

Our Lady Help of Christians

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Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

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May I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year. I am very indebted to you for the unflagging support that you give the Parish and me personally. It is much appreciated. Let us try to serve the Lord and each other as best we can during 2010.

This year is special because we will have paid off the debt on the Church. But be ready for a surprise! We, and every parish in the Diocese are being asked to contribute a substantial amount of money over the next five years to fund the various Pastoral developments in the Diocese. But, more about that in January.

Thank you all very much for your cards, good wishes and gifts received at Christmas. They are much appreciated. Please forgive me for not writing a personal acknowledgement to each of you. Fr Dan.

Mass Intentions for the week beginning

Sunday 3 January 2010

Saturday	6.00pm	Sally Hall and Family
Sunday	8.30am	Maureen Reid RIP
	10.30am	Karen, Jim Barrett and Family.
Monday	9.30am	Chris Hussey RIP.
Tuesday	9.30am	Sheila Nelligan
Wed'day	10.15am	Searson Family (St Patrick's)
Thursday	9.30am	Matt and Noreen Murphy
Friday	9.30am	Audrey Phoenix (Intention).
Saturday	9.30am	Teresa and Jim Thompson (Intention)

Saturday Vigil Mass:

6.00 pm: Maria Fraser (Intention)

Sunday	8.30am	Margaret Reid's parents (RIP)
	10.30am	People of the Parish.

Mass and events beginning 4 January 2010

Prayer of the Church - Psalms Week 2.

Monday	4	Mass of the Monday after the Epiphany.
Tuesday	5	Mass of the Tuesday after the Epiphany. 11.00am Cremation Service for Christine Hopkins RIP. (Claire Hilder's mother).
Wed'day	6	10.15 Mass at St Patrick's School.
Thursday	7	Mass of the Thursday after the Epiphany. 8.30am Mass at All Hallows
Friday	8	Mass of the Friday after the Epiphany.
Saturday	9	Mass of the Saturday after the Epiphany.

Sunday 10 **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**
White Flower Appeal (Collection) after all Masses this weekend.

APF BOXES

[Association for the Propagation of the Faith]

Would the Members of the APF please bring in your Collection Boxes as soon as possible and collect your APF Calendar as well.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2010

- 10: White Flower Appeal at All Masses.
- 12: Meeting of the Parents of Confirmation candidates.
PACT Meeting at Holy Trinity Church Crookham
- 13: 6.30 Living our Faith Meeting at Wash Common.
- 16: 10 - 2.00pm First Communion Children's preparation.
- 17: Enrolment of First Communion children at the 10.30 Mass.
- 18: 7.30pm RCIA Meeting. Theme 'Models of Church'.
- 20: 8.00 Meeting of parents of First Communion children.
- 23: Salesian Family Study Day at Chertsey.
- 24: Parish Annual General Meeting – after 10.30 Mass.
- 31: Feast of Saint John Bosco.

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There are a few copies on the table in the Narthex. Please put money in little collection box nearby. **Price: £3.00**

Services on Saturday morning

9.15	Morning Prayer of the Church
9.30	Holy Mass
10.00 - 10.40	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions
10.00 - 11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

CRIB COLLECTION

Our Diocese has decided that the Crib Collection this year will be to help the 41 Christian Schools in Israel, Jordan and the West Bank. Please give generously.

THANKS

Christmas is a time when we thank God for sending his Son into the world to be our Saviour. We rejoice at the greatest event in human history. Needless to say there are innumerable people to whom we are indebted, especially for their contribution in making Christmas and the Parish special. I am truly grateful to Maureen Panther and all the members of the choir who put in long hours of practice to make our Christmas very special. Of course one extends a heartfelt 'thank you' to Chris and Fran Butterworth for providing music for the Children's Mass and Mrs Kate Licence who played the organ at the Christmas Day Mass.

We must not forget the altar servers and Mike and Teresa Palmer who look after them so well. Our cribs are very attractive as always and our thanks are due to Elizabeth McConnell, John Loader and Sharon Gallagher. The crib in the Narthex has a very special appeal.

As always our Flower arrangers did a magnificent job – Elizabeth McConnell, Christine Wilson, Bunny Carvalho, Margaret Bartlett, Chandra O'Connor, Tina Loader and Sarah Henderson. Thank you.

We are very indebted to those parishioners who quietly and efficiently keep our Church clean and beautiful – Mary and John Power, Christina Levanzin, Frank and Maureen Panther, Margaret Tabbener, Noreen Murphy, Anne Bushnell, Wendy Green, Cathy Raggett and those I have forgotten!

Declaration of Support for unborn Children and their mothers

If you would like to support this very worthwhile campaign can you please fill out one of the forms on the table in the Narthex and send it to the address indicated. Please put a stamp on it.

If anyone is willing to collect the forms then we could save money by sending them in bulk. **Any volunteer(s)?**

SALESIAN FAMILY STUDY DAY AT CHERTSEY

23 January 2010 from 10.00 to 16.30

Theme: *Don Rua and the beginning of the Salesian Family in the English Province.*

Wedding Anniversary

Belated congratulations to Mary and Trevor Rolfe who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary at Christmas. We wish them many, many more years of happiness.

Let us pray for the Sick

Mary Brady, Val Ryan, Dominic Clark, Elizabeth Pearce, Joan Schieder, Claire Hilder, Anthony Leakey, Julie Hall, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Nora O'Connor, Joan Schieder, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O'Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the **Petition Book.**

We pray for our deceased parishioners

Eddie Irwin, Albert Tattersall, John Morrin, Michael Morrin, Ivy Yeoman, Bob Filby, Kathleen Davis, Elsie Milward, Alice Lumsden.

May they Rest in Peace