

Saturday	12 Jan	9.00 am 5.30 pm	Mass Mass	Dursley Nympsfield
Sunday	13 Jan	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass <i>David Ballard RIP</i> Mass	Dursley Dursley
Monday	14 Jan	9.00 am	Mass	Dursley
Tuesday	15 Jan	7.00 pm	Mass	Dursley
Wednesday	16 Jan	9.00 am	Mass	Dursley
Thursday	17 Jan	10.00 am	Mass	Convent, Nympsfield
Friday	18 Jan	7.00 pm	Mass	Dursley
Saturday	19 Jan	9.00 am 5.30 pm	Mass Mass	Dursley Nympsfield
Sunday	20 Jan	8.30 am 10.30 am	Mass Mass	Dursley Dursley

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**Reconciliation:** FRIDAY 6.00 - 6.30 pm and SATURDAY 3.30 - 4.00 pm at Dursley;  
SATURDAY 5.00 pm at Nympsfield; or by arrangement  
**Refreshments** in the church hall after the 10.30 am Mass every Sunday.

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

**Entrance Antiphon**

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.  
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon**

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

*PLEASE PRAY for the soul of Jean Harper, and all others who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.*

*PLEASE PRAY also for the sick and housebound of the Parish.*

**Diocesan Prayer Link;** Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Cheddar, St Joseph and St Teresa, Wells.

**Churches Together Prayer Rota;** Cam Methodists.

**Finance** Dursley £275.24 Nympsfield £103.50

**Crib offerings** £18.50

### **Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.**

We are holding a White Flower Appeal over the weekend of 12-13 January for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. 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 SPUC defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country.

Please also complete and send on of the postcards available at the back of church.

### **First Holy Communion 2019**

Classes will commence at 3.30 pm on Wednesday, 23 January at St Joseph's School, Nympsfield, and continue each Wednesday during term-time until the week-end of 18/19 May when First Holy Communion will be celebrated. The course will be based on the Redemptorist Publications book 'I belong', which will be provided (cost £7.95.) Classes will last about an hour. Any queries please contact Syd Gwyer on 01453 860512.

### **Churches Together**

The next **Forum Meeting** will be at Dursley Methodist Church at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15th January. There will be a presentation about 'Beyond the Street' which is the Convenor's Charity for the year, and which supports organisations working with women who have been abused. Please see notice in porch. All welcome.

**Christian Unity Week Service** will be held at St George's Church, Cam at 6 pm on Sunday 20th January. Rev Fiona Crocker will lead the service, and Rev Phil Greenow from 3Cs Community Church will give the sermon.

### **Understanding and Praying the Liturgy**

The diocese is running a new course as part of the Year of Prayer. Across ten Wednesday evening sessions in Clifton Cathedral it seeks to immerse participants in

a richer understanding of the Eucharist and the Liturgy by way of deepening our sense of prayerfulness in the way we celebrate. This is a great opportunity for all engaged in ministry in parish life. Details on the Liturgy Office pages of the diocesan website or by calling Doreen Wyatt or Richard Williams on 0117 902 5595. First meeting is on Wednesday 30 January .7 - 9 pm. See notice-board for further details.

### **Quiz Night**

The next Quiz night at St Dominic's will be on Saturday 9 February at 7.30pm in aid of Church funds

### **200 Club - December winners**

£40 - Mrs M Molloy; £30 - Mrs S Johnson; £20 - Mr G Sharpley.

There are spare numbers available - please speak to Sue Whitney if you wish to join the fun!

### **Apostleship of the Sea**

The AoS have sent a message thanking all those who knitted woolly hats for seamen. They have gone all over the world! Furthermore they have been praised for their quality. More hats would be gratefully received, so keep knitting... and thank you.

### **Foodbank News**

This year's food collection at Tesco's in Cam and Dursley amounted to 3.4 tonnes , with £400 raised. 450 hampers have gone out to people nominated by referrers. Christmas Cards made by Beth Whittaker raised over £1,000; Dursley Fireworks donated over £2,000, and Stroud Brewery donated money from the sale of their new brew Melba Ale. Many thanks to all of you who contributed in any way.

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