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LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA



10th January 2010

The Baptism of the Lord

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• Offertory collection 3rd January:

Envelopes £101.12
Loose cash £453.86
Standing Orders £640.50

Total: £1195.48

Thank you for your
kind donations

• Our **Crib Offerings** for
Christian Schools in the
Holy Land raised £28.50

• Special collection TODAY
10th January is our annual
White Flower collection
for the **SPUC**.

Take a CARD & STICKER

! New Rota for ALTAR SERVERS - please see

box in Advent Room; all
Altar Servers PLEASE take
the envelope with your
name on it. Parents of
Altar Servers - please
check that your child(ren)
take their envelope, or
take it yourself on their
behalf. Thank you

! Altar Server Training

session here in church,
on Sat. 16th January
from 9.30am. It will last
approx. 1 hour. Suitable
for all those interested in
joining our group of
Altar Servers

My Day by Day – January 2010 edition

still available in
Advent Room;

£1 each.

Please leave
money in basket



Due to the Christmas
break, **CONFESSIONS**
will next be heard in the
confessional on the **FIRST**
FRIDAY OF FEBRUARY
(5th Feb.) from 6.30pm.
or by appointment

Baptism of the Lord

The big question is, what is the significance? Baptism is
to cleanse us from our sins.

Why should Jesus be subjected to baptism? God created
the world and found out that it was not going according
to His plan because of the disobedience of man.

God's plan was to recreate the world and give it a new
lease of life: "I am about to create...a new earth....
there shall be rejoicing and happiness in what I create."
To do this God sent His son in His love and mercy.

Jesus submitted to baptism to identify and unite with us in order to
progress God's plan for re-creation. We are now left with the
responsibility to continue re-creating the world that God has given to us.
The sacraments, including baptism, are some ways through which we can
acquire God's grace to help us do His will. Jesus has given us an example;
we need to follow this example and rejoice in God's love.



Fr. Anthony

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



We are sorry to report that Mrs. Mary James died on 26th December at Duchess
of Kent house. Mary's funeral will be held here this week, on Wed. 13th January
at 11am. Please remember Mary and her family in your prayers



Our next

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING is TODAY, Sunday 10th January,
at 2pm in church

Our next quarterly parish

BAPTISM preparation sessions will be held on
Tuesday 12th January and Tuesday 19th January 2010,
each at **8pm** here in the D. B. Room.

If you wish to celebrate a baptism, please complete a baptism form
(available in Advent Room) and return it to the Parish Office ASAP,
then turn up here for BOTH sessions



PARISH PANTOMIME:

On Saturday 23rd January at 2.30pm & 7.00pm your
Parish Pantomime group invite you to come along and enter
their '**Midwinter Night's Dream**'.

Tickets: £2 single, £5 family - **available after Masses**
next Sunday (17th January) - or booked with Ann,
woolleya78@btinternet.com

After over ten years of productions the present 'team' have decided to step down so
this will be their last 'offering' and they would therefore like to invite any past
members of the group and/or their families to join them for a celebratory drink in the
hall after 'the last performance'!




MASS TIMES and PARISH DIARY 10th - 17th JANUARY 2010

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 10 th Jan.	9 am 11 am 5 pm	Baptism of the Lord	Myles Jennings RIP Jack Lidchburn Teresa Igoe RIP (recently dec'sd.)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESTARTS 2pm: 1st Holy Communion session (Church)
Mon. 11 th	<u>NO MASS</u>			
Tuesday 12 th Jan.	<u>NO MASS</u>		Service of Word & Communion	8pm: <u>Baptism Preparation Session 1</u> (D.B. Room)
Wednes. 13 th Jan.	<u>11 am</u>	St. Hilary		<u>Funeral Mass</u> of Mary James RIP
Thursday 14 th Jan.	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am		Frank Pearson RIP (rec. dec'sd.)	<u>Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Delaney</u> 8pm: PPC meeting (D.B. Room)
Friday 15 th Jan.	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am		John Cassells RIP; Mrs. Mary McAteer RIP	
Sat. 16 th	<u>NO MASS</u>		9.30am: Altar Server Training (in church)	
Sunday 17 th Jan.	9 am 11 am 5 pm	2nd Sunday Ordinary Time	Martin Brannelly RIP John & Katie Hogan Bridie Curley RIP	After Masses - BUY YOUR PANTO TICKETS!

*** **CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am and 11am Masses each week** - WELCOME BACK! ***

CUBS Mondays 6.45pm / BEAVERS Thursdays 5.30pm / SCOUTS Fridays 8pm each week in HALL

Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
 Emma Cattaneo (1984), and Teresa Smith (2006), James Ahern (1998), Roger Joseph (2007), Vincent McLoughlin (1987), Martin Brannelly (2007), Terence De Sa (1999), Eileen Herbert (2008), Kathleen McGuire (2008), John Hickson (1983), Lesley Hughes (2004), and Josephine Gainey (1997).

St. Joseph's Convent School: OPEN MORNING on Tuesday 26th January. See poster in Advent Room

Our next **Pastoral Area Prayer Evening** will be held either on evening of Tuesday 19th or 26th January - details will be confirmed next week.....

Details of all the latest courses and programmes at **Douai Abbey** are now available - see posters & leaflets on display in Dominic Barberi Room

Also **latest Douai Abbey newsletter** has just arrived - see it on display in Advent Room

Job Vacancy - Christian Aid:

The Earley and East Reading Christian Aid group is seeking a Co-ordinator to take office in plenty of time for Christian Aid Week 2010. See details on notice board in Advent Room

Job vacancy - BMS World Mission:

this Christian mission organisation needs a volunteer programmes organiser. See details on notice board in Advent Room

Some copies of Portsmouth People for December/January still available - take a copy

SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

- ♦ **St. John Bosco, Woodley:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10am.
- ♦ **Christ the King, Whitley:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10am.
- ♦ **St. Thomas More, Twyford:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10.30am.
- ♦ **Our Lady of Peace, Wargrave:** Sun. 9am.

Emergency contact numbers for Ministry of a priest:

Fr. Anthony Ikhonoba 0118 966 3711,
Fr. Chris Whelan 0118 969 3423,
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PLEASE CALL YOUR OWN PARISH PRIEST FIRST

The Parish Office is open this week from Tuesday to Friday, 9am - 2pm
(weather permitting!)