – The Lord’s Prayer Pastoral Council
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	10am 2.30pm	Liturgy of the Word and Morning Prayer with Paul Dekker Coffee and Chat Friendship and Care Meeting
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30pm	Prayer and Praise Deacon Colm Robinson St Peter’s Church Gloucester
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	Mass - Sedbury
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	10am 6pm	Banner making meeting Mass – Coleford
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	9am 11am 5pm 6pm	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Collection: Pax Christi</b> Mass – Cinderford Mass – Newent Mass and the reception of the body of Mike Poole Taize to be confirmed.

### White flower appeal (second collection)

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend.

SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades.

Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

## **Agenda for PC Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minutes of last Meeting
3. Finances
4. Report from Steering Group
  - a. Drumlanrig
  - b. PPC visioning and training day (date to be fixed) c Parish programme of events until Easter
5. Matters Raised by the Congregation:
  - a. Proposal I: that 'Smiles' be one of the charities we tithe to in 2019
  - b. Heating in church  
Proposal: that a feasibility study into refurbishment or replacement be undertaken with action taken before next winter
  - c. Others? Parishioners please notify any Council member this week, for inclusion in this month's agenda.)
6. Matters Arising from Dec minutes (if not dealt with earlier in the meeting.)
7. AOB (Please notify Gail today if possible)
8. Closing Prayer Date of next meeting

## **Looking Forward**

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

#### **United Churches Prayer and Praise**

#### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm**

Kate Wyatt from Viney Hill Christian Centre to speak.



Please support this event here at Our Lady of Lourdes

#### **Bible Study – Watery Lane Newent 2.30pm approx. February 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**We start our session 'Let it be' Exploration of Mary, past and present.**

**Deacon David Hebbes is taking the lead. Let Gail know if you are interested. We meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.**

**Sarah Richards**

**"to Mary, to Jesus; a mother's journey"**

THURSDAY 7th February 2019  
 AT 7.30PM  
 OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
 ROSS ROAD  
 NEWENT GLAS 43G

**Come and SEE—**(Spiritual Enlightenment and Encouragement.) Program for 2018/19 for the 1st Thursday of the Month at 7.30pm.

A series of talks about people's journeys with prayer and how it helps them in their vocations and life.

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## **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2PM**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROSS ROAD NEWENT.**

Please support this special celebration. You do not have to be female to take part! Come and join in.

## **CONCERT JONATHAN VEIRA – Songs and Tales – Newent Community School**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February Tickets £12 adults £8 under 18's  
 Proceeds go to Smile Foundation**

## **MESSAGE TO PARISHIONERS**

Merry Christmas with many blessings and Happy New Year to all parishioners with loving wishes Barbara, Peter, Joanne and Alicje from Poland. PS Its very hard but thanks to your prayers we keep going. God bless you all.

## **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

We hold onto the season of epiphanies for a little longer as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. For St Luke, we find Jesus at prayer as he receives the outpouring of God's Spirit. This beautiful feast gives us chance to reflect upon our own baptism, not so much as something that took place however many years ago, but something – an encounter – that we try to live out each and every day. Find a moment where you can be at prayer this weekend. Reflect upon God's favour resting upon you. Ponder God's Spirit at work within you and know yourself loved by the Father. Our baptism is a real encounter with God – Father, Son, and Spirit – but it reminds us that because of our baptism, because of the Spirit poured into us, we are called to be an encounter with God for others... that is our mission, yes! But its a mission simply because we *know* and experience the outpouring of the Father's love in our lives. That's something to be thankful for today.