

St Francis of Assisi Church

Year of the Word

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The Baptism of the Lord

10th January 2021

Sunday 10th	9:00am 5:15pm	Stella Cowley dec'd Olive Todd dec'd
Monday 11th	9:30am	Word & Communion
Tuesday 12th	9:30am	Fr. Fintan Crutty dec'd
Wednesday 13 th	7:00pm 7:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Word & Communion
Thursday 14th	9:30am	Mansford family ints
Friday 15th	9:30am 10:00am – 10:30am	Word & Communion Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 16th	11:00am	Neil MacNeil, dec'd
Sunday 17th	9:00am 5:00pm	Dec'd members of the Armstrong family Maria Valenti ints

Psalm Response:

Here is my servant in whom my servant delights.

Gospel Welcome:

Alleluia! Alleluia.. The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him. Alleluia!'

YOU WILL NEED TO BOOK YOUR PLACE AT EVERY SUNDAY MASS 9:00am and 5:15pm and also for Ash Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 9:30am

With the National Lockdown you must Book your place at St. Francis Church Shefford

To register for a place email hydepeter1@gmail.com or text [07713580757](tel:07713580757) stating what Mass you would like to attend and the numbers in your party/bubble that will be coming to Mass. Confirmation of your booking will be sent to you. When booking you need to include an email address or phone number, for contact tracing; only one number or email per household is necessary. You must follow all Covid 19 requirements as published in our Method Statement.

With the National Lockdown, the number of safe seats have been reduced, therefore once the church is at safe full capacity there will be no entry and the doors will be closed.

The New National Lockdown

Under this third lockdown Places of Worship are still allowed to be open but there are 12 new pages of Government Legislation. Distilled down the new regulations and emphasis are:

- A robust Booking System for all weekend Masses.
- Stewards for EVERY MASS.
- 2 Metres distancing even wearing face coverings. Face coverings are, of course, compulsory still.

Stewards

We have to maintain 2 Stewards at ever Mass. At the moment we do not have enough to cover all masses during the National Lockdown. If you would like to offer your service for this important ministry, please contact Liz C. on 01767 627451 or Deacon P. on 07713580757

Please note that if we do not have stewards available to monitor the congregation; we must follow the Government lockdown requirements and close the Church for public worship.

Being a Steward is easy.

It simply means turning up early (20 Minutes) before Mass and staying behind after the Mass to ensure that people exit safely and to see that our Church is ready for our next Mass. *So cheer me up and save our Sunday Mass by volunteering!*

During the National Lockdown

Bishop David has suspended the Bidding Prayers and instructed that the homily should be as short as possible, and that you must not mingle with anyone outside your household or support bubble. You should maintain 2m strict social distance at all times in and outside the Church.

COME LET US ADORE HIM

I hope that you are having a nice Christmas and that God gives you many of His Blessings throughout 2021. Let us continue praying for each other at this time and throughout 2021. For the life in our Parish at this most Holy time I thank:

- Deacon Peter for his huge help and mammoth work.
- All who did- and organised- the stewarding of the Church.
- Those sanitising the Church and using the Virus Fogger after the Masses.
- The Building of our Crib and the Tree.
- The Livestream was very welcome by many unable to join us.
- The Clean Linen for pandemic times.
- Flowers- all involved.
- Liturgy:- Readers and all who helped at the Altar.
- **Thank you all who are responsible for keeping our Church clean and in the beautiful condition it always is.**