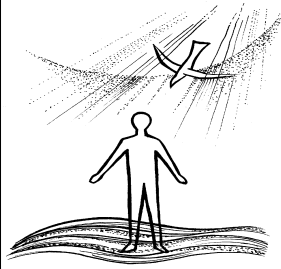


13th January 2013

The Baptism of the Lord

(Year C)



North West Hampshire Catholic News

Weekly Newsletter

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Thought for the Week

Christ's Baptism, as described in the Gospel of Luke in today's readings, represents one of the *Theophanies*: a manifestation of God Himself. During this Christmas season and the week after it, we celebrate four *theophanies*: (i) The birth of Christ on December 25, which revealed Christ to Israel; (ii) The visit of the Magi on the Epiphany, which revealed Christ to the Gentiles; (iii) The Baptism of the Lord, which revealed the Trinity; and (iv) The miracle at the wedding of Cana, which revealed Christ's transforming power to the world.

Our readings for this Feast of Christ's Baptism all deal with these revelations, these *theophanies*. However, His Baptism itself is significant because the Trinity is revealed in the final verses of today's Gospel: "After all the people had been baptised and Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:21-22)

Simply put, Jesus the Son of God is physically present for the Baptism; the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove; and God the Father speaks from Heaven proclaiming both His joy and the fact that Jesus is indeed His Son.

Jesus' Baptism is even more than a revelation to us. It is the example and the foreshadowing of our own baptisms. Why did the Lord, sinless and pure, need to be baptised if the baptism of John was one of repentance? Jesus showed us the way. If He, Who had no need of this purifying act, humbly subjected Himself to it, then we, who do need cleansing, can recognise the importance of this sacrament, as well as seeing how we are freed from darkness. Jesus was not Baptised because He needed it, but because we needed it.

Fr Mark Hogan

The Pastoral Area Website: www.nwhantspa.org.uk has links to all Pastoral Area Churches

DIOCESAN PRAYER INTENTIONS (13-19 January)

These are arranged so that in the course of a year we pray for each parish of our Diocese and the Catholic organisations working here. This week's intentions are: **Sun**: Those to be baptised this year, their godparents, families and catechists. **Mon**: Army Chaplains and Personnel. **Tues**: Royal Navy and Royal Air Force Chaplains and Personnel. **Wed**: Verbum Dei Communities in the Diocese. **Thurs**: Parish of Holy Family, Southampton. **Fri**: Diocesan Committee for Christian Unity. **Sat**: "Churches Together"

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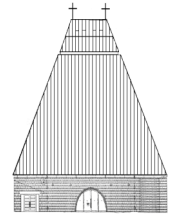


ONE PARISH, TWO CHURCHES

St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX
Holy Ghost Church, Sherborne Rd. Basingstoke. RG21 5TX
Tel 01256 465214; Parish Secretary: Liz Murphy

www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk; Email: stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Office: open Monday—Friday 9am—2pm



Parish Diary

Sun: Music ministry: 9 am Choir,
11 am Popley: 6.30pm Guitar
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass
Repository open after all Masses
Infant Baptisms, 3pm SB
Mon: Fr. DG: Day off
Tues: Fr DG: Dioc. Tribunal, Sandhurst, 2– 5pm
Toddler Group 1.30 pm SB
Music leaders planning mtg for Lent, 8pm SB
Wed: Fr. DG: Baptism/Wedding appointments
10.30—12.30 pm SB
Journey in Faith (RCIA) 7.30 pm SB
Thu: Fr. DG: Dioc. Tribunal, Sandhurst, 11– 5pm
Baptism Preparation, 7.15 - 9 pm SB
Fr. DG: Finance Committee 8 pm Hook
Sat: First Holy Communion Preparation, 10am SB
Fr. DG: First Confessions Hook, 5pm confessions
and 6pm Mass, St Joseph's
The Lord's Flock (Filipino Group) SB 5—8.30 pm



First Confessions

Yesterday the children preparing for First Communion celebrated their First Confession. They did so prayerfully and knowing they are welcome to come again whenever they wish to celebrate this sacrament. Their preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist continues this weekend.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Despite the best efforts of some there are still too many times when on a Wednesday the Blessed Sacrament is being insufficiently watched over. This cannot be allowed to continue; as Fr Dominic wrote a few months ago it is his responsibility to ensure the safety of the Blessed Sacrament and those watching it. So from this week onwards our weekly Adoration moves to a new time of 10- 11am and **on a Friday**. If you can come to Mass that day and stay for an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament please do.

