

Offertory Collections:

Sunday 6th January 2013

Envelopes: £ 681.86

Loose: £ 344.75

Standing Orders £ 580.00

Thank you very much.

Your generosity enable us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!!!

JUST MOVED in TO THE PARISH?

Welcome. Please register by completing a registration form from the office. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING (OFFERING)

It is deciding how much of your income to regularly give to the work of your Parish. This will help us **budget** for the years ahead.

STANDING ORDER

It is not always possible to attend Mass in your own parish every week, like when you're on holiday. The most effective way to give is via a standing order from your bank account. All you need to do is fill in our Planned Giving Form, sign it, and return it to the office.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2012-2013 Gift Aid? It's worth it!

It is important to **gift aid** your offering to the church (envelopes or standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by 25p for every £1. at no extra expense to you, the giver. You have to be a UK taxpayer to qualify and you have to fill in a declaration form. For more information, please call the office or ask Fr. Gideon

The Voice of Eden Grove



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Baptism of the Lord Sunday, 13TH January 2013



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK		
Sunday 13th January BAPTISM OF THE LORD	6:00pm: (Sat. Vigil Mass)	John Kenna RIP (Anniv) Mary Joseph Ritchie (Anniv)
	8:30am	Vincent Keane RIP & Margaret Cooney RIP
	10:15 am	Katie Johnson RIP
	12:00 Noon	Peter Price RIP (Anniv) Margaret Lonergan RIP Anniv
Monday 14th January First Week of Year I	9:15 am Mass	All Souls
Tuesday 15th January	No Mass	
Wednesday 16th January	9:15am Mass	Michael Houlihan R.I.P.
Thursday 17th January	9:15am Mass	Bob Lavender RIP
Friday 18th January	10:00 AM SCHOOL MASS	STAFF & PUPILS OF SACRED HEART SCHOOL
Saturday 19th January	Confessions 11-12:00noon or by appointment 6:00pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	
Sunday 20th January 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6:00pm: (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Mona Tuite RIP
	8:30am	Onorina Molinari RIP
	10:15 am	Harry Turner RIP (Anniv)
	12:00 Noon	Margaret Lonergan RIP

The Deep End. Be a signpost

John the Baptist was a man whose life was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus. We may think today of all of those people in our lives who have inspired us, strengthened our faith and pointed us to Jesus. Luke places a special emphasis on Jesus at prayer in his Gospel. Jesus prays at the most important moments of his life. In today's Gospel, while Jesus is praying we hear that the heavens opened. That doesn't mean it started lashing rain but in Jesus' time it meant that the barrier between this world and the next had been opened. We get an image of the Trinity as God's voice is heard and a dove descends. These are all the signs to show us that Jesus is the Beloved Son of God, and that is the beginning of his mission.

We can think of our own Baptism today and what that means. We are all sons of daughters of God and have been moved into the life of God at our Baptism and at our Confirmation. That means that we have a responsibility to be part of God's mission. We are called to take on that responsibility in our parishes, communities, families and in society. We have a responsibility, like John did, to point the way to God. @intercom

Peace Day is next Sunday 20th January.

We ask for your charitable prayers for those who are sick, recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time.

For the sick and the housebound:

Dr. Tanya Ba Obeid, Gemma Patterson, Florence McGrath, Christine Eisen, Jim Spencer, David Joseph, Nicola Jacques, Deignan Family, Margaret Hughes, Mary Egan, Ann Harvey, Anne Conway, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Peter Finn, Colman Connolly, Lil Traynor, Myrtle Hughes, Lillian Appino, Michael Oladipo Cole, Sarah Lane, Nessa Healy, Anne Franklin, Mary Morrissey, Roy Barton, James McNamara, Patrick Enright, Ernie Fisher, Celia Donovan, Nancy Doyle, Erin Connor, Julia White, Mary Barry, Edwina Toson, Ana Shaw, Pauline Hunt, **and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

Anniversaries:

Peter Price, John Kenna, Margaret Lonergan, Mary Joseph, Ritchie, Delia Silvester, Harry Turner, Peter & Michael Ginty, John Kenna, Michael Gray, Mary Krzemienlewski, Michael Costin,

Please Pray for the Recently

Dead: Margaret Cooney, John Danquah, Kate Johansen, Dennis Madlangbayan, Julia Rodriguez Hernandez, Jo Scott, Bob Bourke, Edmond Hyland, Fr. Ian Dickie,

“Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.”

