



1. This weekend we **celebrate the Baptism of the Lord**. The readings can be found on page 118 of the Parish Mass Books.
2. There will be a **Funeral Mass for Ellen Blaney** here at Holy Ghost on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30 am. Her family invite anyone who knew her to attend.
3. **The deadline for returning school application forms for Holy Ghost School (and other Catholic Primary Schools) is January 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you need Fr Richard to sign a form for you, these forms should be given to him right away (see Fr Richard after Mass or drop them off at the Parish Office, 27 Nightingale Square, and you will be contacted to collect them)
4. **Families who will be applying for places in a Catholic school** – Primary, Secondary or Sixth Form – in the near future should make sure they fill in a ‘Mass attendance form’ every Sunday (or Saturday evening) during term time. Forms are available at the back of church and, once completed, should be left in the tray provided. These forms are used by the clergy to assist them in completing school reference forms when asked – most schools require evidence of 3 years weekly Mass attendance.
5. **Our Christmas Fair, together with the Christmas raffle and one or two generous donations from parishioners, raised almost £10,000 for parish funds**. This is a wonderful result – especially in the present challenging times – and we would like to thank again all those who took part, and especially all those who gave so much time and effort to achieving this great success.