



10 JANUARY 2016

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



### ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDMUND'S CITY CENTRE CATHOLIC PARISH SOUTHAMPTON

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- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, LORDSWOOD
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PORTSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING & ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION, HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION, NETLEY ABBEY



## BEGINNINGS

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the cusp of many new beginnings. The Christmas season has come to a close: a time when we are reminded of the extraordinary gift of God becoming man. 'He humbled himself and became man'. As the incarnation brings God into our world our Baptism unites us with His divinity. Jesus' Baptism marks the *beginning* of his earthly ministry.

Recently it was said that one way to respond to the question 'Why does God allow suffering?' is 'suffering is a part of life'. An equally good answer to the question of 'Why did Jesus (a man without sin) need to be Baptised'? The answer goes to the heart of the whole story: Christ is Emmanuel, God with us. And he is with us at every stage of our journey to him, even in the *beginning*, which is the Baptism of the Lord.

Our own Baptism authenticates our ministry. It gives dignity to our humanity. The signing at Baptism marks the child for their ministry. I am always touched by the welcome rite and the signing of the child with the sign of the cross by the priest, parents, Godparents and members of the community. As each signs they are commissioning that child for their life of Christian discipleship. In each one of us is the potential but this potential then has to be empowered and enabled by the Holy Spirit.

We see the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descend at Jesus' Baptism. The heavens are opened and the gospel writer celebrates the time when God no longer holds back but rends open the heavens to announce the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry and God confirms His love. "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased".

As we prepare children for First Holy Communion we are reminding them of the *beginning* of their spiritual journey; that they went under the water, they came out of the water as a friend of Jesus and through Baptism the Holy Spirit came to them in a very special way. Christian Baptism is multi-faceted: it is a moment of naming, claiming, commissioning, changing, but above all it is a call to mission. It is the sacrament which calls the individual to become and act like Christ. 'Baptism is a radical change in a person but it is also a radical call to mission.' (LG11)

As we celebrate Jesus' great public *beginning* we can reflect on some of our own slightly shabby beginnings. But we can take consolation from the gospel to begin again. We are not alone; we are empowered by the power of the Spirit and the love of the Father. This love is a love that never runs away, never lets go, even in the desert, even on the cross.

We are in the time of New Evangelisation reminding ourselves that our mission as the baptised is to announce the Kingdom of God. We have just *begun* the 'Year of Mercy'. This is surely an opportunity to untie the knots within our own lives and to help others untie their knots. To assure them of the Father's love, the spirits enabling and the dignity restored to us that was tainted by our first parents.

*Christ our Earth, we are given moments of clarity which give meaning to what we do, without obliterating the fact of suffering which we have experienced and know we can experience. A peace, a joy, a knowing that what was begun in us will be completed in us. A desire, a wisdom, a love in us over which we have no control, but much control, for this we thank you Father.* J. Janda  
Tina Quinn

## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD FROM FR VINCENT:

1. 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord' says Isaiah. Where or what is your wilderness? In what way must you prepare (for the Lord, for this Year of Mercy)?
2. St Paul says that it was God's own 'compassion that saved us'. When have you experienced God's compassion? The compassion of others?
3. What does your Baptism mean to you? How does it affect the way you see things?, the way you live?

## TODAY SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2016:

**RETIRING COLLECTION FOR HCPT GROUP 170:** An appeal at all Masses to support the cost of our parish HCPT group taking sick and disabled children on pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter. Please be your usual generous selves for the sake of the children and their families. Helpers have to fund themselves (as well as take holiday or unpaid leave from work) and some helpers are struggling to gather the necessary amount. If you wish to support a helper please give separately to one of the Group who will be available after Masses.

**WELCOME RITE:** 11am Mass Sunday 10 January 2016.



BAPTISM

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our faith community:

**Olivia Gordon**, daughter of Mildred & Martin, who is being baptised at 12:30pm in St Edmund's Church today.

**POPE FRANCIS JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION:** At the start of the New Year, Pope Francis will be praying that interreligious dialogue will produce fruits of peace.

**HIS UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION IS:** "That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice."

**HIS EVANGELISATION INTENTION IS:** "That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions."



**RECENTLY DIED: Marian Carozzi RIP** late of Bournemouth. Requiem Mass 11:30am Tuesday 19 January 2016 in St Edmund's Church, followed by burial at Stoneham Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Please remember her sons Louis, Anthony and family in your prayers.

