

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 22th JUNE

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

Monday, 23 June – St. Etheldreda – White

*She was born in Suffolk early in the 7th century. Married twice she remained a virgin. Her first husband died and in 672 left her second husband, the King of Northumbria, with his reluctant consent, to become a nun. She founded a monastery of men and women, which she ruled as abbess, on the site of what is now Ely cathedral. She died there in 679. She was the most venerated of the women saints of Anglo-Saxon England, renowned for her life of chastity and for the austerity.*

8 am DOMINIC ANDERTON, R.I.P. Jean Anderton

Tuesday, 24 June – Birth of John The Baptist – White

*John the Baptist is the only saint in the calendar (apart from Our Lady and St. Joseph) who has two feasts to himself: today's feast to celebrate his birth and in August, to celebrate his death. Rightly so for, as Christ said John was the greatest of the sons of men.*

9 am EXPOSITION

9.30 am PAUL QUICKFALL, R.I.P. Christine Bentley

12 noon REQUIEM MASS FOR JOHN MOUSDALE, R.I.P.

Wednesday, 25 June – Feria – Green **NO MORNING MASS**

6.00 pm CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Thursday, 26 June – Feria – Green

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am FR. BRIAN McMAHON Fr. John & Sheila  
40th Anniversary of his Ordination

Friday, 27 June – Feria – Green

**NO MASS TODAY**

Saturday, 28 June – St. Irenaeus – Red

*St. Irenaeus (c125 - c202). Doctor of the Church. He was born in Asia Minor and was eventually to become Bishop of Lyon in Gaul (France). The writings of Irenaeus are considered to have laid the foundations of Christian theology, and by refuting the errors of the Gnostics (The doctrine of salvation by knowledge) kept the fledgling church true to the Catholic faith. Tradition has it that he was martyred during the persecutions of Septimius Severus.*

10 am FR. BILL HOWELL, R.I.P.

11.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 29 June – Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles – Red

**THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL BEGINS TODAY**

*The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, is a feast commemorating the martyrdom in Rome of the two great Apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul. The date is the anniversary of a day around 258, under the Valerian persecution, when what were believed to be the remains of the two apostles were both moved temporarily to prevent them from falling into the hands of the persecutors.*

5.30 pm (Saturday) RICHARD JONES, R.I.P. Teresa Jones

10 am inc. Children's Liturgy PAUL QUICKFALL, R.I.P. Ann Jackson

# PETRINEWS

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## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) – 22 June, 2008

Is it in the dark recesses of our mind that faith resides? That secret place where our inner self, our 'soul' is known exclusively to ourself – the place where no other human can explore, can fathom. Is that what Jesus means when he says: "What I say to you in the dark . . . what you hear in whispers". Is that the real core, the essence of faith; the germ which when fed by the Word of God, nurtured by the Spirit of God begins to grow into the realisation, the certainty that Jesus is Lord, that He is 'my' saviour, that through his sacrifice and resurrection I am made aware of His never-ending love for me no matter how many times I stumble and fall on this journey of faith. That God our Father talks – whispers – directly to me is difficult to refute. Surely we hear him time and time again. Today in the Gospel He asks, no commands us to take these 'whispers' and turn them into shouts. To speak up for the faith, maybe a faith which is an innate gift passed on to us and, at some stage in our life, a faith which has blossomed like a sprouting seed becomes the beautiful flower. Jesus in talking to His disciples is talking to us through the Gospel: twice he tells us not to be afraid. Not to be afraid of those who would in years gone by literally try to kill us because of faith in the one true God. Here He hangs out the speculation that it should be more fearful to lose one's soul to the 'deniers' than the earthly loss of life – for us in modern times in western society that means the loss of worldly credibility. He comforts us, assuring us that we, each and everyone of us is special to the Father: "so there is no need to be afraid", emphasizing the point by telling us how intimately the Father knows us. There are times when we come across the world denying what we believe in, even ridiculing Christian



faith, the precepts of our religion. It's at these times that this Gospel message tells us to be strong, to stand up for God, for Christ, for the Spirit of God; and as an extension of the message to stand up for His Holy Church here on earth – the church instituted and given to us by Christ himself and left in the hands of His 'rock', His Peter, our patron. We've all surely walked away from a situation, in order to keep the peace, for fear of ridicule, in self-protection, wanting to fit in with the 'crowd', because it was the simplest and most expeditious solution we could use to escape possible conflict of views. We've walked away maybe but we can not walk away from the guilt, the feeling of unease that turns like a worm in a dark recess of our mind. If we want to earn our eternal reward in heaven we have to wave the flag of our Christian belief and rejoice in God our Saviour.

