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Date	Feast	Time	Mass Time	Intention
Saturday 1st January 2022	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	10.00 am 11.00 am Latin 12.00 noon Polish 4.30 pm Vigil 6.00 pm Vigil	St Bernadette's Holy Souls' Holy Souls' Holy Souls' St Bernadette'	Peter Tran Van Sau RIP Priest's Intentions Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish Theresa McFadden RIP
Sunday 2nd January 2022	Second Sunday After Christmas	9.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.15 am 4.30 pm Polish	St Norbert's Holy Souls' St Bernadette's St Thomas' Holy Souls'	Private Intention Maria Ataide Victor RIP Ellen Sheehy RIP TBA Polish Priest's Intentions
Monday 3rd	Christmas Feria	9.30 am 9.30 am	St Bernadette's Holy Souls'	John & Ann Lyons RIP Michael Hynes RIP
Tuesday 4th	Christmas Feria	7.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am Polish	St Bernadette's Holy Souls' Holy Souls'	Neil Horsewood Intentions Sheila Hynes RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday 5th	Christmas Feria	10.00 am	St Norbert's	TBA
Thursday 6th	Epiphany of The Lord	9.00 am 10.00 am Funeral 11.00 am Polish 7.00 pm	Holy Souls' Woodlands Holy Souls' St Bernadette's	Mary Dang Thi Lang RIP Angioletta Rychlak RIP Polish Priest's Intentions In Thanksgiving
First Friday 7th	Friday after Epiphany	10.00 am 11.00 am Polish 6.00 pm 7.00 pm Polish	St Thomas' Holy Souls' St Bernadette's Holy Souls'	TBA Polish Priest's Intentions Alexander Faulds RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday 8th January 2022	Saturday after Epiphany	9.30 am Polish 10.00 am 11.00 am Latin 4.00 pm Confessions 4.30 pm Vigil 6.00 pm Vigil	Holy Souls' St Bernadette's Holy Souls' Holy Souls' Holy Souls' St Bernadette'	Polish Priest's Intentions Peter Tran Van Phu RIP Priest's Intentions Sacrament of Reconciliation Ildefonso Victor Da Costa RIP Austin O'Toole Intentions
Sunday 9th January 2022	The Baptism of The Lord	9.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.15 am 3.00 pm 4.30 pm Polish	St Norbert's Holy Souls' St Bernadette's St Thomas' St Bernadette's Holy Souls'	TBA Joel Sony Intentions People of the Parish TBA Syro Malabar Mass Polish Priest's Intentions WWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWW ancis - Tweet of the Week ancis - Tweet of the Week ancis a little bit together to ask God
The Pope's	Prayer Intention for	r January 2022	EXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
	true human fraternity pray for all those suffering	g from religious discrim-	ease, each day, let	us pray a little bit together to ask Goo And let us all commit ourselves – par

ination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being

brothers and sisters in the human family.

for the gift of peace. And let us all commit ourselves – parents children, Church, society - to sustain, defend and safeguard the family!

Please stay at home if you, or someone in your Household. displays symptoms of Covid-19

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From Fr Andrew

I hope this finds you keeping well and continuing to enjoy our celebration of the Lord's Birth on Christmas Day! The Octave of Christmas continues until Saturday 1st January, the or postponed and those who are in nursing homes or being Season of Christmas until Sunday 9th January, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Christmastime until Wednesday 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas Day. So, we still have plenty of celebrating to do! morning at Holy Souls' Church. The Polish Mass has moved While it is always sad to see people taking down their Christmas trees on Boxing Day, and to go into the shops to see dette's Church at 10.00 am. them denuded of Christmas decorations, we Christians understand that Christmas only begins on Christmas Eve and, in these weeks after Christmas Day, can reclaim Christmas for what it truly is, the celebration of Jesus' Birth. After the Christmas ads have faded away, the Crib remains to welcome us, for we belong in the Crib, with Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men, the star and the Angels, and the animals and those others who were 'astonished at what the shepherds had to say'.

This coming Thursday, 6th January 2022, is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, when we remember the wise men who travelled from afar in search of 'the infant king of the Jews': when they found the toddler Jesus and his mother. falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh,' symbols of the Kingly, Priestly and Prophetic Mission. They went home 'by a different way' not just to avoid Herod, but because they were changed by their encounter with Jesus. Just as they offered him themselves in their gifts, we offer ourselves in our gifts of bread and wine just as the bread and wine are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the Body and Blood of Jesus himself, the same Jesus to whom the wise men did homage, we too by receiving them are transformed, which means that we should always go home by a different way, a better way, a joyful way, transformed by the Jesus whom we meet when we gather as Church to open the Scriptures and break the Bread so that we can see him and serve him in others.

As we say goodbye to 2021 and hello to the New Year, let us remember that this year will be 'the year of Our Lord 2022'. No matter what the New Year may bring to us, our families and our friends, our parish family and all God's children, we can look forward with hope. God loves us so much, that as 120we will hear again in the Prologue of the Fourth Gospel this weekend, he wanted to pitch his tent among us, so that in Jesus the Christ, the Word made flesh, he could share our life to the full. In Jesus, God reveals himself to us, but also reveals us to ourselves, as he shows us how to 'have life, and have it to the full' (John 10:10). Maybe we can make a New Year's revolution, and take an aspect of the Prophetic Mission, the Priestly Mission and the Kingly Mission and think about how we can live them in our daily lives, so that this New Year will truly be the Year of Our Lord 2022.

Christ vesterday and today the Beginning and the End the Alpha and the Omega. All time belongs to him and all the ages. To him by glory and power through every age and for ever. Amen.

In your charity please pray for

Angioletta Rychlak, Malachy Bruce and all who have died recently, may they rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for their families at this difficult time: for those whose anniversaries occur at this time; for all who are sick

and housebound and those who have no family to support them. We remember all those who are in hospital or are having treatment, those whose treatment has been cancelled cared for at home.

Latin Mass

to 9.30 am and a Mass will be offered in English at St Berna-

St Bernadette's Adoration Chapel

re-opens on Tuesday 4th January 2022. Afghanistan Crisis Appeal

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is support ing sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

Contact Priest Details

If you, or a member of your family is in hospital, or you would like a visit, please contact St Bernadette's Presbytery on 01724 844895.

Covid Reminder

- People with any symptoms of Covid 19 are reminded to stay away from Church. 11 0
 - Wherever possible people should sanitize their hands when entering or leaving Church and when performing a public ministry in Church.
 - Δ Face coverings should be worn at all times unless one has an exemption or one is speaking publicly.
 - Good ventilation throughout our Churches should be ensured, and so over the winter period people are reminded to attend Mass in warm clothing. It is acceptable for both sexes to wear hats in Church if required.
- ° ₩ The main mode of transmission for the omicron variant and other forms of coronavirus is through the air. The danger of surface transmission is minimal. Therefore, regular ordinary Church cleaning is sufficient to mitigate risk.
 - The Bishop encourages people to get vaccinated and to obtain a booster whenever possible.

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Ŧ Fr Matthew and Fr Lim thank you all for your cards, fifts and generous offerings, which is very much appreciated. They wish you, and your families, a very Happy and Holy New year.