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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

This Sunday we mark the Baptism of the Lord.

In this moment where John the Baptist baptises Christ, we are reminded that our God is truly “Emmanuel” is truly with us.

Jesus, in being baptised, identifies Himself with each and every one of us! He takes upon Himself our struggles, our weaknesses, our sins, in order to nail them to that cross on Good Friday and rise on that first Easter Sunday. Jesus, in being baptised, liberates us all from sin and offers us eternal life.

The Baptism of the Lord also reminds us that in the same way that Christ identifies Himself with us, so we too are challenged to strive daily to become more and more like Him. To become saints and transform the world.

Oremus pro invicem!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT HILARY OF POITIERS

Saint Hilary was born at the beginning of the fourth century.

He was elected Bishop of Poitiers in 350. He fought strongly against Arianism and was exiled by the Emperor Constantius.

His works are full of wisdom and learning, directed to the strengthening of the Catholic faith and the right interpretation of Scripture.

He died in 367. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1851.

St Hilary - pray for us!

**PARISH OFFICE
OPENING TIMES**

- Monday - 10 am - 12 pm
- Tuesday - 10 am - 12 pm
- Wednesday 10 am - 12 pm
- Thursday - CLOSED
- Friday - CLOSED
- Sat. / Sun. - CLOSED

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REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the following whose funerals will take place here at Our Lady's.

Bridget Fleming - whose Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 22nd of January at 12 pm.

Natalie John - whose Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 24th of January at 11.30 am.

Dorothy Fitton RIP - whose Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday 29th of January at 11.30 am.

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Over the next few months and years, a number of projects for the church and parish centre will be completed.

These include restoring the baptismal font to the original baptistry, improving the facilities in the parish centre including installing a full kitchen and dividers to make better use of the space, creating a prayer garden at the back of the parish centre, restoring the chandeliers to the church nave, and many more.

A new fund has been added to the card machine at the back of the church for anyone who would like to, and is able to, support some of these projects.

PUBLIC ROSARY

There is an opportunity to pray the Rosary outside of the church from 4 pm every Sunday.

VINNY'S PANTRY

A huge thank you to all of those who have been able to support Vinny's Pantry throughout the year! Thanks to your generosity, countless people have been helped!

WELCOME!

It is great to see so many new faces at Mass over the last few months! If you are new to the parish or are visiting, please say hello to Fr Brendan at the end of Mass.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please use the following link to register as a member of the Parish (<https://www.caspar.church/me>)

This is a great way to stay updated with Parish events.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House will take place on **Monday 10th February** between 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm at the Rectory (the house next to the church).

This is an opportunity for anyone who has forms to fill in, would like to discuss sacramental celebrations, or has any other queries to have an opportunity to do just that.

POPE'S INTENTIONS

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

CHURCH HEATING

We are currently looking at quotes for the replacement of the heating system in the church.

In the meantime, please close doors within the church to keep as much heat as possible inside.

NOAH TRAINING COURSES

There is an opportunity to take part in free ESOL courses. For more details, contact NOAH - 01234 863123

FLAME 2025

Flame 2025 is a Catholic event for young people that takes place at Wembley. Next year, the event will take place on Saturday 15th March.

It is hoped that a group of young people from our Deanery will be able to attend an event that celebrates the joy of being Catholic. More details to follow.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

The period from the Epiphany of the Lord until Ash Wednesday is the traditional time when priests are invited to bless our homes.

If you would like to have your home blessed, please fill in one of the envelopes in the narthex at the back of the church and post them through the Rectory letter box.

VESPERS AND BENEDECTIONS

There is an opportunity to pray the evening prayer of the Church (Vespers) and receive the blessing from the Blessed Sacrament at Benediction on Sunday at 4.15 pm.

Even if you've never taken part before, everyone is welcome to take part and pray for the Church and for the World.

PARISH OFFERTORY

If you would like to make an offering to the ministry of the parish online, please use the bank details below:

Bank: Natwest

Account Name: Our Lady Help of Christians

Sort Code: 60-06-11

Account Number: 91052181

CHRIS COLACO

It is great to be able to welcome one of our very own seminarians - Christ Colaco - who will be joining us in the parish.

