

# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

10<sup>th</sup> January 2010

## HOLY SPIRIT & OUR LADY'S ACTIVITIES

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all our parishioners from Fr Greg and Fr Stanley! Many thanks to all of you for your generous cards, offerings and presents. We were so affirmed by your goodwill and encouraging comments, and we look forward to working with you in 2010.

**WE WELCOME** to our parish Clive Chapman, who is a student for the Priesthood from the Archdiocese of Westminster, presently studying at the English College, Valladolid, Spain. Clive will be with us for a month's placement, and I know that you will make him most welcome in our community. (FG)

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

and Masses all those who died over the festive period. Two Priests Fr Con Moynihan (Parish Priest of Alfreton and Clay Cross), Fr Gilroy (Parish Priest emeritus of Cotgrave and Keyworth), and a number of Parishioners namely Joan Raine and Gladys Kelly whose Requiem Masses took place last week, together with Raymond Bishop, and Margaret Kingston whose funerals are on Monday. Eternal rest give unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. (FG)

**CONFIRMATION 2010:** We extend a warm invitation to our young people to enrol in our 2010 Confirmation programme. Bishop Malcolm will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people at 12.00 noon on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at St Barnabas Cathedral. To be confirmed you must be of at least senior school age and you must complete a Confirmation Enrolment Form. The forms are yellow in colour and are available at the back of both churches. Please complete all sections of the form and present it to one of the priests at a weekend mass on 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> February 2010. The Confirmation Catechesis Programme commences in March and runs through until the Confirmation itself. Full details can be found on the form.

## **CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM FATHER**

**VINCENT:** Dear friends and parishioners of the parishes of the Holy Spirit, West Bridgford and of Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave. We are almost coming to an end of the advent season and many of us are anticipating the joys and feelings that are associated with Christmas I hope this Christmas brings you blessings from God Generally, this has been a good year. The parish pastoral programs have run smoothly despite the credit crunch. In this regard I would like to thank all of you who have supported me in one way or another during this year. May the good Lord reward you abundantly for your generosity. During the month of April around Easter time, I was invited by my friends to their Ruby wedding anniversary. We had a wonderful time at Le Manor in Oxford. I am very grateful for the various boxes of sports gear and the balls that were sent from the parish church of Holy Spirit West Bridgford and the parish of Our Lady of Grace Cotgrave. The school children were very happy to receive the balls and the sportswear. Thanks to all of you who donated these items and bravo to all who did the tedious work of sorting and sending them over to Uganda. Six boreholes have been drilled and people are enjoying clean and safe water. Thanks very much indeed for your generous contribution towards the same. Am also happy to report that we will soon begin drilling other six boreholes. This indeed is exciting news in the parish. This year I celebrated my silver jubilee in the priesthood. Thanks for the wonderful gifts and the cards wishing me many more years in God's vineyard. I got wonderful treat of going to Lourdes for A Pilgrimage. I enjoyed my stay in Lourdes. It was such an enriching spiritual experience for me. I am very grateful indeed. When I returned from Lourdes I stayed with my friends the Patricks in their holiday house in Down Thomas in Plymouth I enjoyed visiting the neighbouring counties down there. When I returned from England the Bishop had appointed another priest to assist me with enormous work. So far the parish programs are running very smoothly. We are giving leadership courses to various outstations. I am very grateful to all of you who sponsor the children with education. They are with

me now at the parish. They are very grateful to you for your support towards their education. The weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009, we had the Bishop for the pastoral visit to the parish. At one time it took us an hour and a half to get to one of the outstations that he was visiting. He tested what we go through during our parish work. He confirmed 270 catechumens. May this Christmas bring joy to your hearts, your families and your parishes. Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Vincent.

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR "LIFE"** "Life" is an organisation that provides help and support to thousands of women and men each year. One of their core services is caring for women contemplating abortion or suffering after pregnancy loss or struggling to cope after abortion. Other services include education in schools, housing for pregnant women or mothers with small children and natural fertility care programmes. Please give generously in today's second collection to this worthy charity.

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR "PAX CHRISTI"** This collection will take place next weekend on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> January. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith.

**PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY:** Let us say a decade of the rosary every day in the month of January and pray with Mary and the whole Church for Christian unity.

