



Thames ISIS Pastoral Area

HINKSEY CATHOLIC PARISH

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – Sunday 8th January 2012

Vigil Masses of Sunday on Saturday evening Holy Rood (<i>Ordinariate Mass</i>) 6.00pm Our Lady of the Rosary 6.30pm Holy Rood (<i>Portuguese Mass</i>) 7.30pm	Monday 9th Mass	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, feast Good Shepherd 6.30pm	
	Tuesday 10th Mass	Feria (<i>First Week of Ordinary Time: Lectionary for Weekdays Cycle 2</i>) Our Lady of the Rosary 9.30am	<i>Holy Hour, Our Lady of the Rosary, 8pm</i>
Sunday Masses Our Lady of the Rosary 9.15am Holy Rood 11.15am	Wednesday 11th Mass	Feria Holy Rood 9.00am	
	Thursday 12th Mass Mass (<i>Ordinariate</i>)	Feria Our Lady of the Rosary 9.30am Holy Rood 6.30pm	
Prayer of the Church: Week 3	Friday 13th Mass	Feria St. Thomas More 1.30pm	<i>Day of Abstinence (from Meat)</i>
Confessions: Saturdays: Holy Rood, 9.30-10am Our Lady of the Rosary, 5.45-6.15pm	Saturday 14th Mass	Feria Holy Rood 9.00am	<i>Exposition, Holy Rood, 5.30pm</i>

A Christmas reflection by Bishop Crispian - "Come then, my love, my lovely one come. For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth. The season of glad songs has come." (*Song of Songs*)

None of us are very good at loving ourselves, except in self-indulgent ways and often at the expense of others. And yet, in the birth of Christ, God is calling us lovely and beautiful, penetrating the darkness of our personal lives and of our world, with that love that is so great that he sends his only Son, to convince us of our value and dignity. And the evidence is here in the crib. The child, who is lying helpless and poor in the crib, is the Wonder-Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Eternal Father, the Prince of Peace. He is the jealous lover who bids us come. This is not complicated and it's not full of the so-called sophistication of our complicated and complex lives. It is, as T.S. Eliot writes "a condition of complete simplicity (costing not less than everything) and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well." (*Little Gidding*).

God loves the world so much that he gives his only Son, writes St John, and echoing those words, St Paul writes "God's grace has been revealed and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race...he sacrificed himself for us...so that we could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good." In the crib we find all our beginnings, we adore the Lord who calls into his light. In that light, pray that we can see ourselves again as God's beloved children. This is the Christmas story which we must tell to others. Return home today, glorifying and praising God for all that you have heard and seen.



For your prayers

Among the sick please pray for Joan Chatting, Sheila Neill, Joan Cassin, Bruce Graham, Michelle Roche, Geoffrey Smith and Gerry Cooke.

Mass intentions

Saturday 7th, 6.30pm, Magdalen Kelly, good estate.
Sunday 8th, 9.15am The People of the Parish
Sunday 8th, 11.15am Kathleen Broome, recently deceased
Monday 9th, 6.30pm Tess Parsons, RIP
Tuesday 10th 9.30am Mary Donoghue, recently deceased
Wednesday 11th 9.00am Private Intention
Saturday 14th, 9.00am Helen Clear's Intention
Saturday 14th, 6.30pm The People of the Parish

Next Sunday – The 9.15am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary will be the 'Mass of Inscription' at which this year's candidates for First Holy Communion will commence their period of preparation. Please keep them, their catechists and their families in your prayers.

Kennington Overseas Aid Selection Meeting – This Thursday

Each January Kennington Overseas Aid selects a project to support over the forthcoming year. Last year the group raised over £26,000 for the 'Tools of Self Reliance' programme in Ghana. The project for 2012 will be selected at a public meeting to be held on Thursday 12th January in St. Swithun's Church Hall at 8pm (*NB not 7.30pm, as previously advertised in the newsletter*). Anyone is welcome to come along and help choose from three proposals: Friends of Bonou, Lunch 4 Learning, or Health Poverty Action. Details can be seen at www.koa.org.uk.

