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Peace Sunday



Greetings from Pax Christi.
 Peace Sunday is on 16 January, 2022. The resources come with the support of the International Affairs Department, of the Bishops' Conference, England and Wales.

The theme chosen for 2022 by Pope Francis is:
"Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace"

For more information on the work of Pax Christi see:

paxchristi.org.uk

Pax Christi depends very much on the financial contributions received from Peace Sunday collections and in these difficult circumstances we would be doubly grateful for any donation you are able to make.

With our sincere thanks and wishing you a peaceful and blessed New Year.

The Pax Christi Team

*The second collection next Sunday
 will be for Pax Christi.*

9th Jan: Baptism of the Lord
Sunday: Year C Weekdays: Year 2, Week 1



Fr. Tony writes

Remembering Baptism

Not many of us remember our baptism! I was only about 3 weeks old when I was baptised. There are a few who were baptised a little later than usual, say aged 3 or 4, who may remember something. And there will be a few who were baptised older than that, perhaps as adults.

Whichever is true for each one of us, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord can serve as a reminder of our own baptism. And phrases from this weekend's readings can help us reflect more deeply upon it. Starting with the Gospel, there is that wonderful phrase addressed to Jesus: "You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you". Through baptism we too are children of God. We are beloved of the Father. And his favour—or grace—rests on us also. That theme of Grace reminds us that God's love is a pure gift. We do not earn it, and by the same token we cannot lose it, even if we turn away, God is always there when we turn back. Not that that means we can take it for granted. The purpose of God's grace, as stated in the second reading, is to "set us free". That freedom is the ability to turn away from sin. But we can, if we choose, remain slaves to sin, or turn back to that slavery. God, in his love and compassion, has given us the means to do that, but we still need to take hold of it with both hands!

'Ordinary' Time

With the feast of the baptism of the Lord we enter a period which the church calls 'ordinary time'. Unless there is a special feast of some sort or another, the vestments are green. There are 34 weeks of ordinary time from now until Advent at the end of the year, 'interrupted' as it were by Lent and Easter. During this time we will be reading more or less continuously through the Gospel of Luke on Sundays, with occasional 'interruptions' from John (we have the wedding at Cana next week). Perhaps you would like to follow this more closely. Luke is perhaps the most attractive of the Gospels, as it has many of our favourite stories in it, including the longest account of Jesus birth, and many of our favourite parables (e.g. the prodigal Son or the Good Samaritan). Reading along with our Sunday readings will be very enriching and a great way to more deeply understand our lives as baptised disciples of Jesus Christ.

Please pray for

All who are sick in the parish, especially Pietro Addis, those who have died recently, especially Pauline Penfold and Mick Blamey. Those who have been recently bereaved and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion preparation begins on Saturday 22 January, 10am, St Theresa's. Please return any application forms ASAP if you have not already done so.

There is still time for any 'latecomers' to join. If you have a child in Year 3 or above who has not yet made their first communion, they are eligible to join. **Please contact Fr. Tony for an application form as soon as possible.**

Future Governors Fair

Monday 17th January 2022, 6.30-7.30pm,
Newman College (top gate),
The Upper Drive, Hove.

Have you ever considered serving your local parish community by becoming a School Governor? It is an incredibly fulfilling role, having an impact on future generations as you give back; but how can you know whether it is right for you?

The Diocese will be leading a short, informal event for anyone who is interested in finding out more about governance. Come and join us for a short talk and the opportunity to meet and speak to current governors and priests from across the Deanery of Brighton & Hove, over a glass of wine/soft drink. That way you can find out what it really involves and whether it might be something you would be interested in, now or in future months or years.

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 8th Jan	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sunday 9th Jan Baptism of the Lord	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	Veronica Lloyd Ints All Parishioners
Tuesday 11th Jan	10am Mass, St George's	
Wednesday 12th Jan	6:30pm Adoration 7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	Holy Souls
Thursday 13th Jan	10am Mass, St George's	
Friday 14th Jan	10am Mass, St Theresa's	Patricia Weatherseed RIP
Saturday 15th Jan	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions	
Sunday 16th Jan	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	All Parishioners Fr. David Weston RIP

Celebrating Marriage



The 5:30pm Mass on Saturday 12th February will be a celebration of Marriage. We invite any married couple in our parishes who has celebrated a 'significant'* anniversary in the past year, or who will do so in the coming year, to let the parish office know, so that we can give thanks and pray for you at that Mass.

COVID permitting, there will be refreshments after the Mass, including something fizzy....

**We are not going to define 'significant'. Obviously it includes the ones associated with gemstones and precious metals, but one year is also significant—we would love to have some newlyweds. And any anniversary that is significant to you is significant enough for us!*

*When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,*

The work of Christmas begins:

*To find the lost. To heal the broken. To feed the hungry.
To release the prisoner. To rebuild the nations.
To bring peace among people. To make music in the heart.*

TO A SAFER SHORE?
Online 15 January 2022
9.45am-2pm

Book your free place here:
www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/jp2022 or contact:
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Justice & Peace Assembly with Bishop Richard: 'To a Safer Shore?'

Focussing on the challenges faced by people compelled to leave their homes and seek refuge in other countries. **Why must we and how can we** respond to their needs, especially in light of Fratelli Tutti.

Online, Saturday 15th January 2022, 9.45am to 2:00pm.

For more details and to book your free place contact Tessa Ricketts:
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