

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 15th JUNE

Sunday, 15 June – 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) CAROLINE BAILY'S INTENTION

10 am inc. Children's Liturgy MARGARET ROBERTS, R.I.P. Teresa Rowan

Monday, 16 June – St. Richard of Chichester – White

Richard de Wych (1197 - 1253) was born near Worcester, and studied at the Oxford university. He also studied Canon Law in Bologna and Paris. He became Chancellor of Oxford in 1235. Soon he attracted the attention of St. Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury. He was to accompany Edmund to exile at Pontigny in France, where Edmund died, in 1240. After his ordination Richard served at the Kentish towns of Charing and Deal. In 1244 he was chosen as Bishop of Chichester. He was not immediately recognised by the king, Henry III, so spent two years walking barefoot through his diocese preaching to fishermen and farmers. He was a model of the bishop's ministry, as confessor, preacher, visitor, administrator and man of charity. He died at the Maison Dieu in Dover, was canonised in 1262 and enshrined in Chichester Cathedral in 1276. The shrine was destroyed at the Reformation.

8 am DOM. DEREK SUMMERS, O.S.B., R.I.P.

Tuesday, 17 June – Feria – Green

**MASS IN THE CHURCH
HALL TODAY ONLY**

9 am EXPOSITION

9.30 am PAUL QUICKFALL, R.I.P. Margaret & Peter Carter

Wednesday, 18 June – Feria – Green

NO MORNING MASS

6.30 pm FR. TIM PEACOCK – Silver Jubilee of his Priesthood

Thursday, 19 June – Feria – Green

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am PAT STEPHENS – Sick Sheila Slater

Friday, 20 June – St. Alban – Red

Saint Alban was the first British Christian martyr. Alban was a pagan soldier in the Roman Army stationed in Britain. His exact background is unknown, but tradition says he was a native Briton. It was during the religious persecutions of the Emperor Diocletian (c.AD 304) that while sheltered a Christian priest he was so impressed Alban became a Christian. The governor of Verulamium (now St. Albans), knew the priest was being hidden by Alban. He took the place of the priest and was arrested. It was soon realised that it was Alban and not the priest, but the governor decided that Alban would suffer the fate due to the priest. So St. Alban was executed by decapitation at a place where the cathedral stands today.

10 am ALBINO RIZZO, R.I.P.

Saturday, 21 June – St. Aloysius Gonzaga – White

St. Aloysius was born in the castle of Castiglione (1568-1591). At eight he was placed in the court of Francesco de' Medici in Florence, where he remained for two years. Aloysius had decided by the age of nine that he would join a religious order. He traveled to live in Spain with his father, where he became a page at the royal court. He went back to Italy and joined the Jesuits at the age of 18. He served in the Milan hospital during the 1587 plague, and died from it at the age of 23.

10 am PARISHIONERS

11.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 22 June – 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) PEGGY NOVAK Ann Jackson

10 am inc. Children's Liturgy UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS ANNIVERSARY

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) – 15 June, 2008

At first sight, first reading this week's gospel is a mishmash: It starts off with a couple of analogies: the good-old sheep and shepherd example, followed by a reference to harvests and workers. Then Matthew drops in a short paragraph about curing the sick and driving out unclean spirits – doesn't elaborate on it – but it would seem to warrant more explanation, after-all the ability to cure people is pretty heavy, mighty awesome! But no Matthew simply goes on to list the twelve; the ones whom Jesus chose as His apostles, the first teachers of His kingdom, of His salvation. But a second or third look; with another reading we

can glean more from these apparent discrepant parts of the gospel. We begin with Jesus looking at crowds, feeling sorry for them. Why? The gospel tells us that they were harassed and dejected. What isn't revealed, maybe, is the subjugation of living under Roman rule, which left the people of Christ's Palestine frustrated, dejected, and hopeless, not knowing how or when they would be free of the burden which being an oppressed people undoubtedly brings. Perhaps as we look around we too can see frustration, dejection and hopelessness but now caused by lives without positive goals, lives which are only materially satisfied and spiritually barren, lives which see the future in worldly terms and not in the promises of Christ our Saviour. Today's Gospel highlights the responsibility we each have to



look around us, to see the need around us; not to go beyond our immediate locality, our local community, even our own families and seek out the 'lost sheep', to help those whom we care about, our neighbours, our loved ones. We all know only too well we can't win every soul for Christ. We also know even in our families there are disparate opinions, members of our own flesh and blood who do not experience the same feelings we get from our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the same comfort in knowing there is a place for us, a place in the Lord's heavenly home. However, we should never give up on them, these lost sheep. What was given to us as faith should be passed on to those around us, time and time again, without counting the cost of our efforts, without weighing up the worthiness of those we wish to be saved. Christ said to his disciples: "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few". We are those labourers, it is us, all of us working to gather the harvest of souls, and it is through prayer, and by our actions that we will encourage more workers to join us. So as we go home we must become the light of Christ in the lives of those we love, of those we truly care for. Always take a Misselette home with you – go over the Sunday readings again; like fine wine they just seem to get better and better.

