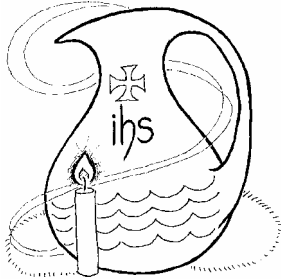


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday 9th January 2010



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Although we speak of the necessity of baptism for salvation, the Church has traditionally recognised that it cannot be the case that all non-baptised people are excluded from heaven. It would be unthinkable that God should create people only then to refuse them eternal happiness. Theology distinguishes three types of baptism: by water, by blood and by desire.

The first is the sacrament celebrated by the church. The second refers to martyrdom for the faith before formal baptism. And the third concerns the death of someone who would have accepted baptism had the opportunity been presented.

Baptism is...

- Baptism is always accompanied by faith and repentance.
- Baptism is our signal to God we have accepted Christ's gospel.
- Baptism is "accepting" Christ (on His terms, not ours).
- Baptism is when we receive the Holy Spirit.
- Baptism is how we enter the kingdom of God.
- Baptism is when we die to ourselves and come alive in Christ.
- Baptism is when we stop living for ourselves and start living for Jesus.

CYCLE OF PRAYER – ORDINARY TIME WINTER 2011

During this time of the year, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, the sick and those who care for them, Students and Teachers and the unemployed.



200+ CLUB DRAW

Last year, the Club raised a total of £2378. Half went as prizes, and half went towards the New Parish Centre.

Please collect your application forms for 2011 at the back of the church. Please return by 30th January 2011 to be eligible for the monthly January draw.

Work on the New Parish Centre has restarted after the Snow and the Christmas Holidays. The Gables are being completed, the upstairs spaces, one over the kitchen, Meeting Room, and toilets, and the other over the store rooms have been boarded out, and the internal full height interior wall is nearly complete.

CALLING APF RED BOX HOLDERS

It is time for a collection for the APF. Many of you have a Red Mission Box, and it is now time to donate the coins in that box to the APF. At the back of the church is a box containing envelopes with the names and addresses of all the APF box holders in the parish. Please take home your envelope, fill it with the contents of your APF box, and return the envelope to the Parish Office next Sunday. The APF is the charity that helps Catholic missionaries to continue to work in countries across the world. We thank you for all the money you give to this important work. If you have any questions, please contact Terry O'Sullivan tel. 01992 444642. **Please collect your envelope from the back the Church.**

CARERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Do you live in Waltham Cross or Cheshunt? Do you look after someone who would find it difficult to manage without your help? If you do then you might be interested in attending the Healthy Living Event on 27th January from 10am-1pm at the Youth Centre, Stanhope Road, EN8 7DJ. There will be information and support available which could make a real difference and help you to think about your own health and well being. If you would like to find out more about the event or about the support and services available from Carers in Hertfordshire, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch in one of the following ways:-

Tel: 01992 586 969

Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk

Post: Carers in Hertfordshire, The Red House, 119 Fore Street, Hertford SG14 1AX

Website: www.carersinherts.org.uk

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for all the young people preparing for their Confirmation this Thursday 13th January at 8.00pm

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O give the Lord you sons of God,
 give the Lord glory and power;
 give the Lord the glory of his name.
 Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
 the Lord on the immensity of waters;
 the voice of the Lord, full of power,
 the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders.
 In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
 The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
 the Lord sits as king for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

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

TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7	Isaiah 49:3.5-6
Psalms 28:1-4.9-10	Psalms 39:2.4.7-10
Acts 10:34-38	1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Matthew 3:13-17	John 1:29-34

Mass Times

SUNDAY	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm
Monday		10.00am
Tuesday		10.00am
Wednesday	Aelred	10.00am
Thursday	Hilary	10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday		6.30pm
SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation –

Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15 to 9.45am.

Offertory Last Week: £1,870.94

plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

SVP GROUP

The SVP group meets on Mondays at 8.00pm in the Sacristy.

RCIA GROUP

The RCIA meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the presbytery.

ST JOSEPH'S MARIAN GROUP

St Joseph's Marian Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10.45am in the Sacristy.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will meet in the Church on Friday 14th January at 8.00pm.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 9 January at 1.45pm: Brooke Cooper
 Saturday 16 January at 1.45pm: Luisa Pisaturo

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the Late Mel Casserly will be celebrated on Thursday 13th January 2011 at 10.00am.
 The Funeral Mass for the Late John McHugh will be celebrated on Friday 14th January 2011 at 10.00am

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptism Preparation Course will start on Sunday 30th January in The Convent, 3, Longlands Close. If you have a baby to be baptised in the near future please see Fr John.

PARISH PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Help is needed on Wednesday or Friday mornings with the children in Eleanor Hall. Please contact Maria Palumbo on 01992 768186 for more information.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Archbishop Vincent invites you to come with him on the first Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 3-11 November 2011. During the pilgrimage you will stay in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Galilee and show your support for the local Christian communities. The cost is £1480 for 2 sharing a room. Places are limited so ask for a booking form asap. Booking forms can be obtained directly from Gerald Daly at geralddaly@rcdow.org.uk tel: 02077989173. Please see the poster on the noticeboard.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK

The Westminster Year Book for 2011 is now available from the shop. Price £4.50.

ST PAULS' SUNDAY MISSAL

St. Paul's 2011 Sunday Missal is now on sale in the shop, priced £4.50. Please note that the Missals are free to those who are on the Readers' Rota.

LINE DANCING

Line Dancing is back this Tuesday, 11th January 2011. All are welcome. The cost is £3 per night. Why not come along and have fun, meet new friends, lose weight and help towards our building fund. For further information please contact: Stewart on 01992 634445. email stewardbrodiesykes@yahoo.co.uk.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

for teaching English classes to Refugees and Migrants. Contact Jan at the Justice and Peace office or e-mail him on jan@wjpc.yahoo.co.uk.

NEW ROTAS

The new rota for the washing of the altar linen is available in the sacristy.