

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 13th SEPTEMBER 2009

**Sunday, 13 September, 2009 – Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green**

**5.30 pm** (Saturday) FR. BRAITHWAITE YOUNG, R.I.P. Ray Lind  
**10 am** Inc. Children's Liturgy EVA BREWER, R.I.P. Ita & Andy O'Donnell

Bishop John Hine

**Monday, 14 September, 2009 – Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Red**

**10 am** Sr. ANGELA MARY, RSM  
 Diamond Jubilee

Bishop Patrick Lynch

**Tuesday, 15 September, 2009 – Our Lady of Sorrows – White**

**4.30 pm** EXPOSITION  
**5 pm** **COMMUNION SERVICE**

Seminarians at Womersley

**Wednesday, 16 September, 2009 – St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian – Red**

**10 am** **COMMUNION SERVICE**

Seminarians at Beba

**Thursday, 17 September, 2009 – Feria – Green**

**NO MASS TODAY**

Seminarians at VEC (Rome)

**Friday, 18 September, 2009 – St. Edith of Kemsing – White**

**NO MASS TODAY**

Canon Columban Acton

**Saturday, 19 September, 2009 – St. Theodore of Canterbury – White**

**10 am** ALBINO & ANTONIA RIZZO, R.I.P. The Family  
**10.45 am & 4.45 pm** Confession

R. Michael Agley

**Sunday, 20 September, 2009 – Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green**

**5.30 pm** (Saturday) CAROLINE BAILY'S INTENTION  
**10 am** Inc. Children's Liturgy GORDON & JEAN STERING, R.I.P. Andy & Ita O'Donnell

Fr. Patrick Allens

### Your Prayers are asked for:

Lorreta McFarland, Eva Brewer and Joseph Morrison who died recently, may they rest in peace.

The sick: Kate Aldous, Michael Oakley, Jessica Bright, Louis Clark, Geoff Shawcase, Carole French, Archbishop Kevin, Teresa Rowan, Sister Anna, Pat Whaley, Len Lane, Peg Bunnage, Joyce Doyle, Victoria, Win Thilman, Theresa Daniels, Kath Morrison, John Hammond, John Richardson (former Vicar of St. Saviours Westgate) and Mary his wife, Teresa McCarthy.

Sean McNiff back from Afghanistan, thanks you for your prayers; remember our forces still there.

### MASS ATTENDANCES

#### Twenty-third Sunday

Saturday (5 September) 5.30 pm 50  
 Sunday (6 September) 10 am 113

#### PARISH INCOME

Weekend of 5 & 6 September  
 Offertory Saturday £223.90  
 Sunday £113.25

■ Second collection today for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice

### Anniversary this week:

Kathleen Chetwynd (1992), Frederick Simpson (2004), Terence McMahon (1998), Julia Donovan (1990)

DAILY REMEMBER THESE PRIESTS IN PRAYER

THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS – 19th June 2009 to 19th June 2010 has been declared by Pope Benedict to be a year of special prayer for Priests and the Priesthood – remember our current priests and pray for new vocations.

NEXT WEEKEND there will be an appeal from the St. Patrick's Missionary Society. Fr. Pat Kelleher will be here to talk about the missions work and promoting their magazine 'Africa'. Please respond generously to the appeal.

# PETRINEWS

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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 13 September, 2009

Fr. John write:-

We worship the man Christ, who accepted every weakness of our human condition, renouncing himself and taking up the Cross.

Tomorrow, Monday, we celebrate the TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS (also known as the Exaltation of the Holy Cross), Mass will be at 10 am.

I will be on retreat at Aylesford for most of the week, so please check the back of this newsletter for the changes to regular weekday services.

New Vicar for St. Saviour's, Westgate. The Reverend Tom Barnfather is to take up this appointment very shortly, We wish him God's blessing.

This week we bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Doherty, who are leaving Westgate to live in Wallingford, Oxfordshire. We shall miss their quiet prayerful support and attendance at weekday Mass.

### CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday 20th June, 2010, Archbishop Kevin is coming to preside at the 10 am Mass.

To fittingly commemorate this landmark in our history will need some planning. I do urge you to spare some of your time to help with the celebration plans.



### CHRISTMAS FAIR DATE SET

**Sunday, 6 DECEMBER**, Starting at 11.30 am (after the 10 am Mass). WE now need you to bring in items for the Fair. Hopefully today you will all have remembered to bring in a bottle or two for the Bottle Stall – Next week Fancy Goods and Gifts, and some Toys.

### GRAND DRAW TICKETS

The tickets for this year's Grand Christmas Draw have now arrived. You will have found some books with this newsletter. Please start selling the Draw Tickets and don't be afraid to ask for extra books of tickets.

### ANGELS AT SUNSET

Churches Together in Westgate has an event at the end of September, Tuesday, 29th at 5 pm. It will be a short 45 minute service of Words and Hymns on the green next to Westgate Pavilion, just as the sun sets – hence the name. Bring your youngsters along and dress them as angels maybe.

