

Keep Christ in Christmas...

*Unto us a Child is given,
Christ our Saviour brings release;
Counsellor, Eternal Father,
God made man and Prince of Peace.*

*Born of Mary, gentle Virgin,
By the Spirit of the Lord;
From eternal ages spoken:
This, the mighty Father's Word.*

*Love and truth in him shall flower,
From his strength their vigour take.
Branches that are bare shall blossom;
Joy that slept begins to wake.*

*Praise the everlasting Father
And the Word, his only Son;
Praise them with the Holy Spirit,
Perfect Trinity in One.*

Stanbrook Abbey Hymnal

*By his Incarnation God hides his
Divinity ... in order to become visible to
our eyes.*

Saint Jean-Marie Vianney

*Why did the Son of God become man?
For us men and for our salvation, the Son of
God became incarnate in the womb of the
Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit.
He did so to reconcile us sinners with God, to
have us learn of God's infinite love, to be our
model of holiness and to make us "partakers of
the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4).*

*Compendium, Catechism of the Catholic
Church, 85*

Nativity of the Lord 2009 **at St Bernhard**

24 December

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| 4.00 p.m. | Nativity Play (in German)
Gospel, prayers and Christmas
Carols in German and English |
| 7.30 p.m. | Christmas Carols |
| 8.00 p.m. | Vigil Mass in English |
| 10.30 p.m. | German Christmas Carols and
Texts |
| 11.00 p.m. | Vigil Mass in German |

25 December

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| 11.00 a.m. | "Mass during the day" |
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Collections:

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| 6 Dec. | Orphans and foster children |
| 8/13/20 | Our Mission |
| 24 Dec. | Our Mission |
| 25 Dec. | ADVENIAT |
| 26/27 Dec. | Our Mission |
| 31 Dec. | Maximilian-Kolbe-Werk |
| 1 January | World Peace Day |
| 3 January | African Catechists |



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Word of the Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Pope Benedict XVI decided to proclaim a “Year for Priests” in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the death of Jean-Marie Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests worldwide. This Year is meant “to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a stronger and more incisive witness to the Gospel in today’s world”.

The Curé of Ars is wellknown for his eucharistic piety. He used to spend long hours in church before the tabernacle and thus inspired the faithful to imitate him by coming to visit Jesus. In his sermons he loved to speak about the real presence of Jesus in the consecrated host. A few quotations will illustrate this:

“O, how great is the priest! ... If he realized what he is, he would die ... God obeys him: he utters a few words and the Lord descends from heaven at his voice, to be contained within a small host.”

“We know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle: let us open our hearts to him, let us rejoice in his sacred presence. That is the best prayer.”

“All good works, taken together, do not equal the sacrifice of the Mass, since they are human works, while the Holy Mass is the work of God.”

Saint Jean-Marie Vianney had a beautiful sense of humour. Once he said: “Whenever we return from the eucharistic table we are as happy as the Magi if they had been able to take little Jesus with them.”

Let us remember this at Christmas. The baby in the manger and the Eucharistic Lord are one and the same person. Under the species of bread we have the privilege of taking him into our heart and of being transformed more and more into his own likeness.

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Father Herbert Gilllessen

Liturgy December 2009

All Saints / St Bernhard / St Albert

6	Second Sunday of Advent	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
	Mass at 6 p.m. at St Hedwig, Berlin-Mitte			
13	Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
20	Fourth Sunday of Advent	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
24	Christmas Eve – Vigil of the Nativity	3 p.m. Nat. play/	4 p.m. Nat. play	----
	Christmas Carols/Christmas Vigil Mass	9:30/10 p.m.	7:30/8 p.m.	----
25	Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord	----	11 a.m.	12 noon
26	St Stephen, First Martyr	----	11 a.m.	----
27	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon
31	Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God (Vigil Mass German/English)	----	6 p.m.	----
	JANUARY			
1	Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God	----	11 a.m.	12 noon
3	Epiphany of the Lord	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon ---
6	Epiphany of the Lord	----	7 p.m.	----
10	Baptism of the Lord	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	12 noon ---

Information for the Mission in General

Our Mission offers pastoral care, religious education (children and adults: First Holy Communion, Confirmation). Baptisms, weddings, hospital and home visits can be arranged through the Priest.

The Priest is also available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass and by appointment. For weddings, please contact Father Gilllessen 3 months in advance.

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