The PPC - will meet at Holy Rood on Tuesday 17th January at 7.30pm

Farewell to Jennifer, Welcome to Rachel...

This New Year was not quite like any other New Year for at least one parishioner. As midnight struck, Jennifer Wade ceased to be the Safeguarding Representative for our Parish, and that office passed to Rachel Rendell, to whom we are very grateful for being prepared to take it on, and who has been preparing for that role for some time under the guidance of both Jennifer and the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, Angela McGrory.

The parish owes a huge debt of gratitude to Jennifer, who took on the role of Safeguarding Representative when it was first introduced ten years ago, and has exercised it with enormous patience and efficiency through all the complexities of evolving policy and its attendant administrative burdens. At the Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary on New Year's Eve, Fr Paul presented Jennifer with a bouquet on behalf of the parish. It was good that there were present at that Mass representatives from Holy Rood and Good Shepherd as well as Our Lady of the Rosary, for Jennifer's work has covered the whole parish. However she has long recommended that we needed 'local' representatives to work with the Parish Representative, particularly at Holy Rood. This has not been easy to establish, but if anyone is interested in helping in this very important area, Rachel Rendell would be very happy to talk with them.

'Faith Today' - Due to low demand January's issue of *Faith Today* will be the last edition we are supplying in church. If you would like to subscribe to this informative magazine please use the order form inside the current issue or telephone Alive Publishing on 01782 745 600. The cost of an annual subscription (12 issues) is £19.95, including postage.

Crib Collection - This year's crib collection for Christian schools in the Holy Land. It will be administered by the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

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Secretary's hours: Mon 1.30pm-5.30pm, Tue & Fri 9.30am-1.30pm

Further items ...

Notice of meetings – The Parish Pastoral Council will meet at Holy Rood on Tuesday 17th January at 7.30pm. The Finance Committee will meet in the Parish Office on Monday 30th January, also at 7.30pm.

Jennifer Wade writes ...

I would like to thank Father Paul and the people of the Parish for the gift of flowers which I received last weekend, to mark my retirement from the role of Parish Safeguarding Representative. I should also like to thank the various congregations in the Parish for their co-operation over the last ten years in helping me to ensure that our Parish is a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults.

New Daily Missal available from the Catholic Truth Society

The CTS will be releasing its new Daily Missal next month. The book includes the new Mass texts and readings for every day of the year and is illustrated with the same beautiful manuscript illuminations as appear in the altar edition of the Missal. Copies cost £45 and can be pre-ordered from www.cts-online.org.uk or tel. 020 7640 0042 (or from Amazon ...)

Diocesan Directories and Ordo for 2012

We have a number of copies of the 2012 Portsmouth Diocesan Directory for sale at £3. We also have one copy of the Diocesan Ordo (the diocesan liturgical calendar) for sale at £9.50. Contact the Parish Office.

The ‘Year of Faith’

Also for your prayers ... Pope Benedict XVI has declared a ‘Year of Faith’ which will begin in October 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. Announcing the Year the Pope said ‘It will be a moment of grace and commitment to a more complete conversion to God, to strengthen our faith in Him and proclaim Him with joy to the people of our time.’ Continuing, the Holy Father said that he intends the year to give ‘new impetus to the mission of the whole Church to lead men out of the desert in which they often find themselves, to the place of life, of friendship with Christ.’

Parish Census

We periodically need to update our records to ensure that our Parish database is correct. If you have not yet filled in a ‘Parish Census’ form *or* if your contact details have changed over the past few years, please complete one of the forms available at the back of church. Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Office.

People’s editions of the new translation of the Roman Missal

People’s Sunday Missals, price £18, and Weekday Missals (including Sundays), price £45, can be pre-ordered from the Catholic Truth Society: www.cts-online.org.uk, tel. 020 7640 0042.