



#### St Joseph's Catholic Church

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## The Baptism of the Lord

- Sat 9 January 9.45am Connolly Family  
6.00pm May Hubert & Anne Fowler RIP
- Sun 10 January 9.00am Mark Porter A / Oliver Spark GE  
Baptism of the Lord 11.00am Paulette Paldieu LD
- Mon 11 January 9.45am **Word & Communion Service**
- Tues 12 January 6.30pm Lenaghan Family /  
Lynn & Nick Bradshaw 25<sup>th</sup> WA
- Wed 13 January 9.45am Adrian Carruthers A
- Thur 14 January 9.45am School Mass in church  
Evelyn Bugeja RIP
- Fri 15 January 9.45am Lina Bugeja LD
- Sat 16 January **No morning Mass or confessions**  
6.00pm People of the Parish
- Sun 17 January 9.00am Holy Souls  
11.00am Justin Family

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and  
Confessions Saturday 10.25-10.45am (not 16/1)  
This w/end: White Flower Appeal for SPUC**

**Gertrude Davis** Her funeral will be at 2.00pm on  
Mon 18 January at St Joseph's.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January**  
By kind invitation we shall be at the Methodist Church  
(corner Burford Road/Arkeil Avenue) on Sunday 24 Jan.  
at 4.00pm for a Service of Prayer for Unity. We have  
been requested to organise four people to read the  
prayers of intercession and to bring savoury nibbles for  
afterwards.

**Mission Appeal 30/31 January** Fr Paddy Connelly SMA  
will make the annual missionary appeal in three weeks.

**Two tables and two framed pictures for sale** Please  
have a look at them at the entry to the hall. They have  
been donated to raise funds for the hall.

**New Parishioners** If you are new to the parish, please  
ask Deacon Bernard for a form so that we have a record.  
Fr Andrew or Deacon Bernard are happy to bless  
your new home.

**Please pray for those who have died:** Inge Monks, Mary Illingworth, Johnny Doran, Jill Lethbridge, Esmé Morgan, Beth Kelleher, Pauline Allan, Gerald Rice, Betty Jackson, Ron Jones, Lina Bugeja, David Buchan, Maria Winskowska, Tony Smithers, Sue Rice, Larry Rooney, James Cox, Martha Blassnigg, Sue Hibbert, Gertrude Davis. **Anniversaries:** Jean Scogings, Glorita Graham, Louisa and John Hurst, Mark Porter, Inge Monks **Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war:** Peggy Quinn, Angela Overton, John Monks, Carmel Peach, Sue Hand, Doris Statham, Mrs Margaret Doyle, Peter Garfoot, Joe and Loretta Walcott, Mary Wallace, Pat Smith, Stuart Hay, Elizabeth Nolan, Fr Bengt, Armine Grobecker, Margaret Gifford, Olga Davies, José De Freitas, Alf & Cecilia Wallcraft, Thomas Osborne, Rev Michael Phillips, Joyce Justin, Patsy Rollo-Walker, Deirdre Dudley, Val Chidi.

### Friends of St Joseph – new charitable account

In addition to the parish account, a new account has been opened to raise money for the hall project. Once charitable status has been obtained, standing order / gift aid forms will be available.

**Hall Project. COST** The architect has requested two tendering contractors to submit new tenders with reduced specification. With VAT, the cost will still be about £500,000. We planned to borrow from other parishes and the bank, but probably should not exceed £150,000 in view of the need to repay debt in a timely way. The parish has about £70,000 available and has to date been unsuccessful in obtaining any substantial grants. To accomplish the project, we would need to obtain grant aid from outside the parish of more than £250,000.

**TIME-SCALE** Given the need to finish external work by the end of April, the window of opportunity for completion this spring is closing. Postponing is not an option in the long term in view of the very poor condition of the hall roof. If we were to begin in September 2016, we would need to redouble our efforts at fundraising, especially in making good applications to grant-making charities.

**OBJECTIVE** It remains creating a welcoming and heated hall space usable by the parish and by community groups, rental income from which would additionally help defray our debt.

**FEASIBILITY** My opinion: we cannot afford not to try.