Baptism

This Sunday we welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism the following children: *Emmanuella Okon, Josh Filipek and Emilia Filipek*. Baptised last weekend were *David Babu, Eliana Gook Heidi Gook and Archie Tanner*. For some time now we have been offering one Sunday a month for Baptisms but due to the increased demand we are now offering two Sundays a month except during Lent.



St Bede's Toddlers Group

Meet every Tuesday term time between 1.30—3.15pm. Come along to the Church Hall with your little darling(s) and be sure of a warm welcome.



Recently died

Georgia Goodey aged 82. Her funeral will be at St. Bede's at 10.30 am this Tuesday followed by cremation. Our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.

Bishop Challoner PTA Quiz Night

Friday, 25th January 7.15 to 10.30pm
Teams of 4-6 persons; £8.50 per head - includes Fish (chicken/sausage/veg burger) & Chip supper. Soft drinks bar. BYO alcoholic drinks. Contact Mike Woolf: mike.woolf@btinternet.com

Alliance of Basingstoke Churches

AGM 4pm next Sunday at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Western Way, South Ham. This will be followed by tea and then the annual Unity Service at 6.30 pm. In recent years the local churches have worked together at various community projects, the Basingstoke Food Bank being one. At the AGM we will discuss how we can further support these initiatives.

Eucharistic Ministers

Those who currently assist in this parish with the distribution of Holy Communion are invited to come to St Bede's on 15 and 22 February at 7.30pm when Fr Dominic will be providing training for those he has invited to begin this ministry.

Collections

Thank you for last Sunday's offertory collection which totalled £1,885.77.



African rhythms

Fr Thom is currently at home in Cameroon visiting his family. He returns this Thursday. On Tuesday 29 January he will be teaching songs of African rhythms. This will be at St Joseph's (his other parish!). If you would like to learn some new musical techniques please email him or call the St Joseph's Parish Office on 323595.

Parish Mass Timetable

Week beginning 13 January 2013

Sun: *The Baptism of the Lord*
9.00 am SB Rachael Barlow RIP
11.00 am SB Tom Bowers RIP (Bowers)
6.30 pm SB People of the Parish

The readings and responsorial Psalm for this Sunday begin on p. 118 of 'The Parish Mass Book.'

Mon: *Feria (1st week in Ordinary Time, Year 1)*
No Mass today

Tues: *Feria*
10.30 am SB Funeral Mass of Georgia Goodey RIP

Wed: *Feria*
9.30 am HG Dec. Mbrs Gomes Family

Thurs: *St. Anthony of Egypt, Abbot*
9.30 am SB Madge, John O'Brien RIP (Byrne)

Fri: *Feria*
9.30 am HG Charles Lewis RIP (Adams)

Sat: *St. Wulstan, Religious,*
9.30 am SB Margaret Golding RIP (Sims)

Next Sunday's intentions (20 January): 9am People of the Parish, 11am: Tom Shorten: 6.30 pm: John Reilly RIP



Confessions

Every Sunday at
St. Bede's Church
5.30—6.15 pm.



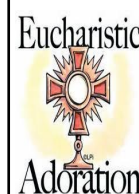
Morning Prayer

Join us at 9.15 am at Holy Ghost Church before weekday mass. Also downloadable for iPad, iPhone or ebooks from www.universalis.com



Rosary: recited after 9.30am weekday mass.

Sunday Homily: Fr Dominic's is usually available online at www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament moves this week to a new time of Friday for one hour after the 9.30 am Mass.

Please pray for the sick and housebound

including: Helga Sony, Evelyn Dyke, Denis Grehan, Dave Webb, Kathleen O'Connor, Charlotte King, Jean Dry, Carmel Hyland, Larry Hyman, James Lickey, Olivia Chard, Esther Clarkson, Cathy Short, Sean Walsh, Norleen Mejico-Cruz, Gary Smith, Bridget Foy, Bernabe Estrade, Christine Williams, Guiseppina Colella, Michelle Morley, Simon Goodier, Betty Dyer, Ameila, Dante & Anna Scattone, Jacqueline Hudson, Jemma West, Ian Williams, Juliet Mitchell, Anne & Stephen Neale, Rosemarie Jordy, Maureen Donnelly, Shirley McKenzie, Irene Manzano, Eileen Maloney, Joan Gomes, Alison Hawksworth, Ramona Otero-Aldao, Carmel Harding and Pat Olohan.

