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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR B) 10 JANUARY 2021

Dear Parishioners

It is with a heavy heart and great reluctance to inform you all that Masses on Sundays are cancelled due to the Government National Lockdown. The data of the last few days are very worrying and it is only right that we should limit our social contact whenever possible. The health and wellbeing of parishioners is my top priority and the support of the NHS is also important. I know some people will be disappointed and I share with their disappointment, especially at St Theresa, Wirksworth.

So much hard work has been put into it to get the services up and running after the last lockdown and we have to stop again.

Please do not lose heart, trust in God. We shall be stronger together after we come through the pandemic. I have already seen the wonder and power of God working in the parishes.

How much we have come together to support one another, getting involved and volunteer to help during the time in need. Keep up the good work.

Finally, keep safe, stay at home and protect the NHS.

God bless

Fr Ka Fai

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS: This Sunday, 10th January, is Theresa Wheen's 89th birthday. She was born in 1932 and was the first to be baptised at St Thérèse's church. Her mother was the organist for many years and is buried in the church yard along with her husband Robert. Theresa was the youngest of ten, and has lived and worshipped at St Thérèse's all her life. She was married to Dennis Allwood in 1955 and had two children, Christopher & Sandra. Dennis was received into the church in the late 1960s. He died in 1976 and is buried in the church yard. Theresa then met and married Mervyn Wheen, at St Thérèse's, in 1984. He too converted to Catholicism. They had 33 years together, and he is also buried in the church yard. She has always been an active member of the church from doing the washing, flowers, teas and fundraising.

CAFOD: Our development charity does wonderful work and it's well worth looking at the website - particularly at the new campaign - "Reclaim our common home - the pandemic exposed many of the inadequacies of how our world currently works. It has proved that we need greater cooperation between nations, solidarity between people and a greater focus on the poorest in society. CAFOD will have ways for everyone to join the campaign throughout the year including our petition to the Prime Minister ahead of COP26, lobbying our MPs to get the most out of the G7, organising parish campaign activities and mobilising for the climate talks in Glasgow

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: This has continued and thrives on Zoom each week - Wednesdays, 2.00pm, for an hour maximum. Do contact Mary Tyers on 07870362026 for more information if you are interested.

LAUGH OUT LOUD....



Late one night, a burglar broke into a house he thought was empty. He tiptoed through the living room but suddenly he froze in his tracks when he heard a loud voice say: "Jesus is watching you!"

Silence returned to the house, so the burglar crept forward again. "Jesus is watching you," the voice boomed again. The burglar stopped dead again. He was frightened. Frantically, he looked all around. In a dark corner, he spotted a bird cage and in the cage was a parrot. He asked the parrot:

"Was that you who said Jesus is watching me?" "Yes," said the parrot. The burglar breathed a sigh of relief and asked the parrot: "What's your name?" "Clarence," said the bird.

"That's a dumb name for a parrot," sneered the burglar. "What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot said, "The same idiot who named the Doberman Jesus."



After the Baptism of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys."

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"

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Please ensure any contributions for the newsletter are sent by Wednesday evening to:

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EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THEIR CAPITALS

Can you pair up these European countries with their capital cities?

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| 1. UNITED KINGDOM | A. SOFIA |
| 2. FRANCE | B. PARIS |
| 3. SPAIN | C. BERLIN |
| 4. AUSTRIA | D. BUCHAREST |
| 5. ITALY | E. BERN |
| 6. SWITZERLAND | F. BRUSSELS |
| 7. NORWAY | G. LONDON |
| 8. BELGIUM | H. STOCKHOLM |
| 9. BULGARIA | I. OSLO |
| 10. CROATIA | J. VIENNA |
| 11. CZECH REPUBLIC | K. ATHENS |
| 12. DENMARK | L. BRATISLAVA |
| 13. GERMANY | M. ZAGREB |
| 14. POLAND | N. VATICAN CITY |
| 15. SWEDEN | O. MADRID |
| 16. VATICAN CITY | P. MINSK |
| 17. MONTENEGRO | Q. PRAGUE |
| 18. PORTUGAL | R. DUBLIN |
| 19. UKRAINE | S. ROME |
| 20. SLOVAKIA | T. BUDAPEST |
| 21. ROMANIA | U. KIEV |
| 22. HUNGARY | V. LISBON |
| 23. FINLAND | W. WARSAW |
| 24. BELARUS | X. PODGORICA |
| 25. GREECE | Y. HELSINKI |
| 26. IRELAND | Z. COPENHAGEN |