

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

13th January 2019

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The Baptism of the Christ is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time in the West, however, the celebration of the baptism of the Lord came to be commemorated as a distinct feast from Epiphany. It is celebrated in the Catholic Church as well as the Anglican and Lutheran Churches on the first Sunday following The Epiphany of Our Lord.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £609.71. Loose Plate: £374.27. Gift Aid Standing Orders: £549.16. Total: £1,533.14. Thank you for your generosity.

SICK PARISHIONERS: We remember all those in nursing homes within the Parish: Elvira Kitteridge (New Deanery), Mary Davis, Kathy McBrierty, Bruna Read (Great Bradfords House), Colleen De Souza (Convent), Catherine Hughes (Millard House), and all at St Francis Residential Home.

ANNIVERSARIES: Iris Hale, Jayne King, Henryka Duzniak, Jan Drys, George Marshall, Doris Jakens, Nora Brown, Roma Royal, Ann Crow, Deborah Webber, Patrick Groarke, Anthony Rand, John Symonds, Hieronym Lenort, Thomas Purcell, Rina Nicholls, Marina Woulfe, Dorothy Blair and Lorraine Smith. May they all rest in peace.

REFRESHMENTS: Refreshments are available after the **9.00am** and **11.00am** Masses.

MASS/CONFESSIONS: There won't be a Mass, Communion Service or Confessions on **Saturday 19th January, at 9.30am**, because Fr David is giving a Spirituality Talk at Brentwood - see next page for details.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, **19th/20th January**, there will be a Second Collection for **Pax Christi** (Peace Sunday). Gift-aiders please use your envelope.

CRIB OFFERINGS: Donations can still be placed into the small box next to the crib. All offerings will be sent to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society to support the children and families who need their help. We would ask you take a moment to pray for those children and families for whom Christmas may have been a difficult time.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: This **Sunday, 13th January**, we welcome our First Holy Communion children, and their families, to our **9.00am** Mass.

BAPTISM: This weekend, we welcome **Thales Costa Franks**, son of Mariana and Simon, into the family of the Church. May God bless him at this special time.

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING: The next coffee morning will be on **Friday 18th January**, after the **9.30am** Mass, in the Jubilee Hall.

PRAYER COURSE: Beginning **Saturday 26th January, 10.00-11.30am**. Over the coming year we shall be inviting parishioners and fellow Christians to a four-session prayer course. Full details can be found on the Steward's Notice Board. This will be one of the first events in our new Parish Partnership. The first session will take place at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Great Bardfield. Please contact Kate on 07967 796227 to book your place and request or offer transport.

VACANCIES: There are many varied jobs available at New Hall School at present. For details, please visit www.newhallschool.co.uk and click on the 'jobs section'.

FLAME 2019: On **2nd March**, Flame 2019 takes place at the Wembley Arena, bringing 10,000 young people from across the country together for a day celebrating their Catholic faith as well as offering inspiring and engaging input around themes that matter deeply in their young lives. There will be music, drama, live art, videos and prayerful reflections. It's usually just the Confirmation candidates who get invited to this event but this year we're opening it up to anyone aged 13+. The ticket price for Flame 2019 is being subsidised by the parish and will therefore be £15 per young person. If a parent also wishes to attend, the cost is £20. A coach, paid for by the North Essex Deanery, will be available. Places need to be booked by **Friday 18th January** - if you are interested in finding out more or wish to book a place, then please speak to Sue (in the office), Greg Howell (Chair of the Pastoral Parish Council) or Graham Meek (01376 323705).

CHURCHES TOGETHER: In the spirit of the Parish Partnership, Dunmow Catholic Church are the hosts this year for the annual Churches Together Unity Supper and they invite you to join them, in the church hall, on **Friday 18th January, 7.00pm for 7.30pm**. The cost is £8. The speaker is Rt Rev Abbot Hugh Allan CRP and he'll be discussing his work in the South Atlantic islands.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE: On **23rd and 30th January**, at **7.00pm**, Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Luke, the Gospel being read on Sundays in 2019. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com. Refreshments provided. Admission free.

SPRING SPIRITUALITY TALK: Fr David will be giving a talk on "**The Spirituality of Pope Francis**" on **Saturday 19th January, 10.30am-12.00noon**, at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. For information: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Tel: 01277 265285.

AN EVENING OF WORSHIP: With singer Lou Fellingham, at Christ Church, London Road, Braintree, on **Friday 8th February**, at **8.00pm**. Her concerts are very popular so book your tickets as soon as possible via www.loufellingham.com/tickets or contact Christ Church on 01376 326628. Tickets: £12. Conc: £8 (Under 18s and Over 65s).

GOVERNOR TRAINING: **Saturday 26th January, 10.30am-12.00noon**, at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. The topics are: "**Preparing for OFSTED and Section 48 Inspections.**" This training will be led by Debbi Botham Diocesan Coordinator for Governance and Derek Kelly Educational consultant and Section 48 Inspector. Contact: debbibotham@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Tel: 01277 265284.

JUST PARTY: 'Just Party' will be coming to St Augustine of Canterbury Church, Beardsley Drive, Springfield, Chelmsford CM1 6GQ, on **Saturday 2nd February** from **10.30am to 1.00pm**. They will be selling First Holy Communion dresses, shoes, veils, headdresses and other accessories. They are only making one visit to the Chelmsford area this year. Please do go along and see what they have to offer.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 12th January Vigil Mass	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 13th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)	9.00am 11.00am	Rosie Bauer RIP (Woulfe) Patrick Cunningham RIP and Anthony Cunningham RIP (Hill)
Monday 14th January	9.30am	Communion Service
Tuesday 15th January	9.30am	Jane McKeown RIP (A) (Paul)
Wednesday 16th January	9.30am	Mary Driscoll RIP (A) (Wallen)
Thursday 17th January St Anthony	9.30am	Deborah Pannell RIP (A) (Pannell)
Friday 18th January	9.30am	Special Intention (Burford)
Saturday 19th January	9.30am	No Mass, Communion Service or Confessions
Saturday 19th January Vigil Mass	6.00pm	The Spiritual Welfare of the Franciscan Community, Braintree Convent
Sunday 20th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)	9.00am 11.00am	Rina Nicholls RIP People of the Parish

**CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAYS, 10.00AM-10.30AM, IN THE CHURCH,
APART FROM SATURDAY 19TH JANUARY**

Rosary	Church	Mondays (except Bank Holidays)	8.00pm
Women's Group	Jubilee Hall	Thursday 24th January	2.00-4.00pm
Faith Group	Jubilee Hall	Tuesday 15th January	7.30pm
Youth Club	Jubilee Hall	Friday 25th January	7.30pm

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