

## MASSTIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 15th NOVEMBER 2009

**Sunday, 15 November, 2009 – Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green**

<b>5.30 pm</b>	(Saturday)	SICK OF THE PARISH	Colleen	Fr. Gary Dyer
<b>10 am</b>	Inc. Children's Liturgy	EVA BREWER, R.I.P.	Colleen	

**Monday, 16 November, 2009 – St. Gertrude – White**

**8 am** SR. ADRIENNE & SR. TERESA, R.I.P. Sr. Anne Fr. Martin Edwards

**Tuesday, 17 November, 2009 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary – White**

**9.30 am EXPOSITION**  
**10 am** JO RABBETT, R.I.P. Teresa Jones Fr. Peter Edwards

**Wednesday, 18 November, 2009 – Dedications of the Basilicas of**

**St. Peter & St. Paul – White**

**5 pm** MARY & JOHN BYRNE, R.I.P. Margaret Reeve Fr. Cyril Elkington

**Thursday, 19 November, 2009 – St. Domneva of Minster – White**

**9.30 am EXPOSITION**  
**10 am** MARGARET THOMAS, R.I.P. Patricia Ruse Mg. John Elliott

**Friday, 20 November, 2009 – Feria – Green**

**10 am** MAURICE DONNELLY, R.I.P. Kath Fr. Robert Ellis

**Saturday, 21 November, 2009 – The Presentation of Our Lady – White**

**10 am** JIM ROWE, R.I.P. Eileen McNiff Mg. Gerald Ewing

**10.45 am & 4.45 pm** Confession

**Sunday, 22 November, 2009 – JESUS CHRIST THE KING – White**

<b>5.30 pm</b>	(Saturday)	CAROLINE BAILEY'S INTENTION		Fr. Joseph Feeley
<b>10 am</b>	Inc. Children's Liturgy	DEREK OPIE, R.I.P.	Terry Connor	

### MASS ATTENDANCES 32nd Sunday

Saturday (7 November)	5.30 pm	70
Sunday (8 November)	10 am	110

**PARISH INCOME** Weekend of 7 & 8 November  
 Offertory Saturday £162.90  
 Sunday £150.04

### Anniversary this week:

Norman Purcell (1991), Robert Bolt (1991), Lily Page (1992), Ricky Abbot (1993), Mark Gannon (1994), Dorothy de Turville (1997).

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.

### 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**

### Your Prayers are asked for:

Rebeka Matovčiková and Gracie Simmons, both baptised here recently.

The recently departed: Rev. John Richardson, Andrew Cutting, Peggy Teagle and Pauline Cannon. May they rest in peace.

The sick: Fr. Barry Angus, Mary Richardson, Violet Ding, Sheila Slater, Kate Aldous, Michael Oakley, Jessica Bright, Louis Clark, Geoff Shawcase, Carole French, Teresa Rowan, Sister Anna, Pat Whaley, Len Lane, Peg Bunnage, Joyce Doyle, Win Thilman, Theresa Daniels, Teresa McCarthy. Sean McNiff back in Afghanistan, and for all service men and women, and those in civilian support companies, serving there and other war-torn areas.

DAILY REMEMBER THESE PRIESTS IN PRAYER

## WEDNESDAY: Visit of the Nuns from Minsk (Belarus), 5 pm

# PETRINEWS

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## Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (B), 15 November, 2009

Fr. John writes:-

*We celebrate today the final consummation at the end of time. Each Mass continues Christ's redemptive work in the world and brings us nearer to the final Mass when that work of sanctification will be complete.*

**This coming Wednesday at the 5.00 pm Mass we are to be visited by Russian Monks and Nuns from St. Elizabeth's Convent, Minsk, Belarus, who are bringing their Icons, plus gifts for us to buy, please come and give them our support, during their brief visit to this part of Kent.**

*I would like to give my sincere thanks to the*

*ladies: Beryl, Wyn, Eunice and Rosemary, who both provided and served the splendid lunch for Bishop John and the Deanery Clergy after the Annual Requiem Mass last Tuesday.*

This week I received a letter from the CAFOD organisation which expresses their thanks to you all for the generous contribution you all made to the Harvest Day Fast. We collected £325 for CAFOD on that day.

*This coming week is a week of prayer for those men and women who are incarcerated. Please pray for them, and give generously to the retiring collection to help those who work for the spiritual well-being of prisoners.*

**OPEN CHRISTMAS** – Once again Thanet's Christian Churches are opening up Cliftonville Community Centre for those less fortunate members of our local people who live in poor quality accommodation – the two-day event takes place on Christmas Day and Boxing Day with Food and Entertainment and someone to talk to. There is a need for volunteers to help with this good cause. See notice in porch.

