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THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD

HOLY FAMILY

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY (VIGIL)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	10.00am	Mass
Monday <i>Feria</i> (Year ; Week 1)	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>St Hilary</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	3.30pm	Funeral Mass – Mrs Joyce Shard, RIP
	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 17TH JANUARY – 2ND SUNDAY IN O.T.	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Applications for preparation for **First Reconciliation** and **First Holy Communion** at Our Lady's Church have now closed. The resource materials have now arrived. There will be a **meeting with candidates and parents after the 10am Mass on Sunday 24th January 2016**. This will be an important meeting please do all you can to attend.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Krakow for World Youth Day Friday 22nd July – Monday 1st August 2016. Bookings have now closed. See www.nymo.org

ABOUT LITURGY

Symbols of Baptism: The symbols of the baptismal rite put into focus the primary gift of baptism – a share in divine Life which is for us a new identity:

Water – plunged into the baptismal waters, we are plunged into Christ's death; rising, we share in divine Life. Water brings both death (to our old selves) and a rebirth of life (new Life in God).

Chrism – anointed with chrism, we share in the threefold office of Christ – priest, prophet, king. Our being anointed with chrism is a consecration of ourselves to conform our life to Christ's.

White garment – clothed in a white garment, we are reminded of our new, holy, risen Life in Christ. We are to live unstained until we enjoy eternal Life with God.

Lighted candle – enlightened by Christ, we are also to be the light of Christ dispelling sin and darkness in the world. We ourselves are manifestations that in Christ the light of salvation has come into the world.

Although all of these symbols also imply the demands of discipleship (*water* – dying to self; *chrism* – conforming ourselves to Christ; *white garment* – living lives worthy of who we are; *lighted candle* – overcoming the darkness of evil) they primarily help us understand who we become in baptism – members of the Body of Christ sharing in divine identity. Moreover, greater awareness and appreciation of our identity enables us to be more faithful in our discipleship.

USED STAMPS FOR OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Thank you to all who Support with used stamp collecting. Hilary Allington has sent a second package off. The used stamps raise money for overseas missions. Please save all your stamps.

White Flower Appeal

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: This text is the first of the four poems identified as the suffering servant songs. These poems are meant to be read as an integral part of a whole when they present Israel's mission to be the way to the Gentiles. For Christians, Jesus is the Israelite who is able to fulfil Israel's mission, his rejection and persecution and saving nature of his Death, foreshadows the Gospel story of Jesus in an uncanny way.

Responsorial Psalm: This is perhaps one of the most ancient psalms. The "sons of God" are called to acknowledge God as Lord and to adore him, the universe is God's temple which is given glory! All of us are sons and daughters of God; therefore we acknowledge God and come to give him praise and adoration.

Second Reading: The reading from Acts of the Apostles can also be seen to echo aspects of the passage from Isaiah. The God-fearing Cornelius represents the Gentiles who await God's salvation. God has no favourites, or to put it another way, all are God's favourites. Here again the story of God takes the initiatives. By sending the Holy Spirit upon all gathered in the house of Cornelius it is a sign that those two are worthy of being baptised become heirs of the Kingdom of God. Also, like the servants in Isaiah they are called to be god's servants and to participate in God's saving mission, each in his or her own unique way.

Gospel: The baptism scene of Luke is structured in a similar way to the first servant song. The scene commences with the voice of God addressing an audience, so Luke's account begins with John addressing the people about the imminent advent of Christ in their midst and of his mission. John emphasizes the difference between his baptism and the one that the Messiah will administer. John's baptism conveys the power (of the Holy Spirit) that will transform those who receive it in new birth in the Spirit. By the same token, one can only receive the cleansing fire and empowering gift of the Spirit when one acknowledges one's sinfulness. God's Word proclaims Jesus and his divine status and relationship God.

The closing date for applications for admissions for September 2016 **at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School** is **15th January 2016**.

Our Lady's Catholic school are currently consulting on their admissions policy for 2017-2018. All the related documentation is on the website www.ols.education/Admissions-Consulation. Consultation will close on 31st January 2016. Any comments may be forwarded to the school office email: office@ols.education

Money Matt

Last week's Offertory Collection - £245.76

THIS WEEKEND – SECOND COLLECTION for SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

NEXT SUNDAY IS PEACE SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION FOR PAX CHRISTI

Many thanks for your generosity.

Are you new to the parish?

If so, you are very welcome!

Do introduce yourself to Father Andy after Mass, and please complete a parish registration form.



Tea, coffee and cold drinks are served in The Guild Room after both of our Sunday Masses.
All are welcome!

Infant Baptism and Marriage. By appointment with Fr Andy after completing the necessary preparation. **The Church requires** notice of at least six months prior to the Sacrament of Matrimony being celebrated.

Peace Sunday 17 January 2016

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

Recent Deaths

Our condolences and sympathy to the families of the following who have died recently:

Mrs Joyce Shard, who died in Beaconsfield, on 1st January, formerly lived in Clifton Road and arranged flowers at Our Lady's Church. Mrs Shard's Funeral Mass has been arranged for **Thursday 14th January at 3.30pm** at Our Lady's Church, Chesham Bois.

Mrs Catherine (Kitty) Larkin, late of Briers Way, who died at home on Thursday 7th January 2016. Her funeral has yet to be arranged.

May they rest in peace. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this time.