

## WEEKLY ROTAS

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### This Week: Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 6.00pm: L. Cook, J. Madeloso, B. Fielder & A. Parkinson  
Sunday 8.00am: M. Larkin, W. Morley & A. Steele  
11.00am: D. & T. Devine, P. Stevenson & C. McGlashon

#### Next Week: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 6.00pm: B. Fielder, N. Vose & J. Benton  
Sunday 8.00am: M. Larkin & T. Wright  
11.00am: L. Connard, T. Devine, E. Hill, M. Holt & J. MacDonald

### Readers

#### This Week: Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 6.00pm: J. Rudge  
Sunday 8.00am: C. Benton & T. Wright  
11.00am: L. Davies & Youth

#### Next Week: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 6.00pm: M. Moore  
Sunday 8.00am: C. & C. Oxley  
11.00am: P. Stevenson & Youth

### Little Church

Sunday 13th January - Baptism of the Lord -  
Sunday 20th January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

### Counters:

**This Week:** W. McEvoy, M. Morley & R. Morley

**Next Week:** A. & D. Devine, D. Wootten & R. Stevenson

**Thank you** for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised £1,024.80 at St. Gregory's and £288.80 at Our Lady's.

**Office Hours: Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 12noon.** If you need to contact the office, please do so between the hours stated above.

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## PARISH OF ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

### CHURCHES OF OUR LADY AND ST GREGORY, LYDIATE

**13th January, 2019**  
**Baptism of the Lord**



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

#### This weeks News:

Bereavement Care Group.

Scripture Group.

UCM.

Over 50's.

Faith Seeking Understanding.

Little Church Helpers.

With You Always Programme.

New Parish Facebook Page.

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#### Saints of the Week:

**13th January** - Saint Hilary of Poitiers

**14th January** - Saint Malachy

**15th January** - Saint Paul, First hermit

**16th January** - Saint Marcellus I

**17th January** - Saint Antony

**19th January** - Saint John Bishop of Ravenna

## Information & Events

**Bereavement Care Group:** Offer a drop-in on the first Thursday of each month in St. Gregory's Meeting Room from 1.30pm until 2.30pm. Please note: There will be no meeting in January, the next one will be in February.

**The Scripture Group:** Meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm in Saint Gregory's Meeting Room. The next meeting will take place on 8th January, 2019 all are welcome.

**UCM - 16th January - At Home.** Ladies from both parishes welcome.

**Over 50's - 16th January - Bring and Buy.**

**Faith Seeking Understanding -** Anyone interested in learning more about the catholic faith for their own spiritual growth and/or are interested in becoming a catholic, please contact the office and leave your details so that we can plan a suitable venue for these forth-coming meetings **based** upon numbers.

**Little Church -** We are looking for new Catechists for Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings at St. Gregory's Church. If you are interested in helping out in the life of the parish, this would be a wonderful way to help our children to grow in the faith. Please contact the parish office and we will process the necessary DBS clearance. If you are anxious, our Catechists are a wonderful team and Children's Liturgy training is offered by the Diocese at various times throughout the year so don't be afraid.

### With You always Programme Diary Dates for 2019

**Session 3 Sunday 13th January, 2019**

**Session 4 Sunday 3rd February, 2019**

**Session 5 Sunday 3rd March, 2019**

**Session 6 Sunday 17th March, 2019**

### New Parish Facebook Page **St Catherine of Alexandria: Lydiat**

**Lost Property:** Two children's coats have been left in church over Christmas/New Year. One is a blue coat with hood and is a TU make, the other is black with a hood and is from H&M. Please contact the parish office if you think one of these coats belongs to your child.

**LIITURGY:** During the coming week:

### First Mass of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 12th 6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 13th 8.00am Beryl Roberts L.D.  
**Our Lady's 9.30am Ron Nixon**  
11.00am Agnes Parry

Monday 14th 9.00pm Gary Wells L.D.

Tuesday 15th 9.00am Margaret Southward L.D.

Wednesday 16th 9.00am Molly Pagan Belated Birthday

Thursday 17th 9.00am Audrey Colheran

**Our Lady's Friday 18th 9.00am Gilmore Family in memory of Catherine**

Saturday 19th 9.00am Tony Larkin

### First Mass of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 19th 6.00pm Andrew Joseph Albertina

Sunday 20th 8.00am Maria Minton  
**Our Lady's 9.30am People of the Parish**  
11.00am The Parry & Porteous Families

**Rosary:** Every day following the 9.00am Mass in St. Gregory's Church and on Thursday evening at 7.00pm in Our Lady's Church.

**Please remember the sick in your prayers:** Tommy Barker, James Bolger, Agnes Brown, Alfred Chapman, Charles Clark, Jeremy Conlon, Jack Conyngham, Bernard Dawes, Peggy Doyle, Barbara Duggan, Colin Ennis, Claire Houghton, Alexander Mangan, Christine McKeown, Vincent Mullen, Chris Murphy, Patricia Norris, Isabel & Kevin Rogan, Theresa Sanders, Rosa Maria Santos, Mike Sinnott, Joseph Turner, Darren Woods, Theresa Dawes, Kitty Riella, Anne Sinnott, and Allan Doyle.  
*(Please inform us if names are to be added/removed.)*

**Walsingham, 2019 -** Thursday 28th November through to Saturday 30th November which includes 2 nights accommodation, breakfast, lunch and evening meals, a full Pilgrimage Programme and a visit to see the Christmas Spectacular at the Thursford show. We still have a few places remaining! If you would like to come along, please collect a booking form from the parish office and return it with your deposit of £50.