

9TH JANUARY 2011

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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CENTRAL AND WEST
PASTORAL AREA
ALSO INCLUDES
ST. BONIFACE,
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
& HOLY FAMILY**



BEGINNING AGAIN!

Happy New Year! Once again we begin a New Year – the Year of Our Lord 2011 – with high hopes of good things to come.

The turn of the year is an opportunity for us to evaluate where we are in faith; to look afresh at our humanity and spirituality; to consciously re-enter the mystery which is the Incarnation (God taking upon God's Self our human nature) and to reflect on, and be committed to, the ministry our baptism calls us to!

Early Christians struggled with Jesus' baptism. John was baptising for the 'forgiveness of sins' so if Jesus is baptised is he a sinner? This raised questions for Jesus' earlier followers (it also implies that he is a disciple of John!); despite these questions both Matthew (today's gospel) and Mark put it into their gospels. Why? One reason certainly is so that Jesus, who is proclaimed as "God's Son", can identify with humanity from the very beginning (and he continues this throughout his ministry as he eats with sinners and associates with them). His birth and the Epiphany all pointed to this rootedness in humanity, but if anyone is in doubt his baptism now confirms it.

Jesus identifying with humanity enables that humanity to be raised up into the life of God, into the Divine. God 'came down' so that we could, in a sense, 'go up'! God 'humbled' God's Self so that we could be 'exalted'.

So let's turn the question around: "why are we baptised?" There are many reasons; amongst them would be that in doing so we are identifying with the Divinity we are being called into. This doesn't mean that we are 'gods' but that we are fully human because we share in the Divinity of Christ. Yes, sharing Christ's Divinity makes us fully human! No one is more human than Jesus and our baptism brings us into that 'fullness of humanity'.

This knowledge of sharing in the life of Christ has to be shared if we are to fully experience it and be true to our calling in Christ: to proclaim the Good News. So in this year of 2011 let us look afresh at how we can live the Good News in our day to day existence. In what way can I minister to others in the name of Christ? This ministry may be exercised in a quiet, informal way; maybe it will be through the Parish, the groups and ministries the Parish exercises. Look around what can you do? do it, volunteer for it so that 2011 will be for many a good year with hopes fulfilled!

Vincent Harvey

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

1. What does your baptism mean to you?
2. Who does your baptism call you to be?
3. What does your baptism call you to do?

TODAY - SUNDAY 9th JANUARY

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD—END OF CHRISTMAS SEASON.

SECOND COLLECTION today is for the **Handicapped Children Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT)** who will be taking local children with special needs on a Lourdes pilgrimage at Easter. Thank you in advance for your generous donation to this worthy charity.

WE WELCOME Fr. Michael Peters who will be presiding at the 9am and 11am Masses at St. Edmund's today.

WELCOME RITE 9am Mass.

GOSPEL CHOIR 7.00pm Mass, rehearsal at 6.00pm.



RECENTLY DIED: *Julia O'Brien* of Milton Road, Southampton. Funeral 9.30am Friday 21st January 2011 in St. Edmund's Church followed by the burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. Our sympathy to her family.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY BINGO CLUB meet every Monday at 2pm in St. Edmund's Hall. If you can help with giving lifts to the elderly, please contact the Parish Office.

ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY to meet 7pm—9pm in St. Joseph's Hall on Tues. 11th January 2011.

YOUTH PROJECT meeting at 7.30pm on Tues. 11th Jan. 2011 in St. Edmund's Lodge.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP meet Tuesdays at 8pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB recommences Wed. 12th Jan. 2011 at 12 noon in St. Edmund's Hall.

HALF PINTS TODDLERS GROUP meet every Thursday at 10am in St. Edmund's Hall.

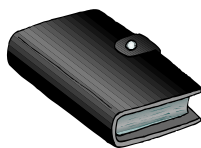
EU WELCOME meeting at 7pm on Thurs. 13th Jan. in St. Edmund's Presbytery dining room.

STEWARDSHIP GROUP to meet at 7.30pm on Thurs. 13th Jan. in St. Edmund's Presbytery lounge.

JOURNEY IN FAITH group meet on Wed. 12th Jan. at 7.45pm in St. Edmund's Hall.

FOR INFO:

Mon: Day off: VH
Tues: PA meeting VH
Thurs: PL back from Uganda
Fri: Presentation Evening
BC School VH



NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION workshop for parents and children 10.30am—12 noon Sat. 15th Jan. in the Stella Maris Centre / St. Joseph's Hall.

GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP 15th January 2011 in St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Tel. 0223 9286 2384 or email chantnetwork@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2011 commences 2pm—6pm on Sun. 16th January 2011. All parents and candidates to meet at Holy Family Catholic Church in Millbrook for this first meeting. Confirmation Mass & Reception will be celebrated on Sun. 3rd July 2011 at 3pm in the Holy Family Church, Millbrook. Contact Charlie on 077 4030 1390 or e-mail: confirmation@pughonline.co.uk for further information.

FILIPINO CHOIR 7pm Sun 16th Jan, rehearsal at 6pm.



PAX CHRISTI: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, THE PATH TO PEACE: The Bishops of England and Wales invite us to make **next Sunday 16th Jan.** a day of prayer for world peace and to reflect on the theme that Pope Benedict has chosen: *'Religious Freedom, the Path to Peace.'* We are invited to recognise that we are fellow pilgrims, together with the whole of humanity. All are invited to respond to God's invitation. All are invited to seek the Kingdom of God together. All have a fundamental right and duty to live their faith in peace and right living. Let us pause to reflect on how faithful we are to our calling.

NEXT WEEK



ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? You are welcome to attend the New Seekers course which starts on Thursday 20th January at 7.45pm in St Edmund's Hall. For further information call Dudley on 023 8067 9079.

BAPTISED PEOPLE 'Light in Darkness' 21st—23rd January 2011, Hallmark Hotel, Durley Chine Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH2 5JS. Booking soonest online at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The weekend starts with supper on Fri. 21st Jan. and finishes after lunch on Sun. 23rd Jan. A limited number of non-residential places are available.

GENERAL ITEMS

PRINCE'S TRUST TEAM PROGRAMME recruiting now! Starting 24th January 2011, ages 16 - 19. Gain a nationally recognised City and Guilds Qualification. 2 Week work experience. Help with CV/Job applications. Fun and useful community project, an action packed week away! **Southampton Team** based in Redbridge Fire Station. To join contact Jamie or Vicki on 07918 887844 or 02380 626706. **Join now and uncover your hidden talents!**

'MUSIC ON A SUNDAY' a DVD recorded in St. Edmund's Church. If you would like a copy of this DVD of Sacred and Irish music the price is £9.99. Please contact the Parish Office.

MONGU NEWS: Father Patrick Cashin wrote to us for Christmas, thanking all parishioners for the monies received recently (£373). This latter gift will be used for children's school fees, which includes payments for books and school materials, uniforms, shoes, exam fees etc. Many of the children are orphans.

Father Pat goes on to say that there are other projects now underway: building of a rice polishing mill (will cost £6000; not including the building itself!). A new government high school continues and the community has to support the volunteers with food and the like. The Nalwei Community Centre continues and food has to be provided for nearly 100 children, many who are also orphans.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE CHURCHES OF ASIA: (as mentioned in the Book of Revelation) from **22nd – 30th October 2011 led by Monsignor Vincent Harvey.** The pilgrimage will visit the Churches of Asia (see Revelation Chapter 1) which includes the great ancient City of Ephesus where St. Paul spent many years and from where he wrote many of his pastoral letters. Cost from £995 (for 20 people) to £935 (for 40 people) if we book before end of January 2011 we receive a £30 discount each. All bookings must be through the Parish. Brochures out soon but if you are interested and would like to join us do contact the Parish Office, as it will be a 'first come first served basis'.

PASTORAL AREA MAGAZINE: To improve communication around the Pastoral Area and to help inform parishioners of activities, interests and articles, we would like to pull together an editorial team from around the area. If you are interested in this or have the skills that could be useful and wish to know more do please contact Father Vincent (or any of the Area priests).

PARISH DIARIES have now arrived! Available in the porches, they are £1.00 each. 2011 Catholic Diaries (£1.35 & £1.95) & Calendars (£4) are also available for sale in the Repository.

THANK YOU TO ALL PARISHIONERS who gave generously to the Priests Christmas Collection on 24th and 25th December 2010. It is much appreciated.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR JANUARY 2011
 1st Prize: Gerry Croft £30.00
 2nd Prize: Tony Wade £15.00
 Congratulations!

