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12th January 2020

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Year A Week of the Psalter 3

PRAYER, HEART OF ECUMENISM

The search for unity must involve all levels of the life of the Church and involve the whole people of God, so that a unanimous profession of faith may ultimately be achieved. Prayer is a privileged means of participation in the search for the unity of all Christians. Jesus Christ himself left us his supreme desire for unity in this prayer addressed to his Father: "Let all be one: as you, Father, you are in me and I in you, may they be one in us so that the world may believe that you sent me." (Jn 17,21) The Second Vatican Council, too, strongly recommended to us the prayer for the unity of Christians, which is "the heart of all ecumenical movements". Prayer is for the ecumenical movement what the soul is for the body. It is it who gives it its life, its cohesion, its spirit, its purpose. Prayer puts us above all before the Lord. It purifies our intentions, our feelings, our heart, and it produces this conversion of the heart without which there is no true ecumenism. And then prayer reminds us that unity is ultimately a gift from God, that we must ask for and prepare for it to be given to us. Like any gift, like any grace, unity depends on the mercy of God. Because the reconciliation of all Christians "exceeds human strength and capacity", continual and fervent prayer expresses our hope that does not disappoint and our confidence in the Lord who will make all things new. We renew our prayer to the Lord that he will give all Christians the light and the strength to do everything possible to achieve full unity in the truth as soon as possible, so that, "confessing the truth in love we grow in all respects to him who is the head, Christ." (Eph 4,15).

From Holy John-Paul II (1920-2005) General Audience

Focus of the Week

Unusual kindness
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

Praise and Worship
Sharing groups

17 January 2020, 7.30pm

Celebrate
(with refreshments)

Christ the King - Cockfosters
N14 4HE

churches together

JULIAN OF NORWICH

'A musical meditation' returns to our parish on Saturday 18th January at 7pm. Free entry!
Chickenshed co-founders Mary Ward and Jo Collins are joined by Frances and Jess Wall and Sr Jo Chambers and to present their interpretation of this 14th century mystic's 16 Divine Revelations.

The Church Times:
"Wonderful creative work abounded on stage" and "All shall be well and all manner of things shall be well" a message of assurance that is much needed in our uncertain age.



PARISH GROUPS

Net For God Prayer Group

To meet one evening per week to praise and listen to the Word of God. **Every Tuesday evening in the church at 8pm**, people from all walks of life come together to pray, practice charisms and listen to the Word of God. **Starting on Tuesday 14th January.**



Monday Prayer Group

We meet next at 8 pm on Monday 13 January. Our speaker is Ros Powell, one of the best known Catholic evangelists in this country and an old friend who never fails to inspire us! Worship will be led by Billy McLaughlin, we will pray over the Parish prayer requests and we will finish with inner healing prayer ministry for all who want it. Everyone most welcome to a great evening!

Parent & Toddlers

Next parent and toddler group **15th January 2020.**

BT Club Thursday afternoons 1.30 - 3.30pm

16th January Eyes down Bingo!!
23rd January Chinese New Year
30th January Monique's Quiz

WEEKDAY RESERVE READERS

Is anyone interested in reading at the 11am weekday Mass (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday) on an occasional basis? We are in need of people to step in to read when the usual readers can't make it for any reason. If you are interested, please leave your name and the day(s) that you could cover with the parish office.

MUSIC MATTERS

A huge round of applause to everyone who contributed to the music at all the Masses over the Christmas period - either by singing or playing. You really made every service truly special. Thank you so much.



NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK

2019 was another fantastic year for donations of non-perishable food and cash by parishioners. Thus enabling the foodbank to continue providing meals for poor and needy families. In addition to the food, £2,830.00 was donated in cash which was used to purchase urgently needed items at particular times.



From the manager of the foodbank a sincere thank you to those who continue to donate so generously.

YOUTH MATTERS

First Holy Communion preparation next session for the sacrament of First Reconciliation on Sunday 26th January at 9.45am for parents and children. Mass at 11am.



BAPTISM

Ava Marie
 Sunday 19th January at 11am Mass



MAINTENANCE AND GARDENING MATTERS

In 2019 we had 4 very successful Parish Maintenance Days/Sessions. We would like to thank all those who helped whether it be with painting/gardening/handy work or filling skips.

We are particularly grateful to those that have adopted an area of the Church gardens and continue to maintain them.

Our next project is the refurbishment of the large hall. This will take place over 5 days from 23rd January. If you think you could help us - even if only for a couple of hours - please put this date in your diary. More information available soon.



CAFOD VOLUNTEERS

Use your free time to inspire young people to build a fairer world - CAFOD is looking for volunteers who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. We need people who have a commitment to CAFOD's aims and values and an interest in sharing our work in primary and secondary schools through delivering assemblies or workshops. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid. Volunteering assignments will be in local Catholic schools and you can either work on your own or as part of a team. None of our work is possible without you, so join us and put your faith into action.

If you are interested please email **Chris Driscoll** at wschools@cafod.org.uk or call **07776 493162**

Sunday 12 January 2020	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD year A Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7. Ps. 28:1-4. 9-10. Acts 10:34-38. Mt. 3:13-17.	Thursday 16 January	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: 1 Sam. 4:1-11. Ps. 43:10-11. 14-15. 24-25. Mk. 1:40-45.
Monday 13 January	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: 1 Sam. 1:1-8. Ps. 115:12-19. Mk. 1:14-20.	Friday 17 January	St Anthony, Abbot Mass: 11.00am Readings: 1 Sam. 8:4-7. 10-22. Ps. 88:16-19. Mk. 2:1-12.
Tuesday 14 January	Feria NO MASS Readings: 1 Sam. 1:9-20. Ps. 1Sam. 2:1. 4-8. Mk. 1:21-28.	Saturday 18 January	Our Lady on Saturday Masses: 11.00am & 5.30pm Readings: 1 Sam. 9:1-4. 17-19. 10:1. Ps. 20:2-7. Mk. 2:13-17.
Wednesday 15 January	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: 1 Sam. 3:10. 19-20. Ps. 39:2. 5. 7-10. Mk. 1:29-39.	Sunday 19 January	SECOND SUNDAY in ordinary time year A Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 49:3. 5-6. Ps. 39:2. 4. 7-10. 1 Cor. 1:1-3. Jn. 1:29-34.