**Father John writes:**

***Faced with all the evil in the world and the fearful consequences of sin, we might well be afraid did we not have Christ as a mighty hero at our side, the source of divine grace.***

**"He is to be called JOHN"**

*Luke 1: 60*

**Tuesday is The Birthday of Saint John the Baptist**

We shall celebrate this great Solemnity with **Mass at 9.30 am**, as we point our thoughts towards Christmas, when the ONE promised by Saint John is born.

■ **FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN GET TOGETHER TODAY 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.

■ **100 CLUB WINNERS**

*The June winners of the "100 Club" draw are:*

1st Prize £25: (No 53) Robert Turner  
2nd Prize £5: (No 65) Teresa Jones  
3rd Prize £5: (No 05) Eunice O'Neill

**LIFT WANTED!**

**Is there anyone who is going to the Eucharistic Minister's Day at Stella Maris Convent on 28th June?**

**Do you have two spare seats?**

**If so, please contact Eileen on 299334. She will contribute to the fuel costs.**

■ **NO MASS ON FRIDAY**

As Fr. John will be concelebrating at the Funeral of Dom Derek Summers, O.S.B. at Ramsgate Abbey (11 am) there will not be a Mass here at St. Peter's.

■ **CONFIRMATION FOLLOW-UP**

**THIS Wednesday, 25 June, 6 pm**

Follow-up on our Confirmation Candidates, where is the Lord leading them? The eleven young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Feast of Pentecost, are invited, along with their parents and friends, to a special Mass which will be followed by a party, and then a look to the future.

■ **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**NEXT Saturday, 28th June at 10.30 am**

A reminder to those Eucharistic Ministers who did not attend the first 'special day' last weekend at Stella Maris Convent, North Foreland, Broadstairs. You should ensure that you go to Stella Maris on the 28th when Fr. Fisher, from St. Ethelbert's, Ramsgate, will lead the day.

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■ **PETER'S PENCE**

**Next weekend** (28/29 June)

There will be a collection next weekend at Mass for this universal contribution to Rome. In Anglo-Saxon England, it was called the Rome shot or Romescot. Later, the term "Peter's Pence" came to be used for the penny paid to Rome. This custom of donation, called the *Denarius Sancti Petri*, or "Alms of Saint Peter", then spread throughout Europe. It was formalised in 1871 by Pope Pius IX.

■ **ROSARY GROUP**

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

Information call Eileen McNiff on 299334.

■ **SUMMER FÊTE SATURDAY, 12 JULY**

It's getting very close to our Fete, so if you still have Draw Ticket stubs and money please return them to Colleen in the Sacristy after Mass – but keep on selling them. The committee are looking for Grocery Items (tin foods and dry goods), also more Fancy Goods. They still want to hear from anyone who has a small gazebo they can lend to the fete. If you intend to help at the fete and haven't put your name down on the list it is still at the back of the church for you to do so. Also 'muscles' are still in demand! Tel: Phil on 835630.

■ **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

■ **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

This Saturday (21st June) the UCM held their annual 'Birthday' party in the Church Hall to celebrate the 17th year of their founding here

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

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

in Westgate. They generously presented a cheque to Fr. John for the St. John's Seminary Fund of £350. If you are interested in finding out more about our local UCM please contact Frances Tunney on 831121.

■ **SVP IN WESTGATE**

Please contact Eunice O'Neill on 832774.

■ **MASS ATTENDANCES 11 Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday (14 June)	5.30pm	75
Sunday (15 June)	10 am	99

**Anniversaries this week:**

Patrick Mahoney (1992), Patricia Gould (1997), Ann Antionion (1997), Marie Lewis (2003)

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

*John Mousdale whose funeral takes place this Tuesday on the Feast of John the Baptist, may he rest in peace.*

*Dom Derek Summers O.S.B., who will be buried on Friday (27th) at Ramsgate Abbey. May he rest in peace.*

*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.*

*Remember the recently dead: George Martin, Mietek Kiersz, Paul Quickfall, Gianna Thirlwall, Sr. Bernadette, Sr. Dorothea and Tasmin Walters. May they rest in peace.*

**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.