

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 20th SEPTEMBER 2009

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

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

Fr. Michael Adams

Monday, 21 September, 2009 – St. Matthew, apostle – Red

NO MASS TODAY

Fr. Michael Agley

Tuesday, 22 September, 2009 – Feria – Green

NO MASS TODAY

Fr. Patrick Alkens

Wednesday, 23 September, 2009 – St. Pio of Pietrelcina – White

10 am FR. JOHN & SHEILA – Wedding Anniversary

Fr. Dominic Allain

Thursday, 24 September, 2009 – Our Lady of Walsingham – White

9.30 am EXPOSITION
 10 am JULIE & MICHAEL MAUNSELL, R.I.P. Sr. Anne

Fr. Barry Angus

Friday, 25 September, 2009 – Feria – Green

10 am PATRICIA WARBURTON, R.I.P. Marcella

Canon John Bailey

Saturday, 26 September, 2009 – SS. Cosmas & Damian – Red

10 am ANTHONY TUNNEY, R.I.P. The Family
 10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Fr. Christopher Baker

Sunday, 27 September, 2009 – Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) ANGELA MALONEY, R.I.P. The Kearney Family
 10 am Inc. Childrens Liturgy EMMANUEL EULLUL, R.I.P. Pauline Eullul
 & ANNASTASE PELLEGRINE, R.I.P.

Bishop elect Richard Mohn

1939 QUIZ NIGHT Saturday, 24 October at 7 pm in the Hall – £5 U.C.M. Charity for the Priesthood – Tickets next weekend

RED BOXES

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR RED BOX FOR EMPTYING. LEAVE IT IN THE SACRISTY

MASS ATTENDANCES

Twenty-fourth Sunday

Saturday (12 September) 5.30 pm 58
 Sunday (13 September) 10 am 98

PARISH INCOME Weekend of 12 & 13 September

Offertory Saturday £127.15
 Sunday £108.00

Anniversary this week:

George O'Halloran (1990), Peter Bennet (1991), Anthony Tunney (2007).

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.

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, 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.

DAILY REMEMBER THESE PRIESTS IN PRAYER

PETRINEWS

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B), 20 September, 2009

Fr. John write:-

Christ, the Son of God. We worship the Son of God, the wisdom that came down from above and became the servant of men.

In last week's newsletter, the more eagle-eyed will have noticed that the figure for the 5 pm Mass Offertory collection was unusually high! It wasn't a mistake or a corporate increase in everyone's contribution; just a generous extra £100 donation in that evening's offerings by one parishioner, money they had been saving up week by week. If everyone could make the same gesture once during the year I am sure our Parish finances would be much relieved.

PARISH WALSHINGHAM PILGRIMAGE – Two nights for the price of one! 23-25 November. Give your name to Fr. John.

New arrival . . . a baby, Rebecca, for Michaela & Lubus.

The Catholic Herald newspaper is now available every week at St. Peter's. Please ask for a copy and place a regular order.

This weekend's Masses will be celebrated by Fr. Pat Kelleher, of the St. Patrick's Missionary Society, who gives me a rare weekend break. Please give generously to his appeal.

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. Thank you to those who bought in bottles and gifts for the Fair. Next week kindly let us have Children's Tombola prizes, Jewellery and more Bottles.

GRAND DRAW TICKETS

The tickets for this year's Grand Christmas Draw are now available. Please take some Draw Tickets and don't be afraid to ask for extra books.

ANGELS AT SUNSET

Tuesday, 29 September, 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

● NEXT 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.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AUTUMN LUNCH, Wednesday, 30 September – Tel. 221259 for tickets

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.**

“The true Jew is one who is such inwardly, and the true circumcision is of the heart”

Romans 2:29



The Passover meal

We hear a lot about the Jewish festival of Passover in the Bible, and it is something that Jews still celebrate today. But what is it actually about?

When the Israelites were in slavery in Egypt, God sent ten plagues to the Egyptians in order to persuade Pharaoh to release them. The final, most dreadful plague was the killing of the Egyptians' firstborn sons. The Israelites were instructed to mark their doors with the blood of a spring lamb, so that the spirit of God would know whose children to spare, and “pass over” those houses.

In memory of this, and of the Jews' liberation, the Passover is celebrated as a festival lasting eight days. On the first and second nights, a “seder” meal is eaten. (A seder in Jewish culture is a word akin to “service” or “liturgy” in our own.) In this family meal, all of the food is symbolic, and is used to pass on the story to the children. The story itself is read out and studied during the evening, and Passover songs are sung.

Food eaten during the meal includes unleavened bread, called “matzo” which is “poor man's bread”. “Maror” – bitter herbs – represent the bitterness of slavery. And “charoset” – a sweet paste symbolising the mortar the Jewish slaves used to

Sunday PLUS

20 September 2009 Year B
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Office Week 1

Revelation and argument 2

In last week's Gospel, Jesus tried to reveal himself to his disciples but ended up in an argument with Peter. Now they head for home and travel south to Galilee. Mark picks up the story in today's Gospel. Jesus has a second try at telling the disciples what is weighing down his heart – his approaching death. Mark notes that the disciples don't know what Jesus is talking about.

What Jesus wants to say, they don't want to hear, so they leave his revelation hanging in the air. They decide to move

the topic of discussion from suffering to power: which of them is the most powerful? Jesus walks alone. His revelation has separated him from his own group. They travel together but separately. They leave Jesus to talk to himself.

When they get to their house in Capernaum Jesus asks them: “What were you arguing about on the way?” They didn't reach agreement about which of them was the greatest and they are now too ashamed to say anything, so nothing is said. The story moves from a road full of argument to a room full of silence.

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

Monday 21 September – St Matthew
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13;
Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday 22 September Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday 23 September Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

Thursday 24 September Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9

Friday 25 September Haggai 1:15 – 2:9; Luke 9:18-22

Saturday 26 September Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15; Luke 9:43-45

Next Sunday's readings:

Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Live the Word

Readings for the week:

Jesus breaks the silence and brings a child into the middle of their meeting and says: “Whoever welcomes this child welcomes me.” Their community is not to be an exclusive group reserved for the powerful; it is to be an inclusive community, where the little people can feel at home. That is still a challenge for the Church today.

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Home Mission Day

A chance, today, for us to think about living as Christians in our local areas. We might normally think of mission as something we in the rich West need to do by leaving where we live, travelling to a poor region in Africa and helping a local community build a school. Well, that is mission, of course, but it is also possible to be a missionary in smaller ways, in our local area. Perhaps you live in a place where poverty is an issue and crime rates are high: there are probably lots of local projects you might get involved in. Maybe you live in a more affluent part of the country, but where there is still real need, even if it is less obvious to the naked eye. “Spreading the Gospel” doesn't have to be about standing with a sandwich board and a megaphone outside WH Smith. Each day the Lord puts us in contact with a range of people. Some of these are family and friends, others are those we work with, or meet randomly in the street. Meeting each of these people is an opportunity to be Christ to that person.