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL—GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER: The Catholic Education Service is working hard to ensure that R.E. is not allowed to slip off the agenda in the current debate surrounding the White Paper and the English Baccalaureate. As a Church we are passionate that R.E. should be one of the subjects in the English Baccalaureate. At present the Working Party

have not included R.E. GCSE on the initial list!! If you agree that R.E. GCSE should be included please contact your local MP or contact: The School Performance Date Unit, 2nd Floor, Department for Education, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BT or email: mailbox.performancedatateam@education.gsi.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Tess Hogan (fall recovery), Joe Lee (op. recovery), Betty Ashbolt, Carlos Fernandes, Eileen & Alex Aitken, Sheila Quinn, Percy White, John Dorling, Pat Cummings, André Neves, Peter Scott, Cecelia Coutinho, George Francis Ponniah, Carolyn, Lee Henninghan, Jenson Pearce, Phyllis Richmond, Teddy Blake, Brian Cunio, Sheila Morris, Yvonne Robertson, Eileen Smedley, Margaret de Groen, Terry Clark, Kay Gills, Kathy Kelly, Ian McKenna, Myra Andrade and all parishioners who are sick or recovering. Please let the parish office know if you would like to add someone to the list.



WANTED: Volunteers to be Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion and Welcoming at Sunday Mass. Training will be provided.

I would like to be considered for:

Minister of Holy Communion

Reader at Mass

Welcomer at Mass

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No. _____

E-mail: _____

Mass attended / preferred: _____

Please complete and hand to Mgr. Vincent, Fr. Paul or the Parish Office.



CO-ORDINATORS ROTA FOR 11AM MASS now available in the Sacristy at St. Edmund's.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Adoration every day in St. Edmund's Church
 (Church open all day)



CONFESSION TIMES:
 Sat. 11.30am St. Edmund's
 Sat. 5.45pm St. Joseph's
 Thursday 11.45am St. Joseph's

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 9th JANUARY 2011

SAT	VIGIL MASS 08 JANUARY		6.15PM SJ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WALSH FAMILY (KW)
SUN	09 JANUARY	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
TUES	11 JANUARY	1ST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	9.00AM SE MRS P PERRY RIP (GC/HP)
WED	12 JANUARY	1ST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10.00AM SJ DECEASED MEMBERS EDGE & WHITE FAMILIES (F)
THURS	13 JANUARY	1ST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	11.00AM SE KATHLEEN BRENNAN RIP (EB)
FRI	14 JANUARY	1ST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	7.00PM SE BETTY & HILARY CORRIGAN INTS
SAT	15 JANUARY	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	10.00AM SE EITHNE & JOHN BOTTING RIP (S&PW)
SUN	16 JANUARY	SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	7.00PM SE ALICE BOWLES RIP (F)
			12.15PM SJ ALICE & JOHNNY MURPHY & FAMILY INTS
			7.00PM SE FLO XAVIER RIP (S&PW)
			11.00AM SE P J PHELAN RIP (AG)
			6.15PM SJ AUNT ALICE CARSON & FAMILY INTS
			7.00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
			9.00AM SE P J PHELAN RIP (FM)
			10.00AM SJ JASON SIBANDA - GOD'S CONTINUED BLESSINGS (AF)
			11.00AM SE RATNA 70TH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS (AP)
			7.00PM SE BARRY FAMILY RIP (F)

PASTORAL AREA PARISHES - MASS TIMES: Holy Family, Millbrook Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00am; Holy day 19:00. St. Boniface, Shirley Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun. 08:30; 10:30. Holy day 10:00; 20:00. St. Vincent de Paul Sun 09:15; 11:30 in Polish; Holy Day 10:00.

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR A

Psalm Response

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice
resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved.
Listen to him."

Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church week 1

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 16TH JANUARY

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

1st reading: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34

2ND COLLECTION

TODAY

HCPT

2ND COLLECTION

NEXT WEEK

PAX CHRISTI

Dates	24 & 25/12 Christmas	26/12 1st Coll	26/12 Church Bdg Fund	2/1/11 1st Coll	2/1/11 Catholic Care
Total	6810.03	1935.41	291.86	2152.97	463.40
Cash	5743.53	642.46	109.36	860.02	229.40
S / O	1066.50	1010.12	182.50	1010.12	234.00
Gift Aid Tax	—	282.83	—	282.83	—

Thank you for your generous contributions. Please note, the Gift Aid tax rebate on the 2nd collection is retained by the Parish. Your donations make the life & work of the Parish possible.

Our Catholic Schools: Springhill Catholic Primary 8033 3954
 St Anne's 8032 8200, St George 8032 2603