## THIS WEEK

### FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off: TC/VH

Tues Hospital on Call: VH

Vocation Vicariate in Winchester: VH

Meditation Group: VH. St George Gov. Group: VH

Wed Visiting nursing homes: VH. Liturgy Group: VH

Thurs EU Welcome: VH

Fri Hospital on Call: VH

Sat Bethany Group: VH. Teams of Our Lady: VH

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** meet at 7:30pm on Tuesdays in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome.

**LITURGY GROUP** 7:45pm Wednesday 13 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**EU WELCOME PROJECT MEETING** 7pm Thursday 14 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**ALPHA TEAM MEETING** 7pm Thursday 14 January in St Edmund's Lodge.

**RCIA** meet 7:30pm Thursdays in St Edmund's Hall for those wanting to find out more about the Catholic faith.

**HILARY'S PILATES CLASS** takes place 10am—10:45am on Fridays in St Edmund's Hall. Phone Hilary on 07786 617 302 to book.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**ST MARY'S COLLEGE—ENTRANCE EXAM** 9am—12:15pm Saturday 16 January 2016. Tel. 023 8067 1267 or [email.stmaryscollege.co.uk](mailto:email.stmaryscollege.co.uk) for more info.

**WISDOM HOUSE WORKSHOP 'What type of spiritual seeker are you?'** 9:30am – 1:00pm Saturday 16 January (registration and coffee at 9am). Based on St Benedict's Rule Chapter 1. This is a gentle introduction to the Rule on which our Meditation practice is based. To book contact Wisdom House, Romsey, SO51 8EL, Tel: 01794 830206 or E-mail: [reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk](mailto:reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk).

**BETHANY GROUP** 9:45am Saturday 16 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**PAX CHRISTI—PEACE SUNDAY** 17 January 2016. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Envelopes now available in the porches to be returned next weekend.

## NEXT WEEK (CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 18-25 January)

**CCPG** 7:45pm Wednesday 20 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**POETRY SHARE: YEAR OF MERCY—'OPENING THE DOOR'** 7pm Thursday 21 January in St Joseph's Church. See noticeboard. All welcome to share reflections, choose a poem or bring your own, or just come and listen.

**FINANCE MEETING** 7:30pm Thursday 21 January in St Edmund's Presbytery.

**EU WELCOME INFO EVENING:** 6pm Friday 22 January in St Edmund's Lodge.

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING** Saturday 23 January 2016 from 10am until 1:30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX) To book a place please ring 01252329385. or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) by 15 January 2016.

## GENERAL ITEMS:

**ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL:** As required by regulations the Governing Body of St Anne's will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admission policy for the school year 2017/18. The consultation runs until 22 January 2016. Copies of the proposed policy can be obtained from the school office. See also [www.st-annes.uk.com](http://www.st-annes.uk.com).

**YOUTH 2000 FEEDBACK:** "Over the New Year a small number of us from St Edmund's spent a few days on retreat at a Youth 2000 event in London. We had the most amazing time sharing and growing stronger in our faith through prayer, worship, adoration, workshops, social time and more with 90 other young Catholics and we would all highly recommend these retreats for any young Catholic, even if you would just like to make a small donation towards their cause. More information can be found at [youth2000.org](http://youth2000.org)". Edward Quinn.

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY:** 27 January.

**LAUNCH OF CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH:**

Bishop Philip warmly invites all grandparents to join him in the Cathedral for a special Mass to inaugurate the Catholic Grandparents Association in our Diocese. *The Mass will take place at 12:15pm on Friday 12 February 2016* and will be followed by an address from Catherine Wiley, Founder of the CGA. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. All welcome. For more info call 013 2856 0333 or email [info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](mailto:info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org). Visit the website [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).

**ALUMNI EVENT:** Are you a Catholic who studied at the University of Southampton? *There is an event that might interest you.* On Sunday 21 February at 12 noon there will be an Alumni Mass followed by a meal at the Southampton University Campus, Garden Court. Price: £20 includes food and entertainment. If interested contact: [cathsoc@soton.ac.uk](mailto:cathsoc@soton.ac.uk). They are also having a raffle to raise funds for this event, if you have a gift to donate for the winner of the raffle, please contact: [cathsoc@soton.ac.uk](mailto:cathsoc@soton.ac.uk).