## **HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITIES**

<b>Rotas:</b> This Week Next Week	<b>Euch. Ministers</b> Week 3 Week 4	<b>Counters</b> Peter & Jan Molyneux Tim & Ros Connery
<b>Rotas:</b> This Week Next Week	<b>Readers</b> Cycle 7 Cycle 8	<b>Shop</b> Katie Moran & Carole Allen Dympna Kitchen & Una Perry
<b>Rotas:</b> This Week Next Week	<b>Sunday Coffee 9.00</b> Veronica Whittaker Carole Allen	<b>Sunday Coffee 10.30</b>
<b>Rotas:</b> This Week Next Week	<b>Children's Liturgy School-age Leader</b> Catherine Daly Kathryn Astley	<b>Children's Liturgy Pre-school</b> Sara Sleigh Suzanne James

**HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH:** Congratulations to the Holy Spirit Youth Project for completing their Christmas Challenge! During Advent the Group raised £130 for Cafod World Gifts including the order of 8 school starter packs, a football, a pair of chickens and an emergency kit. The Group also got

involved in their own community by performing at the West Bridgford Christian Carol Service and singing carols for the elderly in a local home. Well done for getting stuck in everyone!

**HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH'S GOT TALENT!** A five week project for all young people aged 11 -19, starting Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup> from 6.00-7.30 p.m. upstairs in the social centre. For more information contact Caty on [catydarby@hotmail.com](mailto:catydarby@hotmail.com) or 07939 467840

**CAFOD:** Thank you for supporting the Children's Liturgy and Youth Group in their projects for buying Cafod World Gifts.

**TRAI DCRAFT:** The stall this weekend, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January, is after every Mass. Spaghetti and Ginger Cookies are on Special offer. Could buying Fairtrade goods be your New Year Resolution?

**200 CLUB:** The winners in the December Draw were 1st D Staves 2nd M Ryan 3rd M Dabrowska. To the Priest's Sick and retired Fund £989. Thank you. You can join the 200 club and make your payment to Alice, Sylvia or Ann Scanlon at the 200 club table after Mass. The next draw will take place in the social centre after Mass on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**HOLY SPIRIT SCOUT GROUP:** The Holy Spirit Scout Troop is undertaking a 'Grow A Pound' Challenge to raise money for Father Vincent and for troop funds. Each Scout has a pound and needs to think of interesting ways to increase the money by Easter. With this in mind, one of the Scouts, Varun, will be selling home-made cookies after the 10.30 a.m. Mass today, Sunday 10th January.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP:** During Advent, the Children's Liturgy Group collected money to buy school starter kits from CAFOD's World Gifts. Thanks to your very generous response we were able to buy twelve kits to provide children in the developing world with the essentials they need to go to school. We were also able to purchase two gifts to supply clean and safe water to two families. A big thank you to everyone who donated money.

**LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP:** We will be meeting this Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, at 7.30 p.m. in the Library area in The Social Centre. We will be relaxing and listening for God to speak to us through silence and a reading for the following Sunday. All are very welcome to give it a try.

**HOLY SPIRIT BOOKSHOP** would like to wish

the Parishioners a very Happy New Year and thank you for the support you have given over the past year. The shop has a sale of Christmas cards and Christmas items. Please come and browse. **If you would like to help in the shop** after the 9.00 a.m. or 10.30 a.m. Mass please contact Katie Moran on 9140960.

## **DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES**

### **EXPLORING LITURGY AND PREPARING FOR THE NEW MISSAL**

is the theme of a day, organised by The Diocesan Liturgy Commission, to be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2010 from 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. at The Good Shepherd Parish Centre, Thackeray's Lane, Woodthorpe, Nottingham, NG54HT. All are welcome and if you go along please take a packed lunch. To book a place, please return one of the forms or ring Janet Hornsby on 01332 293833 Ext 820.

### **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND:**

**Prinethorpe Retreat Centre 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> January 2010.** A spiritually based weekend for those who have experienced loneliness, rejection, hurt and pain through the loss of a loved one by separation, divorce or bereavement. A time to share with others who have experienced loss and who care. A time to heal by experiencing God's love through others. A time to begin again. Further details from Kath (01942-246542) or Sue (07901-858687)

#### *PRAYER FOR THE WEEK*

*Lord Jesus You were baptised by John  
And then, while You were praying  
God the Father told all the world that He loved You  
Baptise us with the Holy Spirit and fire  
Renew our faith and rekindle in us the desire  
to know You, to serve You and be happy with You  
for ever and ever  
Amen*

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#### **WEBSITES**

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[www.ourladyofgracecotgrave.org.uk](http://www.ourladyofgracecotgrave.org.uk)  
Deanery: [www.nottmeastdeanery.org](http://www.nottmeastdeanery.org)  
Diocese: [www.nottingham-diocese.org.uk](http://www.nottingham-diocese.org.uk)

