



ST. JEROME'S ENGLISH COMMUNITY BULLETIN Tel. # 2448-8332 e-mail: stjrome_englishcommunity@yahoo.com	January
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JANUARY SCHEDULE

	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
Jan. 1 st Mon. <i>Mother of God</i>	9:30am	New Year's Eucharist	Church
Sun. Jan. 6 th <i>Epiphany.</i>	8:00 am	Eucharist (New Coor. Com. Oath taking)	Church
	9:30 am	Finance Com.	Rm.405
	2:30 pm	Taize Prayer	Church
Sat. Jan. 12 th	2:30 pm	Br. Paul's Diaconate Ordination	Cathedral
Jan.13 th Sun. <i>Jesus aptism</i>	8:00 am	Eucharist-Birthdays	Church
	9:30 am	Liturgy Gp. Meeting	Rm.405
	9:30	Choir, Euch. Mins. Editorial Gp.	Tuck Shop
	2:30 pm	Bible Sharing	Rm. 408
Sun. Jan. 20 th <i>2nd Sun.</i>	8:00 am	Eucharist	Church
	9:30	Vocation Gp. Migrant Desk	4/F
	2:30 pm	Bible Sharing	Rm. 408
Sun. Jan 27 th <i>3rd Sun.</i>	8:00 am	Eucharist	Church
	9:30 am	Coordinating Com. Mtg.	Rm. 405
	2:30 pm	Bible Sharing	Rm. 408

*Adoration each Sunday 5:00 pm in Church
All are welcome!!!

Prayers and Best Wishes for the New Year !!!

LITURGY INTRODUCTION
January 2008 - Cycle A

6/1 Epiphany (Cycle A) A GIFT FOR ALL

We call today's feast the *Epiphany*, a word that means manifestation. The Son of God was manifested to foreigners who sought him, and found him in a most unexpected place. As we recall this story of the strangers who came seeking the child Jesus, the newborn King, to worship and bring him gifts; we are reminded that God's plan of salvation is set in human history, and is meant for all people.

Jesus commissioned his followers to go out to all nations and share the Good News. The universality of the Church shows that the gospel message can be integrated into all cultures, uniting all people into a community of believers, the Body of Christ. The gift of God Incarnate, the gift of salvation offered by Christ is for all!! It is our responsibility to share this Good News with others.

13/1 Baptism of the Lord (Cycle A) BAPTISM

Today's feast marks the end of the Christmas season and begins unfolding the mystery of Christ, according to the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus is introduced as the beloved Son of God, who came to do His Will. Jesus' baptism by John is a sign of his commitment to this mission entrusted to him by God. The celebration of Jesus baptism recalls our own baptism. By accepting Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection, we affirm our faith and are welcomed into the community of faith, the Church. Dedicated and enlightened by the Spirit, we become beloved sons and daughters of God, with a permanent relationship in Christ; cleansed from all sin, we thus become a new creation.

20/1 2nd Sunday of the Year (Cycle A) WHO IS JESUS?

In carrying out his earthly mission as the Messiah, Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy and history. Jesus Christ is truly divine, God's only-begotten Son...but Jesus is also human. As such, He thinks with a human mind, acts with a human will, and loves with a human heart. Jesus is truly one with us, like us in all things except sin. In Jesus Christ, we are joined to all history and all human beings. Jesus Christ is our promised Messiah and the Saviour of the world.

27/1 3rd Sunday of the Year (Cycle A)
FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

At the Last Supper, Jesus prayed for the Church's unity, "That all may be one, as you, Father are in me and I am in you." As followers of Christ, we should be united in love for God and one another. This quest for unity has challenged the church and each one of us to respect peoples of other faiths and to dialogue with them, that we may become more aware of the common witness to the Lord that all Christians are called to give to the world.

MY VOCATION JOURNEY...

Br. Paul Tam

I thank and praise the Lord that on January 12th, 2008 I will be ordained a deacon. It has been seven years since I joined the seminary and God has been extremely kind to me all these years. But my journey towards this moment began many years ago.

I was born in 1956 in Hong Kong and I was baptized the following year with my mother and sister on the 25th of December, 1957. When I was 12 years old, I felt the call of Jesus to become a priest, initially I was confused and concerned considering an entire life of sacrifice, but God overwhelmed me and I responded positively. In 1976 I went to England and four years later graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a

degree in Civil Engineering. I returned to HK for my professional training and became a Chartered Engineer in 1985. In 1987 I went to Canada for postgraduate studies and graduated with a PhD in Construction management from the University of Waterloo, Ontario in 1992, then returned to HK.

In 1995, I started to consider my vocation, and visited different monasteries, when I heard this call, "Why haven't you considered becoming a diocesan priest?" It was a new idea, and I sought the advice of my spiritual director who gave me his full support. I contacted the Holy Spirit Seminary and was admitted on August 27th, 2000.

I want to thank everyone for their guidance and encouragement over the years, and ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers that one day, I may serve the Church of Hong Kong as a good and sincere diocesan priest.

TIL WE MEET AGAIN...

Sr. Michelle Reynolds

To paraphrase the words of St. Paul, "I give thanks to God whom I serve and filled with joy, I thank him especially as I remember you always in my prayers night and day..."

For 16 years I've lived, loved and worked in St. Jerome's Parish, watching it grow from a few blocks in Tin Yiu Estate to a whole New Town. From tiny seeds, a group of 30+ people we have grown to bear witness to God's love and presence among us. We have had times of joy and celebration as well as struggles and disappointments, but through it all I have felt your support, prayers and unity.

In 2008, I will begin a Sabbatical Year, a time of renewal, rest, and re-creation, including a home visit, courses and community service. I will be in and out of HK. So even though I leave my ministry in St. Jerome's parish, you will always be a part of my life, and I look forward to seeing you again sometime. May God bless and keep you all!!!

**WELCOMING THE NEW COORDINATING
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The oath-taking for the **New Coordinating Committee Members** will be on the **6th of January, 2008**. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for generously giving their time and service to the community and to wish each and everyone good luck and God's blessings for the coming year!

	Leader	C. Level
Ushers	Ms. Minda Riola	Coordinator
Eucharistic Ministers	Ms. Amy Pabellano	Ass. Coordinator
Choir	Ms. Diana Abadey	
Lectors	Ms. Leila Atillo	
Vocation	Ms. Grace Siolao	
Altar Servers	Ms. Hiby Doronio	
Migrant Desk	Ms. Elisabeth Engay	
Martha	Ms. Anita Romanillos	
Bible	Ms. Norita Ducha	
Editorial	Ms. Helen Salvador	
Mens/P.C.	Mr. Lucas Lee	
Finance Committee	Ms. Divina Buenvenida Ms. Lea Paguntalan Ms. Aileen Buenaobra	

Interest Groups

Group	Leader
Dance	Ms. Reme Dios
Sports	Ms. Leila Atillo

ARE YOU INTERESTED???

Everyone wants to be happy. Jesus Christ can help us find a meaningful and happy life. If you would like to know more about Christ and His teachings, please fill out the form below and return it to St. Jerome's Church. All are welcome!

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(Please check)

Catholic _____ Christian _____

Non-Baptized _____

Interested in:

Catechumen _____

Receiving Sacraments - Confirmation _____

Renew _____