Confirmation for teens

We will not be offering preparation for Confirmation in our parish this year. This is to enable us to 'catch up' a year with the other local parishes all of whom offer this sacrament to teenagers in year 9.

Prayer for healing

Parishioners will be available in the meeting room (next to the church hall) after the 9 am Mass on Sunday 20th January for anyone who wishes to be prayed with for healing or for any other particular need.

Healing on the Streets

Next Sunday there will be a short presentation at the end of our Masses by Peter Lane appealing for more local Christians to help with the work of those already offering prayer once a month for local people.

Getting Married?

Couples wishing to marry in the Catholic Church here or elsewhere should notify the parish office at least six months before the proposed marriage. This is to give sufficient time for the pre-nuptial enquiries which include attendance on a local marriage preparation course.

Ministry to the Sick and housebound

Our Eucharistic ministers are available to take Holy Communion to any parishioner unable to get to Sunday Mass due to sickness or being housebound. To arrange this please contact the parish office on 465214.

Other local churches Sunday Mass times

Sacred Heart, Hook

- Sat 6pm,
Sun 10am.

St Joseph, Basingstoke

- Sat 6pm,
Sun 9am, 11am.

St Michael's, Tadley

- Sat 6pm,
Sun: 9.30am

SS Peter & Paul, Kingsclere

- Sun 11.15 am

Mass Intentions

To ask for Mass to be offered for an intention please contact the parish office. It is wise to do this long before the preferred date owing to so many requests.



YOUTH MASS on the 20th Jan 11am at St Joseph's Church: Readers, welcomers and helpers wanted. Followed by **Pizza, Ponder and Prayer** group in the evening from 5-6:30pm at St Joseph's. £1 donation is welcome.

"ARISE" GIRLS RETREAT

Yr8 & Yr9 girls at Kintbury retreat centre (£75) 17th-19th May. If you would like to have a fantastic time with your friends whilst having the opportunity to make new ones, the Girls retreat is an opportunity that can't be missed. To book your place you will need to send a £15 non-refundable deposit to the Youth Office at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, RG249DX and pay the rest before April. Please make cheques payable to PRCDTR NWHANTS PA. Thank you.

Angie Carroll

Being Catholic in a Secular Culture



How does our relationship with Jesus lead us to respond to the world around us?

Speaker: Bishop Philip Egan

Wednesday 20 February:

St Joseph's, Tilehurst, Reading, RG31 5JJ

Thursday 7 March:

Immaculate Conception, Christchurch, BH23 1EH

Tuesday 19 March:

Cathedral Discovery Centre, Portsmouth, PO1 3QA

All from 7.30-9 pm (tea/coffee from 7.15 pm)

For more info, call Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583 or email: estephen-son@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING
Saturday 19 January,



10am-1.30pm (with optional session in the afternoon till 3.30pm), St Bede's Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX – The day will provide an overview of the Lent 2013 resources, focusing on food, and an update on our current Hungry for Change campaign. Our main speaker will be Anne Lindsay, Private Sector Policy Analyst. There will be an optional afternoon session (2-3.30pm) to introduce our "Emmaus Meal" Lenten resource. Agenda available on request. Tea and coffee provided, please bring your own lunch. Booking essential - please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth Office (portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329385) by 15 January.



Charity Quiz & Live Music Night in aid of Hoima Hospital

Saturday 19 January in Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. Live music from local band: 'Future.' Bring your own drinks/nibbles. Doors open from 7.30 pm for 8 pm start of Quiz—up to six in a team. Adults: £4; Children £1. Tickets available from Mary Lee: stmichaelsarchangels@gmail.com or 0118 981 3221.



Lent in the Year of Luke, Sat 2nd February, 10.30am-3.30pm
(tea/coffee from 10.00am)

An opportunity to reflect on each of the gospels we will encounter on the Sundays of Lent, exploring how they might be used by individuals and small groups. Venue: St Swithun Wells School, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandlers Ford SO53 2JP. To book a place contact Eileen at the Department for Pastoral Formation on 01329 835583 or email her at: estephen-son@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk .

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS

For the last ten years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer at least 6 internships: Three interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster, two in public policy with CAFOD and one in a media internship in Archbishop's House Westminster. All internships will run from September 2013 - July 2014 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found on our website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-internships> Completed application forms must either be emailed to interns@cbcew.org.uk or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 9am on 25th February 2013 and Assessment days will be 25th and 26th March 2013. If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.