

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 1st JUNE

Sunday, 1 June – 9th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) JULIE ANN PHILLIPS, R.I.P. Ann Jackson
10 am inc. Children's Liturgy PAUL QUICKFALL, R.I.P. Andy & Ita O'Donnell

Monday, 2 June – FERIA – Green

8 am GEOFFREY ALDOUS THANKSGIVING Phil

Tuesday, 3 June –

NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday, 4 June –

NO MASS TODAY

Thursday, 5 June – St. Boniface – Red

Saint Boniface (born c. 672 – June 5, 754), the Apostle of the Germans, born Winfrid at Crediton in the kingdom of Wessex (now in Devon), was a missionary who propagated Christianity in the Frankish Empire during the 8th century. He is the patron saint of Germany and the Netherlands. He devoted himself at an early age to the monastic life, receiving his theological training in the Benedictine monasteries of Adescanastre, near Exeter and Nursling, Southampton. Winfrid taught in the abbey school and at the age of 30 became a priest. He wrote the first Latin grammar produced in England. At the age of 36 he set off to Friesland (Holland) to convert the heathens. Boniface then spent the next 30 years establishing abbeys in north western Germany. He returned to Friesland and was killed there in 754.

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am MATTHEW GOGARTHY, R.I.P.

Friday, 6 June – St. Norbert – White

Saint Norbert of Xanten (c. 1080–6 June 1134) born in Germany, a priest who was founder of the Norbertine or Premonstratensian order of canons regular. The canons followed the Rule of St. Augustine, but with supplementary statutes that made the life one of great austerity. The Premonstratensians were not monks but Canons Regular, their work was preaching and the exercise of the pastoral office, and they served a large number of parishes incorporated in their monasteries. Pre-reformation they had 30 monasteries in England.

10 am MR. & MRS. MAGINNES, R.I.P. Sr. Mary Ita

Saturday, 7 June – Our Lady – White

10 am FRANCES LAFONT, R.I.P. Foundation Mass

10.30 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 8 June – 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) KEN SUDDS, R.I.P. Carole French

10 am inc. Children's Liturgy PAUL QUICKFALL, R.I.P. U.C.M.

THERE ARE NO ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATHS THIS WEEK

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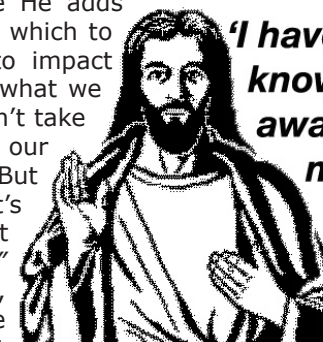
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9th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) – 1 June, 2008

Don't talk the talk . . . walk the walk! In twenty-first century parlance, management speak, isn't that the message which is coming from today's Gospel. Here Christ says beyond question what He expects of his followers; what he expects of us: and he puts it quite clearly, quite simply. And for those of us who fail to comprehend the simple, direct message He adds one of His enlightening descriptions with which to give the message greater substance; to impact itself on those of us who prefer to hear what we want to hear, who hear the words but don't take them to our hearts – rather we subscribe our version, our translation, our own way. But we have to ask ourselves: is that Christ's way? For we must always remember that He said of Himself: "I am the Way, . . ."



Matthew 7: 23

In our Christian lives, our Catholic lives, as brothers and sisters in the Lord, the children of God, it is our actions and not our words which are of paramount importance. Yes, we must use the gift of talking, of communicating, to evangelize the message that Jesus Christ died for the world; died to save the world. But, if it is only words; if those words are carried along without at least an equal amount of good works, of evangelical action, then those words are lost; their effect is nullified by the killer of faith: inertia. Doing nothing highlights to those outside the Way, outside the Truth, outside the Life, that our values, our 'preaching' is empty, devoid of a tangible reason for them to see Christ reflected in our lives; a life which should be both seen and enacted as one of hope and belief. So Jesus says to us we must establish a firm foundation; we must be rock-solid in not just our willingness to sing His praises but to act on them – as he says: "everyone who listen to these words of mine and acts on them will be a sensible man." Here is one of the keys to our Christian existence, to listen, not to talk, but listen – listen and hear, hear and obey, obey and act. What are we acting on? The simple messages contained in the Gospels: the messages of loving one another, of serving our brothers and sisters, serving our community, of serving God our Father, following Christ in His sacrifices for mankind, of allowing the Spirit to guide us. The greatest part of communicating isn't talking, isn't writing; it's understanding, understanding just what is being communicated. If we really understand what Christ our Saviour wants we'll listen to his words, the words in today's Gospel; in the Gospel each and everyday.

Father John returns from his holiday in the Scottish Borders this week on Wednesday evening, 4 June. Father Sylvester, who has been at St. Peter's Church since a week last Tuesday, ends his time in the Parish after Mass on Monday, 2 June. Therefore, there will not be any services on either Tuesday, 3 June or Wednesday, 4 June.