### DIARY DATES

- Saturday & Sunday, 26/27 September. Sister Angela Cronin, OSU, speaks about HARVEST FAST DAY – Cafod. There will also be a Sale of China & Glass donated by John Spicer, proceeds going to CAFOD. Before Mass on the Saturday from 4 pm and after Mass on the Sunday.
- Saturday & Sunday, 3/4 October – our Harvest Festival. Time to think what you're going to contribute.
- Saturday, 10 October, 2009. Visit of the Relics of St. Theresa of Lisieux at Aylesford.
- Saturday, 7 November, 2009. The Canterbury Vigils – 100 minutes of music, prayer & silence. Holy Trinity, Cliftonville, at 7.30 pm
- Saturday, 28 November – Ursuline College Christmas Fair
- Sunday, 6 December – CHRISTMAS FAIR
- Thursday, 17 December – ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT with Brass Band at 7.30 pm.

### Tea & Coffee after Sunday 10 am Mass – Come along it's ONLY 20p a drink!

During this current flu pandemic the following conditions for the reception of Holy Communion will be maintained: **SACRED HOST IN THE HAND ONLY** (No delivery of the host directly on the tongue). **NO COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE.**

# Sunday PLUS

13 September 2009 Year B  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Divine Office Week IV

## Revelation and argument 1

Usually, for most of us, it takes courage to reveal ourselves to others. Revelation is always risky, because we're afraid that the person listening to us might respond by looking somewhere over our shoulder and saying: "Have you noticed how it's getting colder these days?" Many of us have lost the simple art of being real with one another; we don't know how to connect, so we move around one another, carefully and politely, as if we're all dancers in a theatre of shadows.

There are times in the life of Jesus where he takes the risk of sharing something personal with his disciples. Sometimes he takes them to faraway places, where they can find some secret place to be by themselves: no

pressing crowds, no screams for help, no street theatre. In today's Gospel Jesus takes his disciples up north, to the region of Caesarea Philippi, where they are unknown. There he takes a risk and opens himself to them.

He shares a preoccupation that is clearly worrying him: that suffering is waiting for him, and that he will be put to death. The evangelist Mark says that Peter takes Jesus aside and gives him a good telling off; Peter rebukes Jesus for this depressing talk. They have an argument. Jesus calls Peter satanic.

One thing is for sure: the revelation doesn't work. We will see Jesus try again – in next week's Gospel.

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## Live the Word Readings for the week:

Sunday 13 September	Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35
Monday 14 September	The Triumph of the Cross Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
Tuesday 15 September	Our Lady of Sorrows Hebrews 5:7-9; John 19:25-27 [or Luke 2:33-35]
Wednesday 16 September	1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35
Thursday 17 September	1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50
Friday 18 September	1 Timothy 6:2-12; Luke 8:1-3
Saturday 19 September	1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

### Next Sunday's readings:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 – 4:3; Mark 9:30-37

## Today is... Racial Justice

A chance for all to join together and celebrate the diversity in our world, in our local community and in the Church. We have come such a long way in race relations, but there is still much to do, and as Catholics today is also an opportunity for us to commit ourselves to challenge injustice wherever we see it.

When Jesus was asked which

commandment is the greatest, he said: "The Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark 12:29-31).

So we have one Lord, and one equal people. Jesus did not colour code the

"Never remain silent when a word might put things right."

Ecclesiasticus 4:23



## A time of grace

*Coordinating the visit of the relics is Mgr Keith Bartrop, who tells us today what we can learn from Thérèse*

This week your prayers are asked for the beginning of the visit of the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux. If you are able to go to one of the venues, why not try to bring someone else along with you?

Some of the things St Thérèse said and did are a challenge to our modern mentality. One of her sisters, Céline, speaking about Thérèse's decision to enter a Carmelite monastery, said: "She confided the reason for her decision to me: to win more souls for Jesus by suffering." Is that an attitude we can really take on board today? Hasn't the Church outgrown this old-fashioned regard for suffering, which did so much psychological harm to people in

the past? It is true that there are mistaken ways of understanding suffering. Yet deep down we all know nothing of real value can be achieved without sacrifice. St Thérèse extends this idea to heaven, and wants to spend her heaven doing what she already did in Carmel: saving others.

As we venerate her relics during the forthcoming visit, it can be an external expression of an inner desire to spend our lives as missionaries in daily life, close to those who are poor, whether physically or spiritually, and drawing them closer to Jesus.

*For a full itinerary of the visit see [www.catholicrelics.co.uk](http://www.catholicrelics.co.uk). To find out more about St Thérèse see [www.rpbbooks.co.uk](http://www.rpbbooks.co.uk) and search for Lisieux.*

Dear God,  
What does it mean you are a jealous God? I thought you had everything. Jane, 6