

Special dates– January 2009

The year dedicated to St Paul

- 1st The BVM Mother of God *Feast*
4th **Epiphany Solemnity**
11th **The Baptism of Christ** *Christmas ends.*
Weekday cycle 1
18th Unity Week of Prayer starts
25th One Mass today to mark Year of St Paul is permitted

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and post your comments and news to the
subscribers*

What is.....

the ‘Week of Prayer for Christian Unity’?

the first Unity Week was held 100 years ago at Graymoor, New York in United States when a Episcopal priest, Fr Paul Wattson, recognised that the scandal of the divided church needed the prayer of all the Christian communities to find ways and willingness to work together and heal divisions. He chose the dates beginning with the Feast of The Chair of St Peter to The Conversion of St Paul (18-25th Jan). These initial efforts were boosted after Vatican II. The Catholic Church encouraged its members to take part and support initiatives towards Unity with other Christian Denominations. This year’s theme is “My peace I give to you... not as the world gives... let not your hearts be troubled” (Jn.14 : 23-31). Watch for details of events in your parish and join in.

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“The

Deanery Notices

For Bexley”

Newsletter of events in RC Deanery of Bexley

Archdiocese of Southwark

The Diocesan Directory is available in your parish. It is a helpful resource for events and dates as well as having a Liturgical Calendar. No more wondering when Ash Wednesday is! It also has details for booking for the Oberammagau Passion Play in 2010. If you have dreamed of seeing it this is your opportunity.

Diocesan News

Marriage Preparation courses locally include

Bexley on 14 Feb & 6 June

Beckenham on 1-2 May & 10-11 July

Welling on 13-14 November

Book early through your Parish priest. Often 6 months notice is required.

Mass in Celebration of Marriage at Aylesford

Friary on Saturday 30 May. For special anniversaries a special invitation can be obtained by your Parish Priest

Brunch Club at St John Vianney Bexleyheath
'Irish in Greenwich Brunch Club' invite any over
55's* to this activities based club

The Church Hall on Wednesdays from 11.30am.
Volunteers also required. Contact Angela 020
8854 4466 *no need to be Irish

Missa Cantata monthly on Saturday
3 January at 10.30am at
Our Lady of the Rosary Blackfen
The Traditional Latin Mass with Gregorian chants
followed by Benediction. Confessions from 11am

Dates for your Diary

Meet John Pridmore

'From Gangunder to Promised Land'
at Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen.

6.30pm 9th January 2009

Hear his dramatic life-changing story

All the youth of the Deanery are specially invited.

Interested adults just turn up.

See on the Web

www.pcusa.org.

more on Unity Week in the Presbyterian Church

www.ctbi.org.uk

Unity Octave resources online

Parishes in Bexley Deanery

St John Fisher Bexley 01322 524813 stjfisher@tiscali.co.uk

www.freewebs.com/stjohnfisherchurch

St John Vianney Bexleyheath 020 83031957 parish@stjv.org.uk

www.stjohnvianney-bexleyheath.org

Our Lady of the Rosary Blackfen 020 83002697

rosary@freeuk.com www.rosary.freeuk.com

St Thomas More Bostal Park 020 83032189

St Mary of the Crays Old Road Crayford 01322 523492

www.stmarycrays.org.uk

Our Lady of the Angels Bexley Road Erith 01322 402060

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St Lawrence of Canterbury Sidcup 020 83002480

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