Mass Times will continue as normal from Thursday morning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.30 am, half an hour before Mass.

■ TALKING OF LIFE THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

At the Vigil Mass today Saturday, 31 May and on Sunday's 10 am Mass, 1 June, Joanne Bogle will make an appeal on behalf of SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child)

SATURDAY NIGHT (31 May). If you want to dash over to Ramsgate, St. Ethelbert's, Hereson Road, at 7.30 pm, Joanne and her husband, Jaimie, are giving a talk on the themes of: Feast of the Church, and on The Law, Parliament and their effects on Catholics in England.

■ FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN GET TOGETHER Sunday, 22 June, 3 pm

Thanet Deanery are having a special celebration Mass for all the children who have received Holy Communion for the first time. The Mass will be in the Ursuline Chapel at 3 pm. The children are asked to wear their Holy Communion outfits. They will receive a 'picnic box' after Mass. Cream teas will be served for Family and Friends. Do come and support our children and others from our neighbouring parishes.

■ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS 14th & 28th June at 10.30 am

There will be two special days for Eucharistic Ministers at Stella Maris Convent, North Foreland, Broadstairs. Eucharistic Minister should attend on either of the dates. These days are set aside for rededicating yourself in this ministry. Please see Fr. John for application forms. On the first date the day will be lead by our Fr. John, on the second date it will be Fr. Fisher from St. Ethelbert's, Ramsgate.

■ SUMMER FÊTE SATURDAY, 12 JULY

Just 5 weeks now to the Fête. Today it is hoped that you have all bought some

bottles in plus a small toy. Next week the committee are looking for Grocery items and China & Glass. Also please take some more Grand Prize Draw tickets from the back of the Church with you and sell them to your friends, neighbours, work colleagues and don't forget the rest of your family. Committee meeting on Monday evening at Countess Mountbatten Court at 7.30pm.

■ AYLESFORD YOUTH FESTIVAL Saturday, 5 July

Southwark Catholic Youth Service are having a Youth Festival at Aylesford Priory to witness the faith through various forms: Drama, Drumming, Social Justice, Sign Language, Street Dance, Arts and Craft. The event starts at 10am and goes on till 8pm. There are two age groupings: 13 - 15 years old and 16-18 years old. So to participate you have to be 13+ and if you're 19+ looks like your too old! See website for information poster or look on the notice board by the bus stop on Canterbury Road. If someone wants to organise a Parish Group from the age ranges see Fr. John for application form.

■ SVP IN WESTGATE

The SVP meet once a month at the Daughters of Jesus House in Sea Road, Westgate. Please contact Eunice O'Neill on 832774. Further information see the UK organisations website: www.svp.org.uk

■ ROSARY GROUP

Under the patronage of The Immaculate Heart of Mary, they pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for priests before the Blessed Sacrament. This small friendly group meet every Tuesday at 4.15 pm in the car park of St. Peter's.

Is Our Blessed Lady calling you to a deeper commitment to prayer?

To know more call Eileen McNiff on 01843 299334.

■ COFFEE MORNING

Women's World Day of Prayer, an ecumenical movement, are holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 11th June,

from 10.30 am to midday. The event will be at St. Thomas Church, Minnis Bay. There will be a 'Bring & Buy' and a Cake Stall.

■ BAR-B-CUE TOGETHER!

Monday 16 June in Westgate

Churches Together Locally, the ecumenical grouping of the Christian Churches in Westgate, Westbrook and Garlinge are holding a Bar-B-Cue in the garden of St. Saviour's Vicarage, Thanet Road, Westgate, on Monday, 16 June at 12.30 pm. Bring along your own burgers, sausages or veggie items for Barbecuing. Bread and buns plus refreshments will be provided. Telephone Fred or Marion on 832604 to let them know you are going.

Your Prayers are asked for:

For those who are sick: Pat Whaley, Canon William Clements, Len Lane, Peg Bunnage and Alan & Myra Taylor. Also Fr. Barry in Burgess Hill, West Sussex.

Students at our local schools and colleges as the continue to sit their A level and G.C.S.E. exams.

Remember the recently dead: George Martin, Mietek Kiersz, Paul Quickfall, Gianna Thirlwall, Sr. Bernadette and Sr. Dorothea. May they rest in peace.

For our new Eucharist Ministers: Virginia, Eleanor, Emma and Eunice as they begin a new chapter in their service of Christ's Church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions on Saturdays from approx. 10.30am until 11am and 4.45pm until 5.15pm. Other times by appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION

We warmly welcome all non-Catholic to our services. It is not permitted, however, to receive Holy Communion until a person is received into full membership of the Catholic Church. If you would like to know more about this, please contact Fr. John.

FOUR NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION



At Aylesford Priory last Saturday, the Vigil of Corpus

Christi, four of our parishioners were commissioned in a ceremony along with another 100 new Eucharistic Ministers from across the Archdiocese.

TEA & COFFEE after the 10am Mass on Sunday in the Hall