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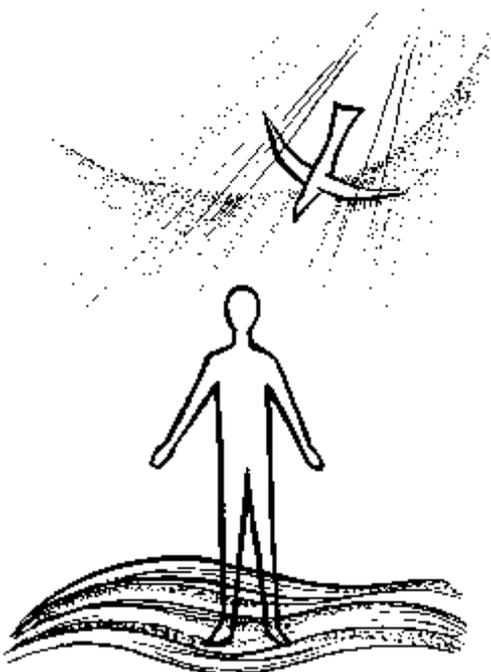
Newsletter

10th January 2016

The Baptism of the Lord

Today's Feast Day of the Baptism of the Lord raises many questions for us, particularly as to its necessity. We know that many people were approaching John the Baptist at the River Jordan in order to express their sorrow for sin and need for repentance. And John recognised his role in this; it was the vocation given to him by God. When Jesus approaches him for baptism John protests understandably but eventually gives way when his cousin insists upon the ritual. But why would Jesus, who is sinless and in no need of 'cleansing' offer to be immersed in the River Jordan? Maybe the clue is in how we often see our own baptism. Historically we have perhaps seen baptism as a 'washing' or 'cleansing' from Original Sin and purely a means of purifying ourselves before we can join with Christ. However, this is a one-sided way of understanding the sacrament and misses a vital point. Our immersion into the water should not be seen as a 'negative'. There is a vital positive aspect; which is the

gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift enables us to live the life of Christ and see ourselves as a 'new creation' positively, having been graced with something to pass on to others. The origin of this gift is Jesus' own baptism in the Jordan. He voluntarily offered Himself to the water, sanctifying it and therefore making it holy for all who join Christ in His Paschal Mystery. This mystery involves us going down into the depths because He has been there before us. And just as He has risen, so may we rise with Him in glory as the Holy Spirit rests on us also.



Services	This Week	Events
<p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: M and family</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: Welfare of the Hegarty family</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Mrs McKeivill RIP</i></p>	<p>Sunday 10th January The Baptism of the Lord <i>Psalter Week 3</i></p> 	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p><i>200 Club team will be collecting after all Masses this weekend</i></p> <p><i>This is the last day for contributions to the Crib Offertory Box</i></p>
<p>2.15pm <i>School Mass: Philip Marcel RIP</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Mass: Tony Coombs RIP</i> <i>Novena to Our Lady</i></p>	<p>Monday 11th January Feria</p>	<p>8-9.00pm Dancing</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Welfare of Margaret Coombs</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 12th January Feria</p>	<p>10.30-12.30pm Tuesday Club</p>
<p><i>No Service</i></p> <p>12.30pm <i>Requiem Mass for Bernie Burns at St. Peter's, followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 13th January Feria</p>	<p>9.30-11.30am Art Group</p>
<p>7.00pm <i>Mass: John Blake (SH)</i></p>	<p>Thursday 14th January Feria</p>	<p>10.45-12.15pm Music Group</p> <p>7-8.00pm Weight Watchers</p>
<p>9.10am <i>Rosary</i></p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: M and family</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Novena to the Sacred Heart</i></p>	<p>Friday 15th January Feria</p>	<p>10.00am Lectio Divina, HFR</p> <p>4-6.00pm Karate</p>
<p>9.15am Morning Prayer</p> <p>9.30am <i>Mass: Bob Harris RIP</i></p> <p>6.30pm <i>Vigil Mass: Ann Flynn (SH)</i></p>	<p>Saturday 16th January Saturday Memorial of Our Lady</p> 	<p>8.30am Slimming World</p> <p>10.30am Slimming World</p>
<p><i>Peace Day</i></p> <p>10.00am <i>Mass: People of the Parish</i></p> <p>5.00pm <i>Mass: Jim Falvey (SH)</i></p>	<p>Sunday 17th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 2</i></p>	<p>10.05am Children's Liturgy <i>(Sundays outside school holidays)</i></p> <p>Parish Council Meeting</p>
<p>Collections £434.85</p> <p>Banker's Orders (weekly average) £112</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your donations</i></p>	<p>Last Week 3rd January</p>	<p>Attendance: 207</p> 

Announcements

OUR SICK

David Harwar, Roy Stanford, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Brian McCann, Rory and Peggy O'Rourke, Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Sue Day, Michael Gallagher, Miceal Murphy, Maureen Cowell, Hollie Sauvage.

Woodloes House	Angele Handford
Kenilworth Grange	Margaret Handy
The Lawns	Bridget Hunt John L'Estrange Ellen Quinn, Kathleen Hammond
Clarence House	Winifred Galvin
Eversleigh N. H.	Mollie Benson
Clarendon Manor	Marie Kelly, Mary Craig
Stratford	Monty Jenkinson
RLS Nursing Home	Robbie Burns
Craighaven	Rory O'Rourke
Galanos House	Phil Lane

ANNIVERSARIES

William O'Toole, Margaret Murphy, Evelyn Henn, Letitia Toye, Jan Gardner, Lucy Maynard

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

BAPTISM

Jessica Naomi Bevan

14th February, 2016 at 12 Noon

Baptism Preparation: In the first instance an application form should be collected from and returned to the parish priest at the presbytery. Once a date has been agreed the parents will be invited to a Preparation Meeting usually held on the last Monday of the month at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room. Please note that the child's Catholic parent/s should take first responsibility for bringing them up in the faith.