**MILLERS FUNERAL
CATHOLIC UNDERTAKERS**
Essex Rd. 020 7226 3886

BAPTISM: To book a baptism for your child, please contact **Herman** at the parish office at least 6 months before the Baptism date. In keeping with the Diocesan Policy, at least one parent or guardian of the child needs to supply us with their Baptismal Certificate and the child's Birth Certificate. God parents **must** be Catholics. Parents and god parents have to attend a meeting with the catechist.

MARRIAGE: -Make your arrangements with the priest at least six (6) months before your wedding date.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2012-2013

Sunday 13th January: Children's Session: *“Reconciliation II”*. It starts with the **Mass at 10:15** and the SESSION finishes at 12:30pm. **Please bring and collect your children on time!**
Tuesday 15th January: Parent's Meeting. 7:30 8:30pm.

Topic: “Reconciliation” Children: Lent

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2013
Children age 14 or above (Year 9 or above) may now apply. Application forms are available after the Mass. Return the application form before Sunday 20th January 2013

PEACE SUNDAY 2013
Sunday, 20th January

“BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS”
Once again Pope Benedict invites us to celebrate with Pax Christi, World's Peace Day with its theme *Blessed are the Peacemakers*. His message will affirm the Church's teaching on peace, from the great letter of Pope John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, through the teaching on war and peace in Vatican II's *Gaudium et Spes*, to challenge offered by the Year of Faith, for us to seek out and hold up the 'credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord..' What better way to carry forward the spirit of the Council than to explore how each of us can work for peace here and now in the 21st century?

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. When John the Baptist baptised people, was is the Sacrament of Baptism?

A. There sacraments as we know them did not exist before the ministry of Jesus. Baptism originally meant having a bath or a good wash. John was called the Baptist, the Bath-man, because he used a ceremony of washing by which people might express a moral conversion from the ways of sin. Jesus took this ritual washing to a new level when he told the disciples to baptise 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. Christians recognise this as the institution of the sacrament. @Intercom

RCIA is underway...

Next meeting will take place on Thursday 17th January at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room.

It is not too late to join this group of individuals who are considering a journey toward communion with the Catholic faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) prepares the individual to receive the sacraments of the Church at Easter Vigil, thus, enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you would like to find out more about this process, feel free to come to the above meeting with Herman or call Fr. Gideon at 0207 6073594 with any questions.

A DAY WITH MARY

Sat 19th January –Our Lady & St. Joseph, Kingsland

CRIB DONATIONS

Thank you for your donations to the Crib during the Christmas season. The amount collected was £354.55 which will go to the Catholic Children Society (Westminster).

As we begin the New Year we would like to express our appreciation to all who gave their services so

generously in 2012: We thank especially the cleaners, Choirs, Counters, Collectors, Our Catechists for First Holy Communion Preparation Group, RCIA, Confirmation and Liturgy of the Word for children, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, and all who contributed in any capacity to the work of the Parish.

Thank you very much. *Fr. Gideon*

Gospel Reading (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

On the Epiphany the people of Jerusalem were perturbed on hearing the news of the Magi. Today Luke recounts how a feeling of expectancy had grown among the people as they came to see John at the Jordan. Christ disturbs, his presence has an effect. John declares who he himself is by saying who he is not. His baptism foreshadows the one that is coming, not just of water, but fire and Holy Spirit. The presence of the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit- begins the public revelation of Christ. Jesus is one in whom the Father is well pleased; the Lamb of God, the acceptable sacrifice that takes away the sins of the world.

Vocations Discernment Group

The next meeting for the Vocation Discernment Group (18-30's) is on Friday 25th January, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Rm., Morpeth Terrace next to Westminster Cathedral, with talk by Mgr. Christopher Brooks on Jonah. For more details contact Sr. Gabi at info@free2become.org or Fr. Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

MARGARET COONEY R.I.P.

Funeral Mass will be held here at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday 23rd January at 10:00AM. May she rest in peace.