#### **CONTACT DETAILS FOR HOLY SPIRIT ORGANISATIONS**

ORGANISATION	CONTACT	TEL. NO.
Brownies	Claire Spencer	9142508
Cafod and Traidcraft	Mary Crosby	9234866
Catenians	Barry Espinasse	9821404
Cubs	Carole Colaluca	9231770
Education	Margaret Gaten	07786 332637
Golf Society	John Carolan	9819760
Guides	Pat Greenwood	9149959
Baby & Toddler Group	Caty Darby	07939 467840
Parish Pastoral Council	Mary Crosby	9234866
Scouts	Margaret Walker	9899553
S.V.P.	Peter Molyneux	9235395
U.C.M	Alice Cahill	9810950
Fellowship Group	Mary	9149473
Social Centre Bookings 11am - 5pm, Mon - Fri	Mary Elliott-Smith	9147153
Cricket Team	David Paton	923 1397
H.S. Sports Club	Barry Espinasse	9821404
H.S. Badminton	Tony O'Dwyer	9452648
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#### **CONTACT DETAILS FOR COTGRAVE ORGANISATIONS**

Parish Pastoral Council	Anne Ferguson	9892693
Children's Liturgy	Sandie Clogg	9899253
Traidcraft	Lynne Harrison	9140577
CAFOD	Sandie Clogg	9899253
SVP	Jeannie Dodd	9375298

#### **PARISH CHURCHES**

The Holy Spirit Melton Road West Bridgford Nottingham NG2 7JW	Our Lady of Grace Candleby Lane Cotgrave Nottingham NG12 3JG
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#### **SCHOOLS**

Primary School St Edmund Campion Head Teacher Mrs D Longley Tel. 0115 9147889	Senior School The Becket Head Teacher Mr A Glover Tel. 0115 9824280
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#### **CLERGY TEAM**

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**Diary for Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Social Centre Diary**

Day	Church of the Holy Spirit, West Bridgford			Church of Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave			Hall	Library	Upstairs	
	Time	Event	Notes	Time	Event	Notes				
<b>Sunday</b> 10 January The Baptism of Our Lord	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass (S)	Dec. Fam & Friends of Maria Dabrowska	11.00 am	Sung Mass	Paddy Doyle R.I.P.	Coffee after 9 am & 10.30 am Masses			
	9.00 am	Mass	Dec. Fam & Friends of Marie Jenkinson							
	10.30 am	Mass	People of the Parish							
	3.00 pm	Celebration	Of Baptism Service							
	6.00 pm	Vigil Reception	Raymond Stanley Vincent Bishop R.I.P.							
<b>Monday</b> 11 January Feria	9.30 am	Requiem Mass	Raymond Stanley Vincent Bishop R.I.P.				6-8 pm Brownies	5-6 pm Catechesis 8.15-9 pm SVP	3.45-4.45 Catechesis 6-8 pm Cubs	
	12.30 pm	Funeral Service	Margaret Mary Kingston R.I.P.							
	7.10 pm	Divine Office	Evening Prayer of the Church							
	7.30 pm	Mass	Janet Blake R.I.P.							
<b>Tuesday</b> 12 January St Aelred, Abbott	8.55 am	Divine Office	Morning Prayer of the Church Victor & Paul Drake R.I.P. & James Downie R.I.P.				5-9 pm Ballet	5-6 Catechesis 7.30-9pm Lectio Divina	6.30-7.30 Drama	
	9.15 am	Mass								
<b>Wednesday</b> 13 January St Hilary	8.55 am	Divine Office	Morning Prayer of the Church Joan Raine R.I.P. & Ken Elliott Smith's Intentions				Coffee after 9.15am Mass 2-4 pm Art Class 6.30 HS Guides Review	3.45-4.45 Catechesis 8-9.30 Baptism Course	6-8 pm Youth Project 8 pm PPC Mtg.	
	9.15 am	Mass								
<b>Thursday</b> 14 January Feria	8.55 am	Divine Office	Morning Prayer of the Church Elizabeth & Mark Dalton R.I.P.	8.55 am	Divine Office	Morning Prayer of the Church Colin & Debbie Stainton's Int.	10-11.30 Toddler Grp 7.15 - 9pm Scouts	5-6 pm Catechesis	5-6 pm Catechesis	
	9.15 am	Mass								
	9.45 am	Rosary								
<b>Friday</b> 15 January Feria	8.55 am	Divine Office	Morning Prayer of the Church Dec. Fam. Of Eileen Kelly of the Blessed Sacrament Eileen Ryan					9-11 pm Bar		
	9.15 am	Mass								
	6.30 pm	Exposition								
	7.30 pm	Mass								
<b>Saturday</b> 16 January Feria	9.15am	Mass	Mary Naughton's Intentions				9 - 3pm Ballet		10-12 noon Drama	
	9.45-10.15	Confessions								
	12 Noon	Baptism	Lily Anna Murray Batterham							
	5.45 -6.15	Confessions								
	6.30 pm	Vigil Mass	P J Davey R.I.P							
<b>Sunday</b> 17 January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year	9.00 am	Mass	People of the Parish Dec. Fam & Friends of the Blake Family	11.00 am	Sung Mass	Henry Clogg R.I.P.	Coffee after 9am and 10.30am 2-5 Private Booking			
	10.30 am	Mass								