



St. Erconwald's Parish Newsletter

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR C

10TH JANUARY 2016

LITURGY THIS WEEK

THEME: My Beloved Son



Still in the Christmas spirit we celebrate today the Lord's Baptism. On Christmas he manifested himself as a child, yet he was not other than God's Son. At the Epiphany he manifested himself to the Gentiles as the Saviour of all people. Today he manifests himself as the Son intensely loved by the Father, with the Spirit resting on him and guiding him. Now he can begin his mission. This week we ask our Lord to make us aware how we too, through baptism, are beloved sons and daughters of the Father, and how the fire of the Spirit should inflame us.

PARISH MASS BOOK

The Mass can be found on page 118

The "Order of the Mass" from page 7

Preface of Baptism, page 68

Hail, Holy Queen, page 348



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 28

[Please pray together]

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!

FUNERAL

With sadness we announce the death of Peter Bradshaw. His funeral will take place on Monday 11th January 2016 at 10.00am. We offer our sympathy to his family and friends.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI



In this Holy Year of Mercy we are organising a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi from the 11th to 17th July 2016. Booking forms and information about the pilgrimage are now available from Fr. Anthony or the Parish Office. Please make cheques payable to St. Erconwald's Church.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES **CONFIRMATION 2016**

The next meeting for the candidates will be on **TUESDAY 19th JANUARY at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall. Bishop John Sherrington, will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Church on Saturday 11th June 2016 at the 5.30pm Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2016

The children's sessions will start on **Sunday 24th January** at 10.00am.
The next Parents' Meeting will be on **Tuesday 26th January** in the Upper Room. Please be prompt.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS [RCIA]

We next meet on **Wednesday 20th January** at 7.30pm in the Upper Room.
All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL 2015

The Catholic Children's Society Crib Appeal helps support children and families in need throughout the diocese. £255.00 was collected. Thank you for your support.

COMPUTER LESSONS

We intend to start the next session of Computers for Beginners on Wednesday 20th January. If you are interested please **PRINT YOUR NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER CLEARLY** on the form at the back of the Church. We do ask for a voluntary donation of £5 per session, £25 for the full 5 weeks towards the teacher fees. Please see Elizabeth for full details.



ST. LAURENCE'S LARDER

For shopping list for winter, please see notice board. Please leave your donations in the boxes provided at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued generosity.



YEAR OF MERCY

The side Chapel is the Parish Focus for the “Year of Mercy” - with the Reconciliation Room at one end and the Image of the Immaculate Conception, the Mother of Mercy, at the other. The booklets “Pilgrimage Companion for the Year of Mercy”; “Year of Mercy” and Prayer Cards are available at the back of the Church.

DEANERY EVENTS FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

FEBRUARY: Wednesday 24th at 7pm. Church of Five precious Wounds, Mass of Mercy and Healing [ie Healing Mass for families to be reconciled with the past and present wounds.

MARCH: Thursday 10th at 7.30pm. English Martyrs, Wembley. A Deanery Service of Penance, with Bishop John Sherrington.

APRIL: Saturday 16th April at 12noon. St. Joseph’s Wembley. Mass for Deanery Altar Servers.

REPOSITORY

We have a limited number of books relating to the Year of Mercy, one of which has been written by Bishop John Arnold: “The Quality of Mercy.”

PALM CROSSES

In preparation for the Lenten Season please return your Palm Crosses to the church by the beginning of February for use on Ash Wednesday [10th February].



ST. JOSEPH’S JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOLS

Nursery, reception and Yr.3 applications close January 15th. Forms can be obtained from the school offices. For reception and Yr.3 both the council application and the school application must be completed.

ALL THAT I AM

A group for those with specialised learning needs comes together on a monthly basis. We meet next on **SATURDAY 23rd January 2016** in the Parish Hall at 11.00am. If you would like more information, please contact Christine Davies on 07940582421 or email: christinedavis550@btinternet.com Do come and join us and help us be all that we can be.

In case you are admitted to hospital.....

In the light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you. [Fr. Peter]

CLEANING TEAMS: Next Week: Team 4

TIMES OF LITURGY

SATURDAY 9th January:	4.30pm-5.00pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Mary Stevenson [RIP]
SUNDAY 10th January: [Baptism of the Lord, Year C]	9.00am Mass: People of the Parish 11.30am Mass: Mary Ford [RIP]
MONDAY 11th January:	10.00am Funeral Mass: Peter Bradshaw [RIP]
TUESDAY 12th January:	9.30am Mass: Glynn Family Intentions
WEDNESDAY 13th January:	9.30am Mass: Margaret Carroll [RIP]
THURSDAY 14th January:	NO SERVICE
FRIDAY 15th January:	9.30am Mass: Doreen Griffin [RIP] NO EVENING MASS
SATURDAY 16th January:	4.30pm-5.00pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Dermot French [RIP]
SUNDAY 17th January: [2nd Sunday, Year C]	9.00am Mass: Francisco Visone [RIP] 11.30am Mass: Perpetual Dias [RIP]

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

Monday to Friday between 3.00pm-4.00pm in the Church.

ROSARY

Weekdays after 9.30 am Mass.

All are welcome.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

LITURGY FOR NEXT SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY, YEAR C

Isaiah 62. 1-5; Psalm 95;

1 Corinthians 12. 4-11;

John 2. 1-11



Peace Sunday: 17th January: Sharing the Peace of Christ with our world.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy; hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.