



PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**The Baptism of the  
Lord—10 Jan 2010**

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**Welcome to all to  
church today.**

The service is all on the screens.

The readings for the day are:  
Isa 43:1-7 Ps 29 Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-22

The Intercessions are printed on



**Planning Meeting next Sunday**

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Next Sunday after the 9.00am Eucharist, we will be having a planning meeting for the year ... come along with your ideas, or if you cannot be there, write your ideas down and email them to the Rector ([rector@stjohnsraymondterrace.org](mailto:rector@stjohnsraymondterrace.org)), leave them in the tray in the Morning Tea area, or ask someone to bring them along. All activities that are planned will need someone to take responsibility for that activity, and an idea of who will be able and willing to help. So talk about your ideas, and come along as we plan for another busy (but not tooooo busy! year at St John's.

# **A visit to the Newcastle Theatre Co**

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***Education Rita* by Willy Russell.**

**at NEWCASTLE THEATRE COMPANY, Lambton.**

**Friday 22nd January @ 8 p.m.**

**Following the successful trip to NTC to see “Shadowlands” last year and the subsequent discussion with the cast and director I have been approached by various members of the parish to see if there is sufficient interest to organize another trip in a few weeks time to see Educating Rita.**

**If we go as a party, as opposed to individually, we get a generous discount on the price of the seats and can also arrange transport with the community bus.**

**The normal ticket price is \$25 or \$19 concessions but for party bookings it is the following:-**

**10 - 19 is \$18 per head**

**20+ is \$14 per head**

**plus a donation to the community coach \$5 per head.**

**Educating Rita has won more prizes as a play than can be listed in a piece of blurb like this and has wooed audiences all over the world. Lots of comedy and lots of thought provoking exchanges between student and tutor....makes for a great evening.**

**Ken Hoy has kindly agreed to coordinate/arrange this trip so please contact him on 4987 3632 if you would like to book tickets.**

**There will also be a sign up sheet in the Morning Tea area in the Church. Wine or beer can be taken to the theatre to be enjoyed with the discussion.**

## Lent Bible Studies

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Lent commences early this year. We will be using the Lent books in the same series as we have in the past year. Ash Wednesday is 17 February. This year the study is called “Grace to you”. Copies are available from next week ... don’t miss out as these booklets were sold out last year. Our Bible Studies are Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (Heather Buckingham’s home, Denise Brown’s home, and at the Church). If you would like to organise a group, please fill in form accordingly.



***Thank you to those who have offered and are taking place in clicking the services through—it is, however, a job that can well be shared around and a number of people take a turn. You only have to sit in church where you normally do (though towards the front may be better) and pay attention for the hour of the service—which we ought to be doing anyway!***

## The Parish Office

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Thank you to those who offered to help in the Parish Office. We have begun some training in which needs to be done on Thursday mornings. Come along if you are interested in having a look. Those who have volunteered to be part of this are greatly appreciated. There are varied jobs for people with different interests. We are hoping to have two people each Thursday from 9.00am till 11.00am or 12 noon depending on how the work load evolves.

As a part of this new system, all can help. If you have information for the Parish Newsletter, please do make sure that it is either on the form in the Tray Files in Morning Tea are and placed in the tray marked 'OFFICE' or emailed to:

[news@stjohnsraymondterrace.org](mailto:news@stjohnsraymondterrace.org)

by Wednesday evening at the latest.

Changes to the Diary (copy of planned diary will be on the web site and also in the Morning Tea Area and changes to Parish Directory Information—these also need to be written down and placed in the Office Tray, or emailed to:

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## Annual Leave

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Mthr Beatrice, Dennis and Kathy are away on holidays for the two weeks and three days from Friday 22 January. Fr Wilf has kindly agreed, once again, to care for the parish whilst we are away.

We are looking very forward to our visit to China to see Heather, Michael and the boys!

## **TO ALL PARISH GROUP EXECUTIVES -**

Please do get your Annual Report in as soon as possible now! Our AGM will be early in March and there is not a lot of time. So if you are a Secretary of a group, please ensure your group has its report!

