



Christ the Prince of Peace Newsletter

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 10.30am

and 6:00pm

Monday-Wednesday: 10:00am

Thursday: 7.30pm

Friday: 12 noon

Saturday: 10:00am

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00am,

10:00am and 8:00pm

Youth Mass: 6:00pm 2nd Sunday of the

Month

Reconciliation

Saturday: 10:30am-11:00am

and 5:30pm - 5.50pm

Sunday 8th January 2018

Cycle B (Sundays) & Year II (Weekdays)

THE EPIPHANY

Psalter Week I

It's a well-known saying that if you continue to do the same thing you will get the same results. Yet despite this obvious truth we sometimes continue to approach life in exactly the same old ways and repeat the same disastrous outcomes. We might tend to get through life relying on the knowledge we already have, instead of searching for something new.

Today the Church commemorates the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. We call it the 'Epiphany' a word derived from the Greek meaning 'to appear' or 'to be shown forth'. The Epiphany is about searching for meaning, purpose and revelation. The Magi were men of great learning, intellect and wealth, yet they weren't prepared to sit back and imagine they knew it all. Guided by a star and motivated by a hunger for truth, they stepped out of their comfort zone and set out across the desert not knowing what they would find or how long it would take. It was a journey of faith and great courage.

In the same way as the star got the wise men questioning, so too we find guiding stars in our lives that make us question. What circumstances get us looking for deeper meaning? The desire to leave a mind-numbingly meaningless job, the need to make sense of a family illness, or the curiosity to research the background to a motivational book are all circumstances in which we might find our 'guiding stars'. Today's gospel reading is an invitation for all God's people to step out of their comfort zones and search for a new way of life based on a deeper understanding of truth.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention of January 2018

On the third day of his recent visit to Myanmar, Pope Francis entered the Kaba Aye Centre, one of the most important Buddhist temples in Yangon, with his shoes off in accordance with local customs.

There, he delivered a message: "For when we speak with one voice in affirming the timeless value of justice, peace and the fundamental dignity of each human person, we offer a word of hope." The Pope also quoted Buddha himself, advising, "Overcome the angry by non-anger; overcome the wicked by goodness." This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention "...**That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.**"

Exposition

Monday: 10:00am -10:00pm

Tuesday: 10:00am-10:00pm

Wednesday: 7:00am-7:00pm

Friday: 11.00am-12 noon

Saturday: 10:00am-12 noon

Rosary

Monday-Friday: 9:10am (term time only)

Meditation Group

Tuesday 9.00am-10.00am

Medjugorje Prayer Group

Thursday: 8:00pm-9:00pm

Scripture Study

Wednesday 2.00pm-3.00pm

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Standing Order & Gift Aid Forms for your offering to the parish are available on the website. Please complete and give in to the parish office.

CONFIRMATION 2018

Happy New Year to all our Confirmation Candidates. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 10th January at 7.30 - 8.45 pm in the hall for our first session of the term. The theme is Sacraments, with a special emphasis on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It's an interactive session, so you will be asked to participate - unless you are shy, in which case you can enjoy watching others being saints and sinners!

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME

2018

The classes begin on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 5:30 pm until 6:45 pm in the parish hall. This first session is for parents and children. The Enrolment Mass is Sunday 14th January at 10:30 am .

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 7th January, 3pm: Annual Commemoration Service for Children baptised in 2017

Saturday 20th January, 7 pm : Ceilidh

Tuesday 23rd January: Talk by David Payne: *Life to the Full: How the Holy Spirit Can Help Us*

2nd February, 7.30 pm: Quiz Night in aid of SVP and prison chaplaincy work

RECOMMENDED READING !

"Rediscover Jesus. An invitation" by Matthew Kelly

An invitation to rediscover the beautiful possibilities God places before us daily. A profound invitation to seek deeply personal answers to our personal questions. Special subsidised price of £3 from the repository.

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & NOTICES

OTHER EVENTS & NOTICES

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Tuesday 9th January, 2pm: The CWL meet in the parish hall. Subscriptions due and remain at £22. At 3 pm, Tom Kent, our seminarian on placement here in Weybridge, will speak about his journey to the Priesthood. His talk is entitled 'My Story'. All welcome to join us for the talk.

Saturday 20th January: Ceilidh: Dancing, nice food and licenced bar. Fundraising for our Youth Group. Tickets available from the parish office in the New Year. Adults £20, 12-18 years £5, under 12's free.

TALK

Tuesday 23rd January: Talk by David Payne in the Church.. *Life to the Full: How the Holy Spirit can help us in every day life.* An evening of faith, laughter and refreshments with David Payne, Catholic film director, author and conference speaker.

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 2nd February, 7.30 pm: Parish quiz night and supper in aid of SVP and chaplaincy work in prison. To book a table (max 8 people) please contact Mary in the parish office. Tickets are £15 and there is a cash bar and raffle.

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE:

23rd - 29th May: Walking from Logroño Cathedral to Burgos. For more details contact Carmen at carmennarbona57@gmail.com

Our Lady of Peace Parish, Zarqa, Jordan

Arrival of Christmas Cards

A little bit of Christmas love arrived in Zarqa in the form of 195 Christmas cards. Fr Haní was able to distribute the cards to the families in time for Christmas. The messages of support were gratefully received, as well as the kind donations. The gift of choice is something we all take for granted but is not available to those in Zarqa. Your donations enable our friends to choose something they really want - that choice means so much to them.

