



The Sacred Heart Church, Petworth
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January 3rd 2010 Solemnity of The Epiphany (Year C)

Saturday	2 nd	5.30pm	Mass	Christopher Salt RIP
Sunday	3 rd	8.30am (Duncton)	Mass	Hilary Sutton RIP
		10.30am	Mass	People of the Parish
Monday	4 th	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
Tuesday	5 th	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
Wednesday	6 th	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
Thursday	7 th	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
Friday	8 th	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
Saturday	9 th	12.00Noon	Mass	Geoffrey Butcher RIP (F)
		5.30pm	Mass	Frederick Hedger RIP
Sunday	10 th	8.30am (Duncton)	Mass	Dec'd members of the Cave family
		10.30am	Mass	The People of the Parish

Confessions: Saturdays at 5.00pm or by appointment

This Week

This Sunday Our parish Christmas party will take place after the 10.30am Mass.

This Week Fr Peter will be away from Monday to Friday.

very much appreciate all the support and encouragement that you give us. Thank you, also, to everyone who worked so hard to make our churches and the Christmas liturgies so beautiful.

Saints Days This Week

Next Sunday The Baptism of The Lord

Some Forthcoming Dates

Sunday January 3rd Parish Party after 10.30am Mass.

Sunday January 17th Choir singing at 10.30am Mass.

Parish Christmas Party This year's party will be after the 10.30am Mass on **Sunday January 3rd**.

Thank You to all parishioners for all your kind and generous cards, gifts and offerings. We have had a wonderful Christmas at The Presbytery, and we so



✂'**How to Sing Gregorian Chant'** A workshop led by Nick Gale, the Director of Music at Southwark Cathedral, will take place at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis, on Saturday January 30th. It will

begin at 10am and end with a mass at 5.15pm. Cost is £10 a head, please bring a packed lunch. To book contact Liz Lucas on 01243 863833 or liz.lucas@bognorrc.co.uk. These days are highly recommended - do go if you can.

I Believe

This series of meetings for people considering the possibility of becoming Catholics begins again soon. These meetings will offer you a chance to explore the Catholic faith 'The Mass'
Tuesday January 12th
7.30pm at The Presbytery
Anyone is welcome

✂**Funerals** Two funerals of people known to many parishioners take place this week. On Tuesday 5th the funeral of Jocelyn Raban-Williams takes place at S. Mary's, Petworth, at 2pm; on Wednesday 6th the funeral of Jeremy McNiven takes place at The Divine Motherhood & S. Francis, Midhurst, at 10am.

Petworth Cleaning Rotas Please collect your rota from the back of the church if you have not already done so.

Last Sunday's offertory The average weekly amount given by standing order is £375.00. Last Sunday's collection was £391.27, of which £242.00 was in envelopes and £149.27 was loose cash.

From The Epiphany Homily of Pope Benedict XVI, January 6th 2008

In the mystery of Christmas, Christ's light shines on the earth, spreading, as it were, in concentric circles. First of all, it shines on the Holy Family of Nazareth: the Virgin Mary and Joseph are illuminated by the divine presence of the Infant Jesus. The light of the Redeemer is then manifested to the shepherds of Bethlehem, who, informed by an Angel, hasten immediately to the grotto and find there the "sign" that had been foretold to them: the Child, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger (cf. Lk 2: 12).

The shepherds, together with Mary and Joseph, represent that "remnant of Israel", the poor, the anawim, to whom the Good News was proclaimed.

Finally, Christ's brightness shines out, reaching the Magi who are the first-fruits of the pagan peoples.

The palaces of the rulers of Jerusalem, to which, paradoxically, the Magi actually take the news of the Messiah's birth, are left in the shade. Moreover, this news does not give rise to joy but to fear and hostile reactions. The divine plan was mysterious: "The light came into the world, but men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were wicked" (Jn 3: 19).

But what is this light? Is it merely an evocative metaphor or does this image correspond to reality? The Apostle John writes in his First Letter: "God is light; in him there is no darkness" (1 Jn 1: 5); and further on he adds: "God is love". These two affirmations, taken together, help us to understand better: the light that shone forth at Christmas, which is manifested to the peoples today, is God's love revealed in the Person of the Incarnate Word. Attracted by this light, the Magi arrived from the East.

The Lamp in the Lady Chapel burns this week in honour of Our Lady and in thanksgiving

Welcome to anyone who may be visiting our church, or if you have recently arrived in the area. We hope that you will enjoy being with us for our worship. There is a very brief history of the Sacred Heart Church by the doorway – please help yourself to a copy.

If you are putting money in the collection (for which we are always very grateful) you might like to use one of the yellow envelopes at the back of the church labeled 'Gift Aid Declaration'. These allow us to reclaim the tax paid on the gift, increasing its value to us by 28% (at no cost to you).