You can put a paper copy in the OFFICE TRAY in the morning tea area or email your report to:

**[rector@stjohnsraymondterrace.org](mailto:rector@stjohnsraymondterrace.org)**

and Judith Schofield will get your Report.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT  
DONE THIS,  
PLEASE DO IT AS  
A MATTER OF  
URGENCY**



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## Prayers of Intercession—The Baptism of the Lord, 10 Jan 2010

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We pray for The Church of Bangladesh The Rt Revd Paul Sishir Sarkar Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Kushtia, and in our Diocese for our Bishop Brian, Peter, Bishop Assisting, and Southlakes Glen POPE, Ian HOWARTH and Windale, Sally Gero and the congregations in their care.

We pray for those who have especially asked for our prayers: Helen Moore, Glenn, Joan McInnes, Kevin Furness, Jeanette and Andrew, Tracie Hendriks.

At the time of her anniversary we commit once more to God's love, Melina Sparkes and each of our own loved ones who have died.

Life-giving God, we bring to you our prayers for the world and for the church.  
At the dawn of time your

Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep and brought form and life to your creation: overshadow your world today and give to us a new sense of wonder and responsibility for this planet and all its creatures.

God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In the days of the great flood you saved Noah from the waters of death and made a covenant with Noah and his descendants: look with compassion today on all in danger from natural disaster and from those catastrophes that we inflict ourselves.

God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In ancient times you brought your chosen people from slavery to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea: liberate your people today who are held in the bondage of cruelty, oppression or injustice, so

they may live in dignity,  
freedom and hope.

God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In the waters of the River Jordan, your Son Jesus Christ was baptised with those he came to save: bring your people today to seek the salvation that you offer so we may turn away from all that holds us in the power of evil. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Through the waters of baptism you seal us as your own and make us one with all who bear your name: empower us with your spirit to faithfully serve you and proclaim your good news of justice, peace, redemption and love.  
God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

At Jesus' baptism, you named him your beloved Son and anointed him with power for ministry: bring healing today to those who are sick, hope to those in despair and comfort to the lost and lonely ones of our community.

God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Everliving God,  
by the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us to new and everlasting life: may we so pattern our lives on your Son, that we, also, may be found pleasing in your eyes and take our place with your beloved daughters and sons of every time and nation.  
God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



Sunday, 10 January 2010	7.30am Mass 9.00am Parish Mass Baptisms	8
Monday, 11 January 2010		
Tuesday, 12 January 2010	9.00am Mass	
Wednesday, 13 January 2010	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass and M.Tea	
Thursday, 14 January 2010	9.00am Office experience 1.00pm Craft Group	Paul Brookes
Friday, 15 January 2010		Daphne Moodie
Saturday, 16 January 2010		Don Moodie
Sunday, 17 January 2010	7.30am Mass 9.00am Parish Mass Planning Meeting	Betty Windeyer

## Diary and Rosters for the coming week

Deacon 7.30 & 9am	Mthr Beatrice Pate /Fr Chris	Reading 1	Isa 62:1-5
SubDeacon 7.30 & 9am	Ken Hoy	Psalm	Ps 36:5-10
Server 1 7.30am	Dennis Pate	Reading 2	1 Cor 12:1-11
Server 2 7.30am	TBA	Gospel	John 2:1-11
Reader 7.30 am	Grieve Brown	Morning Tea 7.30am	Joyce Dalley
			Nance Bulbert
Server 1 9.00 am	Lorraine Phillips	Morning Tea 9.00am	TBA
Server 2 9.00 am	TBA	Counting	Denise Brown
			Valerie Linegar
Server 3 9.00 am	TBA	Parish Pantry	PP Team 3
Reader 1 9.00 am	Neil Goldthorpe	Cleaning Team	Val Berriman
Reader 2 9.00 am	Leonie Gilbert	Flowers	Heather Buckingham
Reader 3 9.00 am	Raelene Henderson	Home Communion	Ken Hoy