May God bless the parishioners of Christ the Prince of Peace

NOVEMBER FIGURES

Average Weekly Offertory	£3,345
CAFOD	£ 84
Cardinal Hume Centre	£ 50
Parishes for Peace	£3,544
<i>Special Collections:</i>	
Arundel Cathedral	£ 478
Retired Priests	£ 648

ART LECTURE

Friday 12th January 2018 at 7.30 pm: Illustrated Art Lecture on William Hogarth by Ann Clements in the parish hall. Wine and canapes before the lecture starts at 8 pm. Tickets £15 each in aid of Sam Beare Hospice Care at Home from Pat on 01932 857844 or Ann on 01932 840860

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES Bishop Richard invites families to join him on a pilgrimage to Dublin for the World Meeting of Families, 22nd - 26th August 2018. This event includes: a three day congress exploring themes from *Amoris Laetitia*. Wonderful international speakers will lead sessions for adults and there are age appropriate activities for children and young people. This is followed by a concert style 'Festival of Families' on the Saturday and the event concludes with Sunday Mass concelebrated by Pope Francis. For further details contact: www.dabnet.org

What is your New Year resolution? Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for CAFOD? CAFOD, The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are currently looking for volunteers to help them in their work. They are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, the parish, raising issues with our MPs and more.

If you would like more information or feel that you could help CAFOD make a difference then please contact Martin on 01483 898866 or email arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

NEW DIVINE MERCY PAINTING IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

This image follows the version produced by Adolf Hyla (1897-1965), a Polish painter and art teacher. He gave it as a votive offering in gratitude for his and his family's survival in WW2. Currently in the Divine Mercy Sanctuary in Krakow.

There are three main versions of the Divine Mercy image with ecclesiastical approval for this devotion.

1. The first version painted by Eugeniusz Kazimirowski (1873-1939) under the supervision of St Faustina and her confessor the Ven. Fr. Michael Sopocka in 1934. Now in the Divine Mercy Sanctuary, Vilnius.
2. The Adolf Hyla version - especially popular in Europe and Latin America
3. A version produced in 1982 by the American artist Robert Skemp – especially popular in the Philippines. It is worth bearing in mind Our Lord's words to St. Faustina in response to her sadness that the Kazimirovski's painting failed to capture His beauty and glory: "*Not in the beauty of the colour, nor of the brush is the greatness of this image, but in My Grace*"

All the renditions are thus imperfect.



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Mass Times, Intentions and Diary for the Weeks Ahead

		MASS INTENTIONS		
SATURDAY 6th January 2018	10 am 6 pm	Eileen Liddell RIP Peter Schofield RIP		
SUNDAY 7th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD <i>Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6; Matthew 2:1-12</i>	9 am 10.30 am 6 pm	Intentions of Ralph Wong Renata Tacchini RIP & Mario Meloni RIP People of the Parish	3 pm	Celebration Service for all babies baptised in 2017
MONDAY 8th January <i>The Baptism of the Lord (The end of the Christmas season)</i>	10 am	Eve Read RIP		
TUESDAY 9th January	10 am	Robert Ondatto RIP	2 pm	Catholic Women's League (Hall)
WEDNESDAY 10th January	10 am	Simon Nowakowski RIP	7.30 pm	Confirmation (Hall)
THURSDAY 11th January	7.30 pm	Hester Wright RIP	9.15 - 11.15 am 5.30 - 6.45 pm	Mothers & Toddlers (Hall) First Holy Communion children (Hall)
FRIDAY 12th January	11 am	Funeral Mass of Tom Fagan RIP	7.30 pm	Art Lecture (Hall) in aid of Sam Beare
SATURDAY 13th January	10 am 6 pm	Frank Johnston RIP Michael Chandler RIP		
SUNDAY 14th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>1 Samuel 3:3-10.19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20; John 1:35-42</i>	9 am 10.30 am 6 pm	People of the Parish Intentions of Alex Raven Mercy Arcay RIP		Enrolment of First Holy Communion children at the 10.30 am Mass

Reflection for the Baptism of the Lord

What does Jesus' baptism say to us? Jesus' thirty years of preparation before his public baptism remind us that it takes time to get ready for God's mission. How many countless hours did Jesus spend in prayer? What study, what thought, what vision must he have undergone before appearing in front of John asking for baptism?

What do we learn from Jesus' baptism? January is a time for new beginnings and fresh resolution. John the Baptist was an expert on this. John's ministry was all about repentance and reform ... that's what his baptism was all about. But anyone who has ever seriously tried to change themselves will know how difficult change really is. We all fondly imagine that change is just beyond our reach, and all we have to do is reach that little bit further. Perhaps we would be more giving if we had more money. Perhaps we would be more helpful to others if we could manage our time better. Perhaps we would manage to be tidier if we had a home extension. Perhaps we could be happier if we found a perfect partner. Perhaps we could feel better fulfilled if we changed our job, passed a few more exams, moved to the country, lost weight, got a promotion, had a baby... the list goes on and on. Yet every January we find ourselves in much the same situation as the previous year. Those who were baptised by John were baptised as a sign of their intent to change from their old ways, but knowing how difficult change can be, we can't help wondering how successful they must have been. Perhaps John appreciated this too when he said "I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

When we look for change in our lives, perhaps we are looking in all the wrong places. Perhaps all we need to do is to ask the Holy Spirit for help. We are told that the same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus at the outset of his ministry, is the same Holy Spirit that is given to us in our baptism. Validating our baptism anew every day, knowing that we are filled with the Holy Spirit perhaps change isn't just beyond our reach after all. The past doesn't have to equal the future.