Next Baptism Preparation Meeting: Monday 25th January at 7.45pm in the Holy Family Room.

Lectio Divina

Following Advent, we are returning to the usual pattern of meeting on the third Friday of each month at 10.00am in the Holy Family Room. **January's session will be on the 15th, and all will be very welcome.**

Diocesan Directories 2016

There are some 2016 Directories still available from the Narthex price £3.50.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bernie Burns, long time and very active parishioner of St. Joseph's. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St. Peter's on Wednesday 13th January at 12.30pm followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery.

Marianne Malyon, mother of one of our parishioners Peter Malyon, died on 25th December. Her Requiem is at 11.00am on Tuesday 19th January at St. Joseph's, followed by burial at Leamington Cemetery.

Eva Irving, another of our parishioners, died last week in Warwick Hospital. Eva's funeral service will be held at 10.30am on Tuesday 26th January at St. Joseph's, followed by cremation at Oakley Wood..

Our sympathies and prayers go out to their families.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Church Maintenance Fund

[Keep checking this box and keep up to date]



Work that we plan to make headway with in the near to medium term include redecoration of the external part of the church, repairs to the parish centre roof and replacement of the upper facias of the church clerestory window area. Our monthly collection is aimed at sustaining the maintenance fund. I hope you will understand the need for this, considering the ongoing demand for upkeep of the fabric and keeping our facilities in serviceable condition. Very many thanks for your understanding in this regard. We hope to re-carpet the sanctuary early in the New Year.

Fr. Bob

Coffee and Tea after Sunday Mass

Towards the end of last year we found that the existing rota no longer worked well for providing refreshments after the 10.00am Mass. It seems a shame, but we do really need to have a viable group of volunteers from this Mass making it worthwhile if it is to run. Interest has been shown, by a few, to form a group to provide facilities maybe every two weeks. **Please let me know if you could be a part of this group. It would be encouraging in many respects if we were able to keep this social opportunity going, so please give it some thought.** A couple have already offered to be a part of a revised team. Many thanks to all those who have helped to run this facility for so long. Fr. Bob



Next Week—17th January 2016

6.30pm Vigil
10.00am
5.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jan Ireson, Paddy Taylor
John Ireson, Myrna Harwar, Pauline Mills
Kim Kearns, Tony Harris

Readers:

Carol Bowler
Clare Payne
Anne Kirby

10th Jan	200 Club collections
15th Jan	10.00am Lectio Divina, HFR
17th Jan	Parish Council Meeting
20th Jan	Christian Unity Service (Methodist Church, Whitnash) 7.30pm.
24th January	10.00am next Children's Mass
30/31st Jan	January Maintenance Collection
6/7th Feb	2nd Collection - Pro Life
20/21st Feb	Family Fast Day collection, CAFOD
27/28th Feb	February Maintenance Collection
13th March	Children's Mass

Ministers' and Readers' Rota

The rotas for January, February and March are ready for collection, individually named, from the white folder in the Sacristy.

Crib Offerings

Crib offerings this year will be donated to children in need in Whitnash. The baskets of gifts and those under the tree, have now been collected for distribution but there is *the usual box for Crib Offerings, also for this cause. [This weekend 9th/10th January will be the last opportunity for monitory donations]*

Many thanks to all for your great generosity—there were so many gifts placed under the tree and beside the crib: it was a wonderful response.

Year of Mercy

The Church's 'Year of Mercy' began on 8th December last year and ends on 20th November 2016. There will be various resources including a small "Pilgrim Companion For the Year of Mercy" available in the Narthex. St. Peter's Leamington is our nearest Jubilee Church (there are 16 in the diocese) and further detail about how we may make use of such resource will come in due course.

YEAR OF MERCY
2015-2016



USED STAMPS

At this time when we have received more post than usual, please think of leaving your used stamps in the basket in the narthex. They are prepared by David and Myrna Harwar and sent to the Leprosy Mission to raise valuable funds for their important work.

Parish Centre



Weekly Events (during normal time)

Monday:	Dancing
Tuesday:	Tuesday Club
Wednesday:	Art /Choir
Thursday:	Music Group / Weightwatchers
Friday:	Karate
Saturday:	Slimming World

200 Club

Collections for the January subscription will be at all the Masses this weekend, 10th January.

CAFOD

Cafod are looking for volunteers to join the CAFOD Team to take Global Justice into schools; helping them learn about the world and inspiring them to take action on poverty and injustice with Cafod. Full training and resources will be supplied and travel expenses covered. For further information, please contact CAFOD Birmingham on 01922 722 944 or at Birmingham@cafod.org.uk

The Homeless

This is the worst time of year to be without the basic comforts of home—the baskets in the porch are for tea, coffee and tins of non perishables to be given to those who have nothing. Thank you for all you give, consistently, to those in need.

Christmas Carol Quiz

Thanks to all who supported the Justice & Peace quiz. It was a close contest with contestants gaining upwards of 56 points.

The outright winner was Alison McCleary with the maximum points score of 62. Alison received chocolates and wine along with many congratulations!

This enjoyable initiative has raised £58 for the Justice and Peace Group to put to good use amongst the needy.