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Joannes de Doper
a missionary parish in Hoofddorp



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Message from Stef Franke Chairman Parish Committee

A new beginning..

Last September I took over from Johan Basmaci as Vice Chairman of our parish committee. With the other members, well known within the parish, with our large group of enthusiastic volunteers and with our Priests Eko and Albert we lead our John the Baptist community into the New Year and beyond. Share your dreams and inspiration and help us to formulate a new common vision as a missionary church. First meetings are held in the Parish house on Jan. 12th and Feb. 9th.

Whilst the effect of Covid is still felt and the number of churchgoers has diminished we want to reach out to all of you, thanking you for your support. Our parish is becoming more and more an international community with people from different countries, customs and walks of life, united in our christian faith. We welcome all, not only to celebrate Holy Mass but also to join in as a volunteer. As the saying goes: many hands make light work. Have a coffee after mass and let us explain how you can be of service.

That brings me to the plans for the coming years. Yes, the bookshop will close but no, it's not the end of this warm 'meet-up' place, a 'huiskamer' as we say here. In one form or the other it will continue to be the centre of our missionary work. The parish house badly needs renovation, a cause towards which many of you already contributed. Coming year we will organise additional sponsored activities.

Many of our Dutch parishioners have registered and joined our 'kerkbalans' scheme. That is not yet the case for a lot of our English speakers. May I invite you to do this as well? The registration form can be found in the porch. Your support is needed!

Finally as Christians we put our trust in God. With the continuous help of our volunteers our parish will flourish and we will continue to welcome all. For a friendly talk, a warm shoulder or meal or for a tour

around our famous biblical garden. To light a candle or just for a moment of peace and quiet.

On behalf of the Parish committee I wish you, your family and loved ones a healthy, happy and above all a blessed 2023.

Weekly Mass/Prayer Schedule

Saturdays

7:00 pm (Dutch)

Sundays

10:00 am (Dutch)

12:00 pm (English)

Tuesdays and Thursdays

18:45 Praying of the Rosary (Dutch)

19:15 Holy Mass (Dutch)

Prayer of the Holy Rosary (new timing)

Every Wednesday 7:30 pm in the chapel

Eucaristía en Español

Every first Sunday of the month 2:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Every first Friday of the month 11:00 am

Our church is open daily

between 11:00-12:00 for private prayer.

Calendar January 2022

January 8th – Mass of Epiphany 12:00

January 15th – Feast of St. Arnold Janssen svd

January 15 – Fiesta del niño perdido

January 21st – Feast of St. Agnes



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Meet our Volunteers Theresia Yunita-Lichner

Tell a bit about yourself?

My name is Theresia Yunita-Lichner and I am Indonesian; I came to study in Eindhoven in 2007 and have been living in Hoofddorp since 2009. After my study, I have been working in the Supply Chain Planning area. I am married to a German and have 2 daughters.

What do you do in our Parish?

I started as a volunteer in the English International Choir in Dec 2020; playing keyboard and singing. I remember that it was just a spontaneous idea from 3 people (Paula/Maya/myself), to sing in the English mass which just started at the time. As there were only a few people back then, we thought it would be nice to have a few Taize songs with guitar and make the service a bit "less" silent. Further, I am also a member of Maranatha choir which serves the Dutch mass.

What does your faith mean to you?

Faith to Jesus Christ in the Catholic church is my pillar in life. I feel blessed to be born in a Catholic family and learn about the faith. I started like any other child; we just do what our parents do and ask us to do. In Indonesia we learn and live our faith in everyday life, by praying, having the sacraments and serving communities. For me, my faith keeps my mind balanced between all the hustle in life and my spiritual needs.

What are your dreams for our parish?

Despite living in a very secular environment, I hope our parish still can be a place for people finding peace, hope and love from God; while maintaining the Catholic identity so that we still can transfer our faith especially to our children and the younger generations.



Supporting your Parish

In January we start the annual project "Kerkbalans. It is to draw attention to the financial needs of our and your parish. All costs including salaries, utility and maintenance costs are funded by this initiative. If you are registered in our

parish, you will receive a brochure at home. If not, have a look at our website and participate in this special annual collection. This way we keep our parish open en alive to be there for you, your families and all people who need support.

www.hjoannesdedoper.nl/kerkbijdrage/

January 15th Feast of St. Arnold Janssen svd

Arnold Janssen, S.V.D. (5 November 1837 – 15 January 1909), was a German-Dutch Catholic priest and missionary who is venerated as a saint. He founded the Society of the Divine Word, a Catholic missionary religious congregation, also known as the Divine Word Missionaries, as well as two congregations for women. In 1889 he founded in Steyl, Netherlands, the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit and in 1896 at the same place the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters. He was canonized on 5 October 2003, by Pope John Paul II. As of 2020, it consisted of 5,965 members composed of priests and religious brothers working in more than 70 countries, now part of VITA international. It is one of the largest missionary congregations in the Catholic Church.[10] Its members add the nominal letters SVD after their names to indicate membership in the Congregation. The superior general is Paulus Budi Kleden who hails from Indonesia.

Altar Boys and Girls or Acolytes

You might have seen already a few new altar girls who assist in the Holy Mass the priest. Do you want to join this group? Anybody from 7/8 years old can join us. Please contact Patrick Gunther by email for more information patrick@gunthertjes.eu

Information & Registration Parish

For all your questions and registration at our parish. The office is located in the *Parochiehuis* next to the Church. Open Mondays to Fridays 09:00 – 12:00
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