

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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*This Sunday's Liturgy:*

### **The Baptism of the Lord**

The Father anointed his beloved son Jesus, with the Holy Spirit and with power, to bring healing and peace to all the nations.

### *Times of Services*

#### **The Baptism of the Lord**

##### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**5.30 pm** Mass  
Michael McLoughlin (RIP)

##### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.00 am** Sung Mass  
Lily Smith (RIP)

##### **6.00 pm** Mass

Pro Populo

##### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.00 am** Mass  
John McEleney (RIP)

##### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.00 am** Mass  
Maureen Rice (RIP)

##### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.00 am** Mass  
Ainsley, Clare & Henry Maull (RIP)

##### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.00 am** Mass at the  
Sacred Heart

##### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.00 am** Funeral Mass  
Michael Clarke (RIP)

##### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.00 am** Mass  
John McEleney (RIP)

##### **Reconciliation/Confession:**

After the morning and evening Mass on Saturday or by arrangement.

*Next Weekend*

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year**

##### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**5.30 pm** Mass  
Elizabeth Carroll (RIP)

##### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.00 am** Sung Mass  
Pro Populo + Anne O'Sullivan (RIP)

##### **6.00 pm** Mass

Dympna Wynne (RIP)

#### **Diary for this Week:**

##### **This Saturday**

5.30 pm Children's Liturgy

##### **This Sunday:**

10.00 am Children's Liturgy

##### **Monday**

1.45 pm Monday Club  
6.30 pm Confirmation Class

##### **Tuesday**

4.30 pm "Walk With Me"

##### **Wednesday**

1.30 pm Children's Crafting

##### **Friday**

10.30 am Mothers and Toddlers

##### **Next Saturday**

8.30 am Church Cleaning  
5.30 pm Children's Liturgy



*the Pastor's corner*  
My Dear Friends,

This weekend we shall be taking up our annual 'white flower' appeal. This collection supports the vitally important work of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

Next Sunday is Peace Sunday, which offers us an opportunity to reflect on the Holy Father's World Peace Day message. This year the theme is "If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation". He writes:

Respect for creation is of immense consequence, not least because "creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God's works", and its preservation has now become essential for the pacific coexistence of mankind. Man's inhumanity to man has given rise to numerous threats to peace and to authentic and integral human

development - wars, international and regional conflicts, acts of terrorism, and violations of human rights. Yet no less troubling are the threats arising from the neglect - if not downright misuse - of the earth and the natural goods that God has given us. For this reason, it is imperative that mankind renew and strengthen "that covenant between human beings and the environment, which should mirror the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying". The full text may be read on the Vatican website.

Today also marks the end of the formal Christmas season. If anyone is able to help with the taking down of the Christmas tree after the Sunday evening Mass it would be much appreciated. If you can, please pop along at 7 pm - and could someone bring a saw?

God bless.

#### **"PARISH HYMN BOOKS"**

You cannot fail to have noticed the splendid new hymnbooks that are now being used. It is not too late to sponsor one of these fine books in memory of a loved. Please let Gillian have the details and it will sorted out. Donation £5 per book

#### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN RUISLIP**

Next week is the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There is a poster in the porch with details of a special service to be held at St Martin's on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. All are welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards

#### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2010**

As usual the diocese will be going on pilgrimage to Lourdes at the end of July. If you are interested in joining our parish group be sure to look out for the booking forms as soon as they become available in the near future.