

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH WOKING NEWSLETTER

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January 10th 2021

The Baptism of the Lord, Year B

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

If you would like to receive information about preparing your children for these Sacraments, then please email the parish office. Please remember that if you have received and read the information and would like to go ahead, you must then also enrol for the 'Pre-First Communion Course' for parents. Please enrol by this weekend. Thank you to those who have already enrolled, and we hope to be in touch again later in the month.



PAX CHRISTI - PEACE SUNDAY

JANUARY 17th

Next Sunday is Peace Sunday. This year the theme is 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace'. There is more information and a message from Pope Francis at paxchristi.org.uk/peace-Sunday-2021 or to give a donation, please visit tinyurl.com/PaxDonation. Thank you.

ST DUNSTAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR STARTING RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2021

Closing date January 15th 2021

January 15th 2021 is the closing date for applications for admission to St Dunstan's School in September 2021. Applicants for St Dunstan's School are requested to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as part of the admission process as well completing an online application through Surrey County Council: surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. Details around the application process are available on the school website www.stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk/Admission.htm.

The SIF must be signed by a Priest, normally from St Dunstan's Parish. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions the Parish Office is closed to visitors and any SIFs that need to be signed by a priest should be left in the letterbox directly outside the main doors to the Church. Please then also email the parish office at woking@abdiocese.org.uk to let us know, in order that the form might be reviewed by the Priests. If any details require clarification before it receives their signature, then a phone call will be made to the Parent/Carer involved.

The documents required for the SIF (checklist on the final page) will need to be submitted to the school office. However, as the school office is currently closed to visitors, please post **copies** (not the originals) of any documents in the post box outside the school or email them to amurray@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk.

Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE
SOUL OF

Andrea D'Silva RIP (sister of Stephen D'Silva).

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
May she rest in peace.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK
especially for **Nick Harvey**.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th January Saturday after Epiphany

10.00 am *Tony Cagney RIP*
Rosary and Adoration
6.00 pm *Cathy O'Sullivan RIP*
7.45 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 10th January The Baptism of the Lord, Feast

9.00 am *Ken Turner RIP and Leonard Turner RIP*
10.30 am *All Parishioners*
12 noon Mass in Italian
5.30 pm *Alice Thompson*

Monday 11th January Weekday

10.00 am *The intentions of Fr Peter*
Rosary and Adoration until 2.00 pm

Tuesday 12th January Weekday

10.00 am *The Intentions of Andrew Larkham*
Rosary and Adoration
12 noon Requiem Mass for Flaminia Mastri RIP

Wednesday 13th January Weekday

10.00 am *Louise M. R. Tiendrebeogo RIP*
Rosary and Adoration
12 noon Requiem Mass for Archie Trovato RIP

Thursday 14th January Weekday

10.00 am *Liam O'Haire RIP*
Rosary and Adoration

Friday 15th January Weekday

10.00 am *Jim Bermingham RIP*
Rosary and Adoration

Saturday 16th January Weekday

10.00 am *John Barnett RIP*
Rosary and Adoration
6.00 pm *Mary Peaple RIP*
7.45 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 17th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Pax Christi - Peace Sunday

9.00 am *The Intentions of Henry Larkham*
10.30 am *Lucy McPartlan RIP*
12 noon Mass in Italian
5.30 pm *All Parishioners*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment only.

All services will be Live Streamed at st-dunstans.org/streaming

Online Prayer Petitions - Click on the 'Submit Online Petition' link on the website. Thank you.

COVID-19 Indulgence: press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html
touch again in January.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 10th
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR B

Isaiah 55:1-11 In biblical times, kings often celebrated the inauguration of their reign by providing a great banquet for their people. Isaiah uses this metaphor to describe how God, the divine king, provides a rich banquet to invite Israel into a relationship. Here is a gracious offer of mercy and peace, and of all happiness—what we might call abundant life. The people of Israel should turn to God now ‘while he may be found ... While he is near’ (Isaiah 55:6).

Psalm Isaiah 12 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

1 John 5:1-9 The life of faith is like a life within family. God is the parent in this family; believers are brothers and sisters. As in any healthy family, the bonds strengthen through common observance of family parameters - here God’s commandments - which ‘are not burdensome’ (1 John 5:3).

