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The Baptism of The Lord - Year B - 11 January 2009

Sunday Mass at 11 a.m.
With Children's Liturgy of the Word

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday at 9 a.m.
Tuesday at 9 a.m.
Wednesday at 9 a.m.
Thursday at 9 a.m.
Friday at 9 a.m.
Saturday at 10 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER

Monday to Friday at 8.45 a.m.
Saturday at 9.45 a.m.

CONFESSION

Sunday before Mass; on request.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday after Mass until 10.30 a.m.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Offertory: £399.18
Justice & Peace: £163.52
Crib Offerings: £66
Many thanks for your generosity!

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish community who are sick especially: Jean McLaughlin, Charles McLaughlin, Donna Small, Joe Kingdom, Norman Fyffe, Buntly Ward, Ina Carlin, Theresa McCabe, Carol Vaughan, Vicki Wood, Aileen Low, Peter Hutchison, Fr. David Ward, Rachel Findlay, Margaret Reid, Sunil Joseph (Fr. John's nephew), Cathie Cochrane, Gertrude Dignan. *Our Lady of Lourdes pray for them.*

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of those who recently entered eternal life: Jean Henderson, Johanna O'Hara, John Feeney, Noel Byrne, Jack O'Hara. *May they be raised to new and everlasting life in Christ.*

Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bill Gibson, Grace Keenan, Cathie Mullen, Cathie Wilkinson, Annie Miller, William Miller, James Lavelle

The Ordinary Time of the Church's Year begins tomorrow. This season is devoted to the unfolding of the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. **Next Sunday will be the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.**

Vocations Box: Please remember that we are still looking for volunteers to take the Vocations Box and pray for vocations for a week at a time. Please speak to Fr. John for more details.

Floral Donations: If you would like to make a donation for flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please speak to one of the priests.

Ministries Rotas: The new rotas for readers and eucharistic ministers are available in the sacristy.

Diocesan Justice & Peace Day: A Justice and Peace event has been arranged on Saturday 24th January in the Diocesan Centre, Lawside Road, Dundee. Those attending will be brought up to date with current justice and peace matters. A presentation will also be given by Andree Ryan of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel who has recently returned from the West Bank. It is hoped that representatives from as many of our parishes as possible can attend. If you would like to do so, information on the event is available at the back of the church. The day begins at 10 a.m. and finishes at 2 p.m. Please see the poster at the back of the church for details.

From the Catechism...

34. What are the most ancient symbols (professions) of faith?

The most ancient symbols of faith are the baptismal creeds. Because Baptism is conferred "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19), the truths of faith professed at Baptism are articulated in reference to the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity.

Sunday Soundbite

It's a cliché, but true, that to finish well depends on making a "good beginning." A month or so ago we heard "the beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God," proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Advent. Those words sound like a title—and, in a way, they are Mark's "title" for his Gospel. All that will follow—from Christ's Baptism to the announcement that he is risen—is, for Mark, the "beginning" of the Good News about Jesus. The continuation of the story is up to us who have received this Good News.

As the liturgical season of Christmas ends today, we begin to reflect on a weekly basis on what it means to live the Good News that Jesus Christ has been revealed as Son of God. Much of our reflection will come from Mark's Gospel.

Today he presents the dramatic scene in the waters of the Jordan River, as Jesus is baptised by John. The Spirit descends on Jesus, and a heavenly voice claims him: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." From the Jordan, Jesus will begin a mission of healing and exorcism. Just as the Spirit hovered over the primeval waters at the dawn of Creation described in the Book of Genesis, so now the Spirit is at work in Jesus—and in each of us, become new creations in Christ through our own Baptisms. **Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M.**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2009

Led by Bishop Logan, takes place from 20 - 27 July. If you would like more information, there are leaflets and booking forms in the sacristy.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2009

Begins next Sunday 18th and runs to Sunday 25th January. The theme for 2009 is "Reconcile your people". Lochee Churches Together will have their service on Sunday 18th January at 3 p.m., in Balgay Parish Church. All are welcome.