Gospel **Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrach of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

ANNIVERSARIES:

ST. Theresa's: Winnie Doyle, Denise Mitchell, Mario Moscetano, Peter Dempsey, Jim Morrow, Margaret Johnson, Minnie Crofts, Judy Mc Williams, Louis Wilders, Peter Hockey, Winifred Cowles, Brian O'Mara, Frank Antkoviak, Michael Bingham, Carmen Coleman, Fr John Welton, Ron Parker, Desmond Tew, Anthony Wyer, Jane Marshall, Kathleen Carr, Christine Mary Hipwell, Alice Taylor

Sacred Heart: Evelyn Dormer

Recently Deceased: Tony Daly, Nila Patel

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Heavenly Father

We pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their circumstances. In Jesus we pray, Amen

Newsletter Items by Wednesday am. Thankyou

Weekly Devotions
Wednesdays after Mass until 10.00am at St. Theresa's
Friday 9.15am at Sacred Heart

RECONCILIATION

"Be courageous and go to confession! Jesus will receive you; he will receive you with so much love" (Pope Francis) 5.45 to 6.15 before Saturday Mass or by Appointment.

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Second Sunday in Advent – Year C

SATURDAY	**Feria** 6.30pm St Theresa's	Mass
SUNDAY	**2nd Sunday in Advent** 9.00am St Theresa's 9.30am St Theresa 11.00am Sacred Heart	 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Janet Jasper (RIP) Private Intention Winnie Doyle (RIP)
MONDAY	**Advent Feria** **9**.00am St. Theresa	Mass
TUESDAY	**Advent Feria** 9.15am Sacred Heart	Mass
WEDNESDAY	**Advent Feria** 9.00am St Theresa's	Mass
THURSDAY	**St Lucy** , virgin and martyr	
FRIDAY	**St John of the Cross.** 9.15 am Sacred Heart 9.45 am Sacred Heart 7.00 pm St. Theresa's	 Adoration Mass Mass
SATURDAY	**Advent Feria** 6.30 pm St Theresa's	Mass
SUNDAY	**3rd Sunday of Advent** 9.15am St Theresa's 9.30am St Theresa's 11.00am Sacred Heart	 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Mass

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SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS
St Theresa's
Lucy Joyce
Sacred Heart
John Mumford

Christmas Concert - This year's concert is on **Sunday 16th December at 7.00 pm**. It will feature items for the children and adult choirs, audience carols and instrumental pieces. You are warmly invited to come. Entrance is free, donations for retired priests, Memphys and the parish.

Crib Service – All ages welcome to come to our Crib Service at St Theresa's 3pm on Christmas Eve (not 4.00pm as was advertised last week). Come dressed as Angels, Shepherds, Kings, Sheep, Camels or any other nativity related characters. Bring your singing voice to!!

Church Hall - New Lock – Please note the hall lock at St Theresa's has now been changed. If you require access because you are on a rota, please contact your co-ordinator.

Hall Bookings
If you require the use of the hall, please request a booking form to confirm that no other booking is already in place and return to the Presbytery for confirmation. Thank you for your help.

Carol Singing: If you enjoy singing why not join the Carol Singers on 13th December at 6.30 at Kingsgate and 15th December outside Barclays Bank at 10.30am

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation is the means by which people who wish to become a Catholic are received into the church. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, or who simply wish to make an enquiry without obligation, please contact Bernadette.

Repository
Please note both churches now have a selection of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Diaries £1 and rosary beads. Please go to both halls to view the selection. Thank You.

RP 50 Club: This month's winners: £50.00 Diana Squires, £20.00 Maria Ciematnieks-Morley, £15.00 Catherine McNichol.
The December draw will take place on Sunday December 23rd at Rothley. Please ensure December payments are now in.
We need a few more members to get us up to 100, then we can increase the pay outs. If you are interested in joining please contact Gordon or Daphne. Thank you and good luck.

Methodist Church: Grateful thanks have been received from the Methodist Church for the loan of our tables for their Christmas Festival.

The Big Knit: Once again calling all Knitters in knitting the little hats for the Innocent Smoothies to help support Age UK with their appeal. If you can help and would like a pattern either pick one up from the Narthex or speak to Daphne. Thank you for your help.

Cedar Mews now have a half hour worship at 11.00am on Sunday and are looking for help in running this on a rota basis. They are also having a Carol Service at 3.00pm on Wednesday 19th December. If interested please contact Cedar Mews.

Food Bank - Still need your tins, jars and packets for distribution to those who are struggling to make ends meet at this time. Please leave anything you can spare in the cardboard box in the porch at Rothley and in the Narthex at St Theresa's. Thank you. Please give generously to needy families.

Care Hub:

Thank you to everyone who came and helped at the Care Hub on Friday evening. It was lovely to welcome Baby Nieve. At 5 weeks the youngest little person to enjoy The Hub.
Next Care Hub. Friday January 4th 2019. 7.30pm.

Children's Christmas Party:
The children's party was a huge success. Twenty five children from both parishes attended. Thank you to everyone who helped, You all worked extremely hard. A special thank you to Father Christmas and his elves who came with gifts for everyone. There was lots of party food and the games organised by Katie and Mary were great fun. From the feedback we have had, can we please do this again next year. There are pictures on the website. Some under 'News' and some under 'News-Christmas Party' which are password protected. If you would like to look at them, see Brenda or Mary for the password.

Dates for your Diary
Sunday 16th December 7.00 pm – Christmas Choir Concert
Monday 24th December 3.00 pm Crib Service
Friday 4th January – 7.30 pm Care Hub
Monday 7th January – 6.30 pm – Parish Council Meeting
Friday 25th January - Murder Mystery Evening- Details to follow.