

Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden



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13TH JANUARY 2019 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

Beginnings are very important. The beginning of a friendship, a marriage, or an important project can have great impact and lasting implications. Beginnings are often filled with excitement and anticipation about the future.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we encounter Jesus at the Jordan River. This is a moment of new beginning for him and for everyone around him. Jesus steps onto the public stage as he submits to the baptism of John. By plunging into the Jordan, Jesus the sinless one identifies with sinful humanity. This inaugural public act of Jesus' adult life is another expression of the mystery of the incarnation. In Jesus, God has become one with us, has entered into solidarity with us in assuming our human nature. It is because of this profound solidarity with us that Jesus can fulfil his role as Saviour. At this moment, he is proclaimed as God's beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased.

Most of us were baptized at the beginning of our lives, when we received the Holy Spirit, who fills us with the very life of God. That was a moment replete with anticipation and possibility for each of us. It is the Spirit of God who enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, God's beloved Son and servant of others. It is this Spirit who gives us a share in the mission of Jesus.

Through the Spirit of God alive within us, each one of us is in some small way a bearer of the power of God. May we use this power in imitation of Christ through generous, loving service of others.

ST DOMINIC SCHOOL

The closing date for applications for places in the Reception Class 2019-20 is this coming Tuesday 15th January 2019.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Please see the poster on the noticeboard and collect a leaflet and booking form if you would like to go. For more information www.tangney-tours.com/westminster

SOLITUDE SATURDAY

The next Solitude Saturday at St Clare's Convent Abigail Close Luton will be on 26th January from 10am -3pm. Everyone is welcome.

NOAH ENTERPRISE HAVE A VACANCY FOR A FINANCE MANAGER.

We are seeking someone who can provide comprehensive, hands-on accounting support and who wants to use their skills and experience in a Christian charity supporting those who are among the most in need in our community.

For more information or an application form, please contact Stella Sinfield on [01582 417785](tel:01582417785) or email stella.sinfield@noahenterprise.org

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK	
Saturday 12th January Christmas feria 10.00am Anne Harrison RIP (Months Mind) 6.00pm Lisa King & Maurice Purtill RIP (Anniv)	
Sunday 13th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C) 8.30am People of the Parish 9.45am 11.30am Veronica Lee RIP	
Monday 14th January feria 9.15am	
Tuesday 15th January feria 9.15am Gerald Woodruff RIP (Anniv)	
Wednesday 16th January feria 9.15am Max & Peggy Belderbos RIP (Anniv)	
Thursday 17th January St Anthony, Abbot 11.00am Peter McKenna RIP	
Friday 18th January feria 9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion	
Saturday 19th January feria 10.00am 6.00pm Joan Pinnington (Spec Int)	
Sunday 20th January 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 8.30am 9.45am People of the Parish 11.30am James Laffoly RIP (1 st Anniv)	