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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR C
9 & 10 JANUARY 2010**

“We welcome the stranger”

Parish Team

Fr Peter Carrucan PP

Pastoral Associates

Sr Margaret Maher fCJ

Sr Catherine FMDM (VU)

Sr Maria Yen Bui MTGDL

Chaplains

Fr Philip Le & Fr Xua Nguyen

Vietnamese

Fr Lois Philippines

Fr John Malabar

Sudanese

Refugee Worker

Mathew Bul

Office Hours: Wed. 9am – 12 noon

Business Manager/Secretary

Sue O’Loughlin/Virginia Verano

Office Hours 8:30am/4:30pm Mon–Fri

Parish School

Principal - John Steele

Phone: 9366 2899

Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday 9am, 11am, 6pm

12:30pm Vietnamese

Other Masses

1st Sun Filipino Mass 4:00 pm

2nd Sun: Sudanese Mass 2.30 pm

3rd Sun: Malibar Mass 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION: (English)

Sat: 10.00am - 10:30am

5:15pm - 5:45pm

Thurs: 7.00pm - 7:30pm

Sun: 12 noon - Vietnamese

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the 1st Sunday of every month during a Mass. Preparation session - Thursday evening beforehand 7:30pm in the Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If anyone is sick, it is appropriate that they receive the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing). Please ring the Parish Office for regular Communion of the Sick home visits.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Six months notice should be given. Marriage preparation is necessary. Permission to marry in a church other than that of the bride or groom should be sought before making any arrangements. Church arrangements should be made

Dear Friends,

The Christmas season is finished. A new Church time begins with the Baptism of Jesus. You may have noticed how through the stories of birth how Luke slowly tells us about the identity of Jesus.

The angel reveals the child as son of the Most High, Elizabeth calls him Lord: the Mother of my Lord. The Shepherds give him the name of Saviour. Today, God names Jesus as the beloved Son. It is on the authority of God that we come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

We call this : revelation.

The FOOD BANK re-opened on Wednesday last to a flurry of calls. Thursday and Friday were quieter. The red bags are again ready for us to take and put in some goods for the Bank. The bank will continue to operate each week during January. Volunteers to work in it would be welcomed.

Many come asking for help to find accommodation and employment. Ironing, washing, cleaning of homes are things always being done. If you know of someone who wants assistance please let us know.

Accommodation is a more difficult matter, for it is a premium in St Albans. However, if again you know of a room, a unit, a house let's know ; we can send people to look.

Take care during the hot weather.

Peace,

Fr. Peter



An excerpt from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.



**STEWARDSHIP CORNER
- THOUGHTS ON GIVING**

“John tried to prevent him, saying, I need to be baptised by you, and yet you are coming to me?” Matthew 3:14

Each of us has received the Baptism that John sought – a Baptism into the Church of Jesus. The Catholic Catechism for Adults states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptised Catholics there is only one simple gift that we need to give to Jesus. The only gift God wants is a complete offering of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God in this way, we will know in our hearts what else God might call us to do.

**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY/SUNDAY 16/17 JANUARY**

6:00 PM

Reader: Alaistair Surreo
Arni Montoro
Head Spec Min: Mary Borg
Spec Min: Hann Nguyen
Angelo Bartolo
Patsy De Abreu
Jeanette Spiteri
Miriam Vella
Anna Saavedra

9:00 AM

Readers: Arleen Walsh
Gordon Walsh
Head Spec Min: Nalini Cruse
Spec Min: Doris Gatt
Phuong Ung
Pauline Storace
Fred Storace
Kim Bui Quang
Christopher Creo

11:00 AM

Reader: Paula Luansing
Rita Martin
Head Spec Min: Linda Fernandez
Spec Min: Johanne Dajic
Cita Carreon
Akok Kiir
Nina Desira
Susan Hallorina
Fedele Hallorina

6:00 PM

Reader: May Mendoza
Head Spec Min: Tess Elano
Spec Min: Joanne Azzopardi
Sharon Perena

PIETY STALL 6 pm - J. Gatt
9 am - Volunteer
11am - L. Disco

CHURCH CLEANING

Week Beginning 11 Jan 2009

Group 3: Kylie Thompson
Anita Bison
Felicity Nalipay
Otilia Tufuga
Cherie Surrao

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tues. 12 Jan 9:00am
Wed. 13 Jan 9:00am
Thurs. 14 Jan 9:00am
Fri. 15 Jan 9:00am
Sat. 16 Jan 6:00pm

DAILY GOSPEL READINGS

Mon: Mk. 1:114-20
Tue: Mk. 1:21-28
Wed: Mk. 1:29-31
Thu: Mk. 1:30-45
Fri: Mk. 2:1-12
Sat: Mk. 2:13-17

**ACHIEVING PREGNANCY
NATURALLY**

For a free information leaflet, please contact Bills LIFE on 1800 335 860.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Herta Todero, Anna Kotula, Angela Costa, Connie Agius, Kam Camilleri, Charles & Lonza Briffa, Baskel Saliba, Viviana Santos, Sam Tabone, Peter Vu, Cecilia Bozickovic, Tennous Boulus, George Aquilina, Louis Thewma, Joseph Duca, Tom Milinkovic, Peter Disco, Tess Micallef., Teresa Vojtek.

SPECIAL MINISTERS:

A course of training of new ministers starts Wednesday 20 January from 7pm in the Church. Encourage each other to come, for we need lots of ministers.

LECTORS; soon a course of training to be organized for new readers.

CLEANERS

Shortage is happening! Perhaps, it is the hot summer days. Volunteers are needed for the cleaners' roster.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: the names of those who are unwell are on the news sheet, usually front page. Please remember them in your prayers.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Xavier College is offering a range of scholarships for students entering Years 7, 9 & 11 in 2011. The closing date for applications is 5 February 2010. For registration and information see Xavier's website www.xavier.vic.edu.au/scholarships or contact the Registrar at Xavier on 9854 5307.

FOOD BANK

Food Bank reopened on Wednesday 6 January 2010. Volunteers still needed for a couple of hours from 2pm to 4pm Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Contact Fr Peter or just come to the Office.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

You came from among us
To be, for us, one who serves.
We thank you for ministering christ to us
And helping us minister christ to each other.
We are grateful for the many gifts you bring
To our community:
for drawing us together in worship,
for visiting us in our homes,
for comforting us in sickness,
for showing us compassion,
for blessing our marriage,
for baptising our children,
for confirming us in our calling,
for supporting us in bereavement,
for helping us to grow in faith,
for encouraging us to take the initiative,
for helping the whole community realise God's presence among us.
For our part, we pray that we may always be
Attentive to your needs and never take you
For granted. You, like us, need friendship and
Love, welcome and a sense of belonging,
kind words and acts of thoughtfulness.
We pray, also, for the priests who have Wounded priesthood.
May we be willing to forgive
And may they be open to healing.
Let us support one another during times Of crisis.
God our Father, we ask you to bless our Priests and confirm them in their calling.
Give them the gifts they need
To respond with generosity and a joyful heart.
We offer this prayer for our priest,
Who is our brother and friend,
Amen