Mark 1:7-11 The readings of the Christmas season offer a progression in the story of the manifestation of Jesus as the Chosen One of God. This reading begins with John the Baptist - the one who goes before Jesus—preparing people’s hearts to hear the good news when the time comes. He preaches conversion, echoing the call to return of the First Reading. But Mark’s main concern in this passage is Jesus’ identity. The signs that accompany his baptism acknowledge Jesus as the beloved Son of God. The water and Spirit references of the Second Reading resonate here, revealing Jesus for who and what he is as he embarks on his earthly ministry.

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Readings for January 17th, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; Psalm 39: 2, 4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20, John 1:35-42.

CHILDREN

Introduction John the Baptist had been preparing the people for the coming of the Messiah. As a sign of their sorrow for their sins, they came to the River Jordan to be publicly baptized by John. In today’s gospel Jesus himself arrived to be baptized by John.

Reflection Jesus was the Son of God who had been sent to save the world from sin. John knew that Jesus was sinless and did not need to be baptized, but Jesus wished to be baptized to show the people that he was one of them and to help him to prepare for the task of preaching the Good News. When Jesus stood in the water, the Holy Spirit came down like a dove and settled on Jesus. At our baptism, we receive the same Holy Spirit to help us to follow Christ’s loving path through life.

Activity Ask your family about your baptism, who was there? What were the promises that your parents and godparents made? Find out who came to witness your baptism. Then, with your parent’s permission, look on the internet for pictures of the River Jordan or simply imagine that you were in a river with John the Baptist and Jesus. How does the water feel? Warm? Cold? What would it be like to see the dove descending? Remember that you are very special. Perhaps you could find your baptism candle to remind you about your own baptism.

Prayer

Loving father,
Through baptism you fill us with your life and love. May that love grow stronger and keep us close to you. Amen.



ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL ENTRY 2022/23 - SIGNING IN AT MASS

Signing in at Mass for those seeking entry to St Dunstan's school in 2022 is not currently available. Please do not contact the Parish Office but see the note below which explains the position. If signing-in becomes available, this will be announced in the newsletter.

ST DUNSTAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 2022/23 ADMISSIONS

St Dunstan's School will, as is normally the case, require a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to be prepared as part of the application process for school entry in September 2022. Normally there would be "Mass sign in sheets" available on Sundays during calendar year 2021 to help the Priests of the Parish sign the SIFs. Due to the pandemic the sign in sheets will not be available for at least the earlier part of calendar 2021. This position will be kept under review. Until then St Dunstan's Parish has adopted the position of Parishes throughout the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton which is summarised as follows:

The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent/carer attended Mass at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.

DO YOU LISTEN TO PODCASTS?

What do you think is currently the number 1 podcast in America ?

It is 'The Bible in a Year' – a podcast by Fr Mike Schmitz which guides you through reading the Bible in one year (as the title suggests!) You will be a little late starting, but if you are interested just search for it in podcasts or use the link below and you can subscribe. It is free. A podcast, lasting under half an hour, is delivered to you each day. It includes Bible Readings, prayer and commentary by Fr Mike.

There are several such Bible reading schemes available but this one follows the scheme put forward in the Great Adventure Bible Timeline which many of you in the parish have already studied. There are also extra podcasts available of Fr Mike in conversation with Geoff Cavins, the inspiration and presenter of the Great Adventure Bible Timeline. They help you to understand the context of the Scriptures you are reading. To register visit ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration.

CRIB COLLECTION

This year our Crib Collection will be donated to the Crisis Fund operated by the Catholic Children's Society, enabling them to provide vital support for disadvantaged children and families. The need for this work is more acute than ever and many families are facing real hardship and an uncertain future due to the Coronavirus pandemic. You can find out more or make a donation at www.cathchild.org.uk. Thank you.

ST DUNSTAN'S SVP

If you are lonely or have other concerns and need help, we can be contacted by leaving a message on our mobile 07947 714139.

CLIMATE MATTERS SERVICE - 24th JANUARY 2021

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Churches Together in Woking are holding a service called CLIMATE MATTERS on 24th January at 3pm on-line via Zoom. As part of what we hope will be a challenging and thoughtful time together, a panel of young environmental campaigners will each speak on different aspects of environmental concern. Alison Moulden – the Diocesan Environment Officer for the Guildford Diocese will also unpack how structural and governmental change are vital to making a difference. We shall also consider how individuals, communities, our country, churches and other faith groups, unified together, can and should adapt how we live and work to care better for our planet. There will be an opportunity to put questions to the panel and there will also be information and resources available on-line to "take away". To book a place please go to the Churches Together in Woking website: www.ctiw.org.uk, select the "What's On" tab and click on the link on that page. The log in details will be sent to those who have registered to attend.

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