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Services and Intentions

Saturday 8th. January. 1.00. Baptism of the Lord.

Tom Corrigan . John & Toni Hughes & Family. Leah Hernan.

Sunday 9th. II.30. Baptism of the Lord. People of the Parish.

Saturday 15th. 1.00. 2nd Sunday ordinary time year C

Michael Sheahan. Eileen Doherty. John Golding & family.

Sunday 16th January II.30. 2nd Sunday ordinary time year C

Maureen Mannion & family. Mr. Dawson. Bridie Keelan.

The Prophetic Voice. Continued:

The Catholic Church today carries the same obligation to listen to what the Spirit says to the Church as did the seven churches of Asia Minor long ago. The Second Vatican Council, following Paul's words in 1 Corinthians, makes reference to special graces which the Spirit distributes among the faithful (Lumen Gentium 12). Pointing out that Paul says: 'The manifestation of the Spirit is given to everyone for profit' (1Cor.12:7), the Council continues, 'These charismatic gifts, whether they be the most outstanding or the most simple and widely diffused, are to be received with thanksgiving and consolation for they are exceedingly suitable and useful for the needs of the church.'

Among the gifts of the Spirit given to the members of the people of God is prophecy. This is a continuation of Christ's prophetic office in the people of God , the power to bear witness to the Gospel. Bearing witness to the Gospel can sometimes occasion difficulties for those in authority in the church . And they, in their turn may find it difficult to listen to prophetic witness. If they listen, listening without hearing is still a possibility, even for those who are in office in the church.

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(extract from Lost Voices, by Donal Flanagan, in *Religion in Ireland Past Present & Future*
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Appeal for donations to help with school fees for South Sudanese Refugee Orphans in Pagirinya Refugee Camp, Northern Uganda.

Mr. James Omunson Lukano, who attends St Anne's, would like to make an appeal and so we have invited him to speak at the weekend Masses. He will be visiting this refugee camp later in January and will be able to report back on the situation there.

James works for 'Brushstrokes', which is under Father Hudsons Society.

Donations, thro St Anne's, or, to- Dave Newall, projects manager,

Brushstrokes Community Project, 253 High St. Smethwick B66 3NJ