

MASSTIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 23rd AUGUST 2009

Sunday, 23 August, 2009 – Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) MYRA & ALAN TAYLOR, R.I.P. Julia, Joe & Olivia

10 am Inc. Childrens Liturgy MYRA & ALAN TAYLOR, R.I.P. Maureen Hatfield

Monday, 24 August, 2009 – St. Bartholomew, apostle – Red

10 am PRIVATE FAMILY INTENTION

Tuesday, 25 August, 2009 – Feria – Green

NO MASS TODAY

4.30 pm Reception of the coffin of Eva Brewer

Wednesday, 26 August, 2009 – Feria – Purple

11.30 am REQUIEM MASS & FUNERAL OF EVA BREWER, R.I.P.

Thursday, 27 August, 2009 – St. Monica – White

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am FR. SEAN O'DONNELL Fr. John
Golden Jubilee of Ordination and 75th Birthday

Friday, 28 August, 2009 – St. Augustine of Hippo – White

10 am PENNY'S HUSBAND Penny

1.30 pm FUNERAL SERVICE OF JOSEPH MORRISON

Saturday, 29 August, 2009 – Beheading of St. John the Baptist – Red

10 am JOSEPH BROWN

10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 30 August, 2009 – Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) BERYL LIND, R.I.P. Ray Lind

10 am Inc. Childrens Liturgy PRIVATE INTENTION Eileen McNiff

Your Prayers are asked for:

Eva Brewer, who died last Saturday evening, Joseph Morrison whose funeral service takes place on Friday; also Mary Bell who died recently in a Westgate Nursing Home, may they rest in peace.

The sick: Fr. John, 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.

Sean McNiff back from Afghanistan, thanks you for your prayers; remember our forces still there.

MASS ATTENDANCES

The Assumption

Saturday (15 August) 5.30 pm 61

Sunday (16 August) 10 am 94

PARISH INCOME

Weekend of 15 & 16 August

Offertory Saturday £167.20

Sunday £163.32

Anniversary this week:

John Wilson (1993), John McCulla (1994), Rose Adams (1997), Beryl Lind (1998), Olga Hayes-Barker (2003), Frances Prince (2003), Carmel Lumsden (2006)

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!

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Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time, 23 August, 2009

Fr. John writes:

Today, we celebrate the marriage feast of Christ with his Church, we consciously choose him who is the Holy One of God.

Eva Brewer, R.I.P. Last Saturday evening Eva, the beloved wife of Gerry, died at Eaton Lodge Nursing Home after a prolonged illness. Please remember Gerry and his family in their loss. The Funeral arrangements are:- this coming Tuesday, 4.30 pm Reception of the Coffin. Wednesday, 11.30 am the Funeral Mass.

On Sunday, 6 September – the 23rd Sunday of the Year – we hear in the Gospel of the healing of the Deaf and Dumb man. I propose to make this a "Mass of Healing", and I will anoint any who feel they are in some kind of healing need.

WHAT NO ACCOUNTS CLERKS IN OUR MIDST?

Our notice asking for Account Clerks was unanswered! Surely we must have a parishioner willing to help us keep our books in order.

ANOTHER FUNERAL THIS WEEK

We also have another funeral service on Friday at 1.30 pm for Joseph Morrison who died last week at QEOM. May he rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS FAIR MEETING

A meeting for those people interested in helping organise this year's Christmas Fair will take place after Mass next Sunday.

PRIMARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK DIARY

See the leader of our Children's Liturgy today, Sunday, who has a list for a limited number of FREE Primary School 'Homework' Diaries produced by the Redemptorist.

DIARY DATES

- Tuesday, 1 September, Pie 'n Mash at Pavs Cafe, West Bay, organised by the local Churches Together group. Please get your ticket from Rosemary this weekend, £6.50.
- Saturday, 12 September. Carmelite