Please pray for Chris and for all of our seminarians who are discerning their vocation to serve within the Church!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Every First Friday, there will be an opportunity to spend time with Jesus in adoration at St Joseph's with African (and others) praise and worship between 7 pm - 8 pm!

BETHANY MASS

The next Mass for our brothers and sisters with SEN will take place at Sacred Heart Parish at 3 pm on Sunday 19th of January.

YOUNG CATHOLICS

If you are 18 - 35, you are invited to come along to the Indian Ocean on Sundon Park at 7 pm on Friday 24th January. Please email the St Joseph's Parish to express an interest!

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for: Danny Harding, Sally Rhodes, Robert Roe, Connor McFadden, Alexander El-Lamaa, Margaret Spring, Agnieszka Daniel, Christopher Parfitt, Jimmy, Tina, John McCormick, Jane Matthews, Mary Williams, Michael Curtin, and all who are sick.

Please pray for: Tommy Hannigan, Frances Sheeran, Anthony Sheeran, Jim Seery, Tommy Seery, Bridget Seery, Esther McDonnell, Patrick McDonnell, Johanna O'leary, Caterina La Viola, Thomas O'Boyle, Francis Farrell, Augustine Abara, Bill Molloy and all our loved ones who have died.

PARISH COUNCIL

It is hoped that over the next few months, a Parish Council will be put together to help the mission of our parish to reach out to the lapsed as well as those who have yet to hear the good news of Jesus!

Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to always be docile to His plans!

EPIPHANY BLESSING

"Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!"

Then write 20 + C + M + B + 25 in chalk over entrance doorway. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also represent the Latin words "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs symbolize the cross and the 20 and the 25 represent the year.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the reception of Holy Communion is for Catholics who have already celebrated their First Holy Communion.

If we receive Holy Communion on the hand, please consume the Sacred Host as soon as possible.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I baptise with water, but he who will come after me will baptise with the Holy Spirit!"

BAPTISM PRAYER

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, thank you for the gift of faith. Thank you for the gift of a relationship with you.

May I strive daily to live up to the call to be a saint. May I strive daily to be worthy to be an heir to the kingdom of God. May I strive daily to grow in my love of you and others.

Amen.

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE

Everyone is invited to help plan our Jubilee Pilgrimage to Northampton Cathedral on Saturday 17th May 2025 with Bishop David.

MASS READINGS AND PRAYERS

Please scan the QR code to access the daily Mass readings and prayers.



PARISH OFFERTORY

A huge thank you to all those who are able to support the mission of the parish through their financial offering.

Weekly Collection

£2012.34

Please note that no monies are kept on site.

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 12th January Baptism of the Lord	9 am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS 11am ADORATION 11.30 am MASS 4 pm Rosary 4.15 pm Vespers and Benediction 5 pm MASS	Vera Brennan Int., Margaret Fitzgerald Int., Henoch Sony Int., Sony Family Int., Leonard Francis RIP, Pauline Dawson RIP, Bridget Raferty RIP, Mary Doherty RIP. Teresa Fulham RIP, Christine Smith RIP, Mary McManus RIP. Pro Populo.
MONDAY 13th January S. Hilary	7 am MASS (Latin) 12 pm ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Shay Smith Int. Kathleen Coll RIP, Hughie McCluskey RIP, Bridget Raferty RIP.
TUESDAY 14th January	12 pm ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Catherine Martin Int.
WEDNESDAY 15th January	12 pm ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Fr Barrie McKenzie Int.
THURSDAY 16th January	NO PUBLIC MASS	CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
FRIDAY 17th January S. Anthony	12 pm ADORATION & CONFESSIONS 12.45 pm MASS	Gillian McIntyre Int.
SATURDAY 18th January	9 am ADORATION AND CONFESSION 9.30 am MASS 11 am - 12.30 pm FHC	Shay Doyle Int.

The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!