

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 2nd May 2010

Sunday, 2 May, 2010 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – White

5.30 pm ELIZABETH SMITH, R.I.P. Teresa Jones
 10 am Inc. Children's Liturgy PETER & EVELYN'S 30th Wedding Anniversary
PROCESSION AND CROWNING OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE MAY

Fr. Thomas
Sammell

Monday, 3 May, 2010 – Saints Philip & James, Apostles – Red

☞ 10 am Welfare of EDITH COLLINS Fr. John & Sheila

Fr. Phillip
Seed

Tuesday, 4 May, 2010 – The English Martyrs – Red

9.30 am EXPOSITION
 ☞ 10 am Welfare of HAZEL PRICE Fr. John & Sheila

Fr. Julian
Sturgold

Wednesday, 5 May, 2010 – Feria – White

☞ **NO MASS TODAY** *Mass in Margate at 6.30 pm*

Fr. Michael
Sileeshi

Thursday, 6 May, 2010 – Feria – White

9.30 am EXPOSITION
 10 am HOLY SOULS

Fr. John
Slater

Friday, 7 May, 2010 – Feria – White

☞ 9.30 am EXPOSITION FOR REPARATION OF PAST SINS
 10 am Welfare of MARK & JULIE Fr. John

Fr. Malcolm
Smeaton

Saturday, 8 May, 2010 – Feria – White

10 am OUR ARCHBISHOP ELECT
 10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Fr. Geoffrey
Smith

Sunday, 9 May, 2010 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – White

5.30 pm THOMAS HOLLIS, R.I.P. Linda Scully
 10 am Inc. Children's Liturgy KATE & GEOFF ALDOUS, THANKSGIVING
 5 pm VESPERS OF THE CHURCH (Evening Prayer) & BENEDICTION

Fr. Joseph
Smith

Your Prayers are asked for:

Peg Bunnage whose funeral took place last week, may she rest in place.

The sick: John Teagle, Fr. John, Doug Coleman, Archbishop Kevin, Anne Philpott, Fr. Barry Angus, Mary Richardson, Julia Gander, Violet Ding, Sheila Slater, Kate Aldous, Michael Oakley, Louis Clark, Geoff Shawcase, Carole French, Teresa Rowan, Sister Anna, Pat Whaley, Joyce Doyle, Theresa Daniels, Teresa McCarthy, Pauline Antounette, Margaret Farrell, Bela Bode-Novy, Sr. Moya O.S.U., Joan Wright.

For all members of our armed forces and those in the support companies, serving in Afganistan and in other war-torn areas.

For the victims of the Polish air crash, may they rest in peace, and for the people of Poland.

Anniversary this week:

Adrian Hawkins (1991), Emmance Pressinger (1991), John Wright (1992), Victor Bruno (1992), Sadie Gardener (1995), Percival Turner (1996), Margaret Stevens (1997).

MASS ATTENDANCES

4th Sunday of Easter

Saturday (24 April)	5.30 pm	49
Sunday (25 April)	10 am	114

PARISH INCOME

Weekend of 24 & 25 April

Offertory	Saturday	£119.34
	Sunday	£128.49

Registered Charity Number: 235468

DEANERY CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC FAITH – 2010

Starts NEXT weekend, 9 May. This is a coordinated fortnight of worship and fellowship in all the Catholic Parishes of Thanet. Each day there are special prayers, services or events taking place. The first week it will be parish based, here in St. Peter's. NOTE that there will be short (10 minute) service of Vesper on most evenings during the first week beginning next Sunday afternoon. The second week is focused on each of the Sacraments and each Parish hosts a single day – we have our day on the Tuesday, 18 May. There is a calendar of events in the porch and hall. Please make every effort to attend some of these days.

PETRINEWS

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Fifth Sunday of Easter (C), 2 May, 2010

NEW ARCHBISHOP – SEE OVER

Fr. John writes:- As we travel through this joyful Easter season, Christ puts fresh heart in us to spread his kingdom. He gives us his new commandment of love and encourages us with the promise of the new Jerusalem.

Today is the first Sunday in May, Mary's month and we shall crown the statue of our Lady, at the Offertory and right at the end of Mass we shall have the procession into the garden, where the outdoor Statue will be crowned.

Priest and members of the congregation seen on T.V. The ceremony held last Tuesday at the War Memorial was featured on both B.B.C. and

Meridian News and there were some lovely shots of John Spicer and Gerry Brewer, plus the Colour Party with the Standard from here. A week on Tuesday, we celebrate the 46th anniversary of the opening of St. Peter's, with Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by Nibbles and Drinks. Unfortunately Fr. Gerry Flood, who was to give the Homily has been advised by his doctor not to attend, due to health problems. The English Bishops' Conference has asked all parishes to pray before the Blessed Sacrament on the four Friday's of May for the past sins and scandals which have come to light.

THIS WEEKEND (1st & 2nd May) – BRING & BUY CAKE SALE – After the Saturday evening Mass and again after the Sunday morning Mass and May Procession there will be a Cake Stall to help raise more Centenary Funds.

UCM MEETING will take place in the Church Hall this Wednesday, 5 May at 7.30 pm.

FAIR ISLE, a Thanet initiative. Find out more next Saturday, 8 May, 8.30 am. At Christ Church URC, Churches Together Breakfast + Talk. Speaker is Geza Kacso. Tickets are £4 from Phil.

MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS – There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving to welcome all New Catholics on Saturday 15 May, 2010 at 11am in St. George's Cathedral, Southwark. Bishop Paul Hendricks will preside at this Mass and he very much looks forward to meeting all new Catholics received into the Church this Easter – along with their godparents, sponsors, relatives, clergy, catechists and friends. All are welcome to come and take part in this Thanksgiving Mass.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Social Event takes place on Tuesday, 18 May at 2 pm in Garlinge Methodist Church Hall, Canterbury Road/High Street, Garlinge. Refreshments, Bring & Buy Sale, Entertainment.

ST. GEORGE'S QUIZ NIGHT – last Saturday was a roaring success. Full almost to the rafters – if we had any – it raised about £315! This money has gone towards some of the financing of the Centenary Celebration Buffet supplies. You will have seen that the money "barometer" has risen. However, there are no more major fund raising events after the Cake Sale today. **So it is ONLY the contributions made by all the parishioners in the 'Brown' envelopes (to be found in the porch) which will fund the event and raise that "barometer" to the top of the tower.**

STOP PRESS: ONE VERY GENEROUS PARISHIONER GAVE A CHEQUE FOR £100 – A VERY BIG THANK YOU FOR THAT GIFT.

CAKE SALE AFTER BOTH MASSES – IF FINE WEATHER OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

SUNDAY PLUS+

Getting more from your faith

Year for priests:

Thanks, Lord, for choosing me

Richard Reid C.Ss.R. shares
his vocation story:

Being ordained a priest in the 1990s or even this decade may not seem like a good idea, with plenty of bad press that would incline some to hang their heads in shame. I was ordained in 1998 and it is something I am very proud of. The road to priesthood takes many years and in that time one is allowed, indeed encouraged, to read the newspapers and watch the news. So you can imagine what stories, rumours and scandals might cross the ears of a young man preparing for priesthood.

All that said, why did I become a

priest? There are many reasons: God called me; I'd met innumerable priests and brothers of terrific example; I wanted all people to know and love Jesus. As I write this I realise that not one of these reasons alone might make sense to you, but, believe me, they do to me.

For more than a decade now I've struggled to produce good reason to explain my priesthood, especially when asked by someone curious about his own vocation. In my heart I know and every day I say to Jesus, "thank you for this gift, thank you for choosing me".

In my priesthood I am given so much, so many opportunities for grace and well-being, and all I can do is respond wholeheartedly and say, "thank you".

Easter words: peace

by Rachel Denton

On the door of my oratory I have a plaque which changes with the seasons. During Advent it is a palm-leaf painting of the journeying Mary; during Lent, a ceramic tile bearing the pilgrim symbol – a scallop shell – given by a friend returning from Santiago; during Easter it is an illuminated word: "Peace". This was painted by my aunt, a Poor Clare nun, during her novitiate.

When I left my own novitiate as a Carmelite more than twenty years

ago, I was advised by the prioress that the unerring sign of vocation was a sense of deep, abiding peace. Notwithstanding the difficulties or the frustrations in the attempt, nor the doubts (and very real evidence!) of one's inability to do the thing perfectly, that peace of God "which passes all understanding" is the gold dust which makes all things possible. It is Jesus' most persistent gift and message to his friends during this radical season of new life: "Peace be with you."

**Lord, I bless you that
your first Easter gift to the
community was the gift of
your peace. Extend that gift
to your broken world, now
and always. Amen.**

Today:
Acts 14:21-27
1 Corinths 21:1-5
John 13:31-35

Monday:
1 Corinths 15:1-8
John 14:6-14

Tuesday:
Acts 14:19-28
John 14:27-31

Wednesday:
Acts 15:1-6
John 15:1-8

Thursday:
Acts 15:7-21
John 15:9-11

Friday:
Acts 15:22-31
John 15:12-17

Saturday:
Acts 16:1-10
John 15:18-21

Next Sunday:
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

NEW ARCHBISHOP FOR SOUTHWARK

Pope Benedict XVI has today (Friday) announced that Archbishop Peter Smith, of the Archdiocese of Cardiff, has been appointed as the next Archbishop of Southwark, succeeding Archbishop Kevin McDonald who resigned in December 2009 due to poor health. Bishop John Hine, the Diocesan Administrator said: "I am delighted that the Holy Father has appointed Archbishop Peter Smith of Cardiff to be our new Archbishop.

"Although very sad to be leaving the priests and people of his present Archdiocese, Archbishop Peter is also delighted to be coming 'back home' to his diocese of origin and very much looks forward to meeting the people and clergy of the diocese. He is well known to many of the clergy of the diocese from his time as Rector of St John's Seminary, and to others, as a fellow priest of the Southwark diocese.

"I have assured him that the announcement of his appointment here will bring great joy to the whole diocese. We continue to keep Archbishop Kevin in our prayers as he recovers well from his surgery but faces an operation on his other hip in a couple of months' time."

Archbishop Peter's installation as Archbishop of Southwark will be on Thursday, 10 June.

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his resurrection when he says to his disciples, "Peace be with you." It is this peace of Christ that we in turn are to share with others through the greeting the Lord revealed to St Francis, "The Lord give you peace."

Do I wish others peace? How do I show that I am a person of peace?

The Simple Way: Meditations on the words of St Francis is available priced £8.95 from www.rpbbooks.co.uk

“**I can trust my
real friends. These
are the people
who force me to
examine myself and
encourage me to
grow.**

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