**CONDOLENCES TO MARY BERRIDGE** on the sudden and unexpected death of her brother in Northern Ireland on Christmas Eve. The Requiem Mass took place on Tuesday 29 December. Please remember the family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

**FATHER BLAISE (Parish Priest at Holy Family and Saint Vincent de Paul):** Please pray for Fr Blaise's sister and father in Malawi who are both seriously ill. Fr Blaise has returned home for 3 weeks to be with and support them.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all parishioners who have given gifts most generously for the elderly Catholic Homecare users in the community. Your kindness has been appreciated. *Anne Monaghan.*

**SHARE YOUR STORY:** Thank you to everyone who responded and took part in this campaign. Hundreds of responses have been received. The joint team from St Mary's, Twickenham, and the Diocesan Social Research Unit will now collate the results and a report will be written and launched in the spring. *Thank you for promoting this important survey to your friends and family.*

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY:** Bishop Philip has now opened the Door of Mercy at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. There is a second Door of Mercy at Our Lady and St Edmund's, Abingdon. All are invited to go on pilgrimage to these Holy Doors during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. A plenary indulgence may be obtained. To find out more, including about indulgences, go to: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/holyyearofmercy](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/holyyearofmercy).

**ALPHA COURSE Taster Session Thursday 10 March 2016 St George's Catholic College 7pm—9pm.**

Explore the meaning of life? Listen, Learn, Discuss, Discover, Ask. What can I expect at the Taster session? A hot meal provided free of charge. An interesting introductory talk. The opportunity to learn more about the Alpha Course taking place 7pm – 9:30pm Thursdays 14 April – 30 June 2016 at St George's Catholic College, Swaythling. To book Tel. 023 8033 3589 or email the Parish Office at [southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). As well as covering the basics of Christianity it provides an introduction to the specifically Catholic way of living out our Christian faith. Each evening consists of a meal, a talk, and a chance to discuss with others on your table what you have heard.

**YEAR OF MERCY**

**OUR LADY, 'UNTIER OF KNOTS':** during the 'Year of Mercy' ribbons will be available inside and outside both St Joseph and St Edmund Churches for us, and others:

- Write what is 'tying us up' in terms of faith, relationships and life! Write what it is and tie it to the available frame.
- Encourage others to do likewise ..... maybe members of your family or friends who are struggling with faith or life.
- When you come to Mass look at one or two and pray for whomever has written it and ask Our Lady to help them 'untie' it.
- If you pop into the church for Adoration ... take some of the intentions into your prayer.

**REFLECTION DAY: CALL TO CONVERSION:** 2nd of four retreat days in connection with the Year of Mercy. Encouraging all those who came to the first but a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come to this one as part of their own Lenten journey. The day begins at 10am Saturday 13 February at St Joseph's, Lyndhurst, with refreshments and finishes with Mass at 3:30pm-4:00pm. Cost £18.00pp which includes lunch.



**PROMISES AUCTION—WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 FUNDRAISING EVENT 7:30pm 29 January St Edmund's Hall Available lots:**

- £50 voucher for Anissa's Thai kitchen in Lyndhurst;
  - dinner for four people cooked in your own home;
  - 4 evenings of babysitting;
  - 2 return taxi rides for an evening out;
  - ironing service: a basket load of washing;
  - an hour of free legal advice;
  - 25 litres of best homemade beer;
  - a computer clean up and advice;
  - a voucher for Trevor Mitchell;
  - a voucher for Eastern Arts (nails and beauty);
  - computer defragmentation or clean up;
- Or do you have an unwanted item of value to auction? Proceeds go to support Edward Quinn's World Youth Day Diocesan Pilgrimage in Krakow 2016, and to a local charity. More lots are needed. If you have a service or an hour of professional time that you can offer contact the Parish Office on email [southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:southamptoncitycentre@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 023 8033 3589.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Bernie Murray, Joy Grant, Pat Feighery (op. recovery), Joanne Cunio, Shane Wing (stroke recovery), Mr. Kruger (stroke recovery), Ludwig Basisty, Irene Green, Rachel de Melo (op. recovery), Karen Nugent, Dame Sheila Quinn, John Redhead, Pat Friters (op. recovery), Jayanthi Jayasinghe, Maria Mhonda (stroke recovery), Joan Moore, Pat Cummings, JL, Malcolm Cross, Irene Cartledge, Teresa Adams (stroke recovery), Judy Brown, O'Hanlon family, John Morris, Paul Sassu, Isabel Bradshaw, Moyra Clearkin, Peter Scott, Phyllis Grattan, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Patricia Penny, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, NW, Bosco & Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Tegar Marriott, Josie Franklin, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, Laura Pinson, Evelyn Nolan, parishioners who are ill or having surgery and all listed in the Lady Chapel Prayer Book at St Edmund's. Thank you for keeping them all in your prayers.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2016