Father John writes:

God has made us his own. He reconciles us in Christ and calls each of us by name to be a people consecrated to him. As his priestly people we offer this sacrifice today, filled with joyful trust in him.

RAMSGATE'S NEW ABBOT

Following the election for choosing a successor to Abbot Lawrence, Dom Paulinus has duly been elected.

We send Abbot Paulinus our heartiest congratulations, and some of us will remember that he taught at St. Augustine's College down the road, as a layman and that it was in our St. Peter's that he was received into the Catholic Church. He tested his vocation to become a Benedictine, and I had the privilege of assisting in the laying on of hands at his priestly ordination. We wish the community in Ramsgate well in another new chapter of their history here in Thanet.

■ **BAR-B-CUE TOGETHER!**

TOMORROW - Monday 16 June

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.

■ **RED BOXES**

Hopefully you will have brought in your 'Red Box' for Eunice to empty. If you've forgotten please try to get it to her as soon as possible. Look in the newsletter for the time to pick them back up.

■ **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Saturday, 28th June at 10.30 am

A reminder to those Eucharistic Ministers who did not attend at Stella Maris Convent, North Foreland, Broadstairs, this Saturday (14 June) there is a second day with Fr. Fisher from St. Ethelebert's, Ramsgate.

■ **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.

■ **CONFIRMATION FOLLOW-UP** **Wednesday, 25 June, 6 pm**

Follow-up on our Confirmation Candidates, where is the Lord leading them? We are to have a Mass at 6 pm on 25 June, followed by a party, and then a look to the future.

■ **MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL** **DOVER – Saturday, 21 June from 11am**

In the Market Square, Dover, Ethnic Foods, Folk Singing and Dancing, Kids Activities and more. Tel: 01304 226643 for information.

■ **SUMMER FÊTE** **SATURDAY, 12 JULY**

There are still some stalls which need helpers. Also we want some marshals to oversee the pedestrian traffic on to the site. We are still seeking some 'muscles' to help set-up the stalls, etc. Please remember to continue taking and selling Grand Prize Draw tickets available at the back of the Church. Also return counterfoils and money as soon as possible to Colleen in the sacristy. *When you are thinking of shopping in Westgate and Westwood remember to use and prefer those businesses who have supported your church.*

Fr. John says thank you to John Spicer

As reported in last week's *Petrinews*, Mr. Spicer has reluctantly decided to resign as the parishes APF Collection Secretary. Fr. John wishes to record his sincere thanks for the years of service which Mr. Spicer has given to our Parish since he came here and took on the responsibility of the 'Red Box' collections in 1988. Mr. Spicer began his association with the APF collections at the church of St. Dunstan, Bourne End, Berkshire, in March 1958. That's 50 years of dedication to this Missionary charity. Back then, he said, the boxes yielded £20 a year – which is nearly £900 in today's wage related value. Currently, here in Westgate, we contribute about a £1,000 annually through the 'Red Boxes'.

■ **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. The event starts at 10am and goes on till 8pm. There are two age groupings: 13 - 15 years old and 16-18 years old. If someone wants to organise a Parish Group from the age ranges see Fr. John for application form.

■ **MEN'S BREAKFAST** **Saturday, 5 July, 8.30 am**

Churches Together in Westgate, Westbrook and Garlinge are holding another "Men's Breakfast" at Christ Church URC, Church Hall, on Westgate Bay Avenue. There will be a guest speaker: Peter White on the subject of Outreach & Communication. While it is called a 'mens breakfast' women are welcome. Tickets: £4.00

■ **SVP IN WESTGATE**

Please contact Eunice O'Neill on 832774.

■ **ROSARY GROUP**

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

Information from Eileen McNiff on 299334.

■ **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

Contact Frances Tunney on 831121.

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

2nd hand religious books in good condition wanted for Repository.

Anniversaries this week:

Margaret Sayer (1994), Susan Broughton (1994), Florence Coaker (1995), Kathleen Smith (1997), Monica Stokes (1999), George Dyme (2000), John Davis (2003), William Hickman (2006)

Your Prayers are asked for:

Tasmin Walters who died last Sunday at Ashbury Court. R.I.P.

For those who are sick: Gerry & Eva Brewer, 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 they 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. Also Antonio Antonio from Birchington. May they rest in peace.

Sister Scholastica who made her final profession at Minster Abbey yesterday, Saturday, 14 June. Thank the Lord that he has such a valuable asset in his vineyard.

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.