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a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.’

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, ‘Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?’ John replied, ‘I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.’ This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

CARING SUNDAY: Today, Caring Sunday, is a day we normally have an Archdiocesan second Collection. However the Archdiocese prefers that the money be paid online through the Archdiocesan website. Consequently everybody is encouraged to visit the Archdiocesan website: www.rcag.org.uk and click the donate button and choose ‘St Nicholas Care Fund’ or click this link: https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086401.

Consequently, today there is NO parish second collection. This process will be repeated on days we have Archdiocesan Second collections. However when we don’t have an Archdiocesan Second Collection, we follow the Parish tradition of having a parish second collection. Thanks

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Because of the 50 person limit for each Mass, we are going to have 3 Christmas Vigil Masses and 3 Christmas Day Masses:

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NEW YEAR MASSES—(VIGIL) 6PM

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MASS TIMES

VIGIL MASSES	4:30PM
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MONDAYS—SATURDAYS	10AM

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He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
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‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
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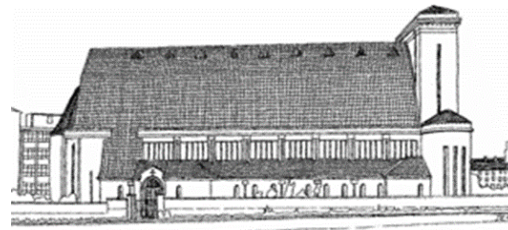
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