

This week at St Lawrence's



8th/9th January 2011

Baptism of the Lord (Year A)

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Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

Dear Friends,

Today, the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, marks the close of Christmastide. It has, once again, been a beautiful Christmas here at St Lawrence's. It's when our parish family truly shines. So a new year dawns, and today's Feast is a wonderful way to begin it. St Matthew's account of the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan is an inspiration, and an invitation to each of us to hear the Father's words, spoken to Jesus, spoken also to us on the day of our Baptism and every day of our Christian lives: "This is my son/daughter, the beloved; my favour rests on you." There is no better way to start this new year of your Christian life than to hear these life-affirming, life-enhancing, life-changing words again. Whatever this year brings, blessings and burdens alike, God's favour rests on you.

A very happy - and blessed - new year to you all!

Fr Chris

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 11 am & 5 pm

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our First Communion parents are reminded that they have a meeting this Tuesday 11th January at 2.30 pm or 8 pm and that the children meet this Wednesday or Thursday 3.30 pm to 5 pm.

CONFIRMATION 2011

The bishop will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Lawrence's on Saturday 25th June 2011 at 10.30 am. Students who are in Year 9 or above, and would like to be Confirmed next year, are invited to come with their parents to a Confirmation registration meeting in the parish centre either next Sunday 16th January at 7 pm or Thursday 20th January at 7 pm.

PARISH GROUPS

UCM

The UCM start the new term on 10th January at 7.30 pm. Members are asked to bring along their stories of Christmas and New Year for us all to enjoy. Any lady who would like to join, do come along and meet us!

OVER 50's CLUB

The Over 50's Club reopens this Wednesday 12th January at 1 pm in the parish centre.

PPC

The PPC meets again on Thursday 13th January at 7.30 pm. If anyone has anything to be discussed or any ideas they would like considered, please write a note addressed to Graham Baker, Chair of the PPC, and post it into the presbytery by Thursday lunchtime.

READERS – CHANGE OF DATE OF MEETING

The Readers' meeting with Fr Chris will now be on Saturday 5th February at 10.30 am in the parish centre and not as advertised in last week's newsletter.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

The new Flower Arranging rota has been prepared and can be collected from the notice board at the back of the church.

NEW GROUP

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Parishioners who have already expressed an interest in being part of a parish support group for those who are bereaved are invited to a meeting this Monday 10th January at 7.30 pm in the presbytery.

SPECIAL EVENT

CHURCHES TOGETHER UNITY SERVICE

The annual Churches Together Unity Service takes place on Monday 17th January at 7.30 pm in our parish centre. Everyone is most welcome at this short service to celebrate what links us all as Christians. The Service will be followed by the AGM.

PILGRIMAGE NEWS

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS, 16-30

Pope Benedict invites you to World Youth Day in Madrid, 15th-22nd August 2011. Join Fr Chris, young adults from the local area and from across London, and hundreds of thousands of others from across the world for this amazing week of celebration, prayer, teaching, socialising and a chance to see and hear the Holy Father. Cost £650. To find out more, please come along to an informal meeting next Sunday 16th January at 12.15 pm in the parish centre.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Archbishop Vincent invites you to join him on the first Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 3rd-11th November 2011. During the pilgrimage you will stay in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Galilee and show your support for the local Christian communities. Cost £1480 per person for 2 sharing a room. Places are limited so ask for a booking form as soon as possible. Booking forms can be obtained directly from Gerald Daly at gerald Daly@rcdow.org.uk tel: 02077989173. For more details, please see the poster on the notice board.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL NEWS

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

The closing date for admissions to Reception at St Lawrence's School (for children born between 1st September 2006 and 31st August 2007) is 15th January 2011. More information from the School (020 8890 3878).

REST IN PEACE

In your kindness please pray for the repose of the souls of **Peter Alefounder RIP** and **Derrick Juriansz RIP** who died this week.

Peter's Funeral Rites will be celebrated at Hanworth Crematorium on Monday 17th January at 2.40 pm.

Details of Derrick's funeral will be announced as soon as they are known.

May they rest in peace and may their families and friends be comforted.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 8th Christmas Feria	12.00 17.00 17.15 18.00	No Exposition or Benediction today Christopher Hudson INT (Celebration of Infant Baptism) Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary People of the Parish
+ Sunday 9th Baptism of the Lord	09.00 11.00 18.00	Alfred Sebastian RIP Agnes & William Pireku RIP Edward O'Connor RIP
Monday 10th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Isabel Figueiredo RIP
Tuesday 11th Feria	09.15 09.30 10.00	Morning Prayer Anne Smith INT Novena to Our Lady
Wednesday 12th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Bruno De Mello RIP
Thursday 13th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Eileen Carroll RIP (A)
Friday 14th Feria	09.15 09.30	Morning Prayer Harry Anthony INT
Saturday 15th Feria	11.00 11.00 11.45 12.00 17.00 17.15 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction Benjamin Masulit RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation Rosary For the peaceful repose of Deceased Members of the Pireku, Quainoo & Dawson-Amoah Families RIP
+ Sunday 16th Second Sunday of Year	09.00 11.00 18.00	Margaret Khan RIP & Jose Punzalan RIP Denis Whooley RIP People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Helen Abiegbe Kosin INT

Thank you for your generosity in the Offertory Collections last week:

Envelopes £1478.93, Loose £736.90, Total: £2215.83