\*(Key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

SAT	9 JAN	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM SJ	<b>DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE EDGE &amp; WHITE FAMILIES (F)</b>
			7:00PM SE	<b>MASS IN POLISH</b>
SUN	10 JAN	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	9:00AM SE	<b>STEVE, BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS &amp; THANKSGIVING (MM)</b>
			10:00AM SJ	<b>JOHN BRUSH RIP (A&amp;PO'N)</b>
			11:00AM SE	<b>MUMMY'S BIRTHDAY &amp; RATNA'S 75th BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS &amp; THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA &amp; FRANCIS)</b>
			7:00PM SE	<b>PHIL, PROTECTION AND GOD'S BLESSINGS (MM)</b>
TUES	12 JAN	<b>1st WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	10:00AM SE	<b>DR. STEPHEN BUSK RIP, BRIDGET BUSK &amp; FAMILY (BB)</b>
WED	13 JAN	<b>ST HILARY</b>	7:00PM SE	<b>DAKSHINA, DAHAM &amp; FAMILY—HEALING (AW)</b>
THURS	14 JAN	<b>1st WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	12:15PM SJ	<b>MYLES &amp; McATEER FAMILIES (BB)</b>
FRI	15 JAN	<b>1st WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:00PM SE	<b>ROBERT &amp; FAMILY—GOD'S BLESSINGS &amp; HEALING (RK)</b>
SAT	16 JAN	<b>OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b>	11:00AM SE	<b>MICHAEL BROPHY RIP (F)</b>
			6:15PM SJ	<b>SEAN, KATHLEEN &amp; STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC)</b>
			7:00PM SE	<b>MASS IN POLISH</b>
SUN	17 JAN	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9:00AM SE	<b>PJ BUCKLEY RIP (SS&amp;GS)</b>
			10:00AM SJ	<b>IAN MORLEY RIP (FM)</b>
			11:00AM SE	<b>CHRISTINE CLARKE RIP (CC)</b>
			7:00PM SE	<b>HELENA, ANIELA, KATARINA MASLANKA RIP (HN)</b>

**DEANERY PARISHES MASS TIMES:** *Holy Family, Millbrook* Sat Vigil 18:30; Sun 11:00am; 1:00pm (Polish); 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, Lordswood* Sun 09:15; Holy Day 10:00. *Christ the King & St Colman* Sun 11:00; Holy Day 19:00. *Immaculate Conception, Portswood* Recon: Sat 10:30 (After Mass); Sun 08:30; 10:30; Holy Day 10:00; 19:30. *Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End* Sat Vigil 17.30; *St Brigid, West End* Sun 17.30 *St Patrick, Woolston* Sat Vigil 18:00; Sun 11:00; Holy Day 09:15 (term time); 10:00 (outside of term time). *The Annunciation, Netley Abbey* Sun 09:00, Holy Day 19:00.

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## SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2016 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR C

### Psalm Response

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are!

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Someone is coming, said John, someone great than I. He will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire. **Alleluia!**

## READINGS SUNDAY 17 JANUARY 2015 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

## 2ND COLLECTION TODAY 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

	HCPT	CATHOLIC CARE	
Collections	3/1/16 1ST	3/1/16 2ND—CATHOLIC CARE	25/12 OUR PRIESTS
Total	£1,884.63	£503.52	£6,325.79
Cash	844.39	311.64	£5,412.66
S / O	832.19	153.50	730.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	208.05	38.38	182.63

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.

### CONFESSION TIMES:

**St. Edmund's:** Saturdays 11:30am

**St. Joseph's:** Thursdays 11:45am

Saturdays 5:45pm