**ADVENT DAYS OF REFLECTION** – There are two dates: 12 December and 19 December. Both days are being held at the Kairos Centre, Roehampton, London SW15 and cost £20 including lunch. Call 020 8788 4188 to book.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR – Sunday, 6 DECEMBER**, Starting at 11.30 am (after the 10 am Mass). Only three weeks in which to donate gifts and items for our Christmas Fair. Please make them new items rather than used ones. Jewellery and Raffle prizes wanted, Oh, and more bottles.

**GRAND DRAW TICKETS** – Please start to bring in your counterfoils and also take more books to sell to friends and neighbours.

### DIARY DATES

- Wednesday, 18 November, 2009. Second in a series: Exploring Marks' Gospel. St. Austin's, Margate at 7.30 pm (See Poster in porch).
- Wednesday, 18 November, 2009. Thanet Interfaith AGM. Hartsdown Technical College at 6.30 pm followed by a 'Bring & Share' supper.
- Monday, 23 November to Wednesday, 25 November. PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM. Two nights for the price of one. See Fr. John for details.
- Saturday, 28 November – Ursuline College Christmas Fair.
- Saturday, 28 November – The Seventy Chamber Choir in Concert at St. Saviours Church at 3.30 pm. Tickets: £6 in advance (tel 600059) or £8 at the door.
- Thursday, 3 December. Deanery Schools Carol Concert. St. Anne's Church, Cliftonville, 7 pm.
- Sunday, 6 December – **CHRISTMAS FAIR**
- Thursday, 17 December – ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT with Whitstable Brass Band at 7.30 pm.
- Sunday, 20 December – S.V.P. Bring & Buy Cake Sale. In the Church Hall after the 10 am Mass.

*“Suffering makes one more sensitive to the pain in the world. It can teach us to put forth a greater love for everything that exists.”*

Dorothee Soelle



## Doing time

There are lots of expressions used by prisoners to describe their time in prison. For example, Norman Stanley Fletcher was doing Porridge. However, there's also doing a "sentence", doing "bird", doing a "stretch" or "sesame street" (a big bird or in other words doing a long sentence). Possibly the most well known is still doing "Time". Why? Well, partly because prisoners have plenty of time on their hands: time to think, to reflect, to mull over their situation. Not

surprisingly, many on the outside will argue that this is good in that it gives prisoners time to change their attitudes and turn their lives around. A reasonable point of view, but it does have consequences.

I sat recently with a prisoner who had just been returned to custody. With genuine tears in his eyes he told me his story. Having been released he tried to get work but had only managed a couple of casual jobs. There was little money. He felt lonely so had returned to his old circle of "friends". This led to his going back on heroin to escape the frustrations. He had then stolen to feed his habit, had been caught, arrested and was now on remand awaiting trial which would inevitably mean another custodial sentence. He felt (and looked) physically ill; he felt deeply ashamed that he had once again let down his family. Most seriously he felt disgust at himself for his weakness and failure. This left me struggling for something to say. Yet at times like this sometimes words are wrong. All that is needed is someone to be there, to listen, to share silently the hurt because by doing this they are being as Christ to the suffering. They are being a channel of his loving presence alongside the pain. To bring love – not answers – to situations such as these also brings healing. When I left he was at least smiling.

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# Sunday PLUS

15th November 2009 Year B  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Office Week I

## Apocalypse Now

The Vietnam epic film *Apocalypse Now*, inspired by Joseph Conrad's book *Heart of Darkness*, tells the story of Captain Willard, a special agent sent into Cambodia to assassinate a dangerous warlord and former American colonel. The characters you meet in the film seem mad or frightening, like Lt Colonel Kilgore, a gung-ho commander with a love of Wagner, surfing and napalm. The gruelling production and the director's insistence on authenticity led to vast budget overruns and

physical and emotional breakdowns. For some of the crew, the film's title proved all too accurate.

In today's Gospel you hear Jesus' apocalypse. Jesus imagines a time of terror and trouble and persecution ahead. People will be betrayed and handed over to the authorities. There will be wars and earthquakes and famines. Then there will be cosmic upheavals: "the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven".

After this catalogue of disaster there is the good news. Jesus looks beyond the time of distress to the final time, when the Son of Man will gather the scattered people of God to himself. Jesus sees beyond suffering and persecution to a future of peace with God. That is the purpose of all apocalyptic writing: to fund the hope of those who suffer in the present. In whatever times we live the only sure thing we can hold on to is the word of Jesus.

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**Lord Jesus, you know well the things in our lives that lock us up and prevent our being truly free. We ask you now to come and through the power of your love free us from all that imprisons us. We ask this in and through your holy name. Amen.**

## Live the Word

Readings for the week:

**Sunday 15 November Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32**

**Monday 16 November 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Luke 18:35-43**

**Tuesday 17 November 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10**

**Wednesday 18 November 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28**

**Thursday 19 November 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44**

**Friday 20 November 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48**

**Saturday 21 November 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40**

**Next Sunday's readings:**

**Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37**

**“If God were small enough to be understood, he would not be big enough to be worshipped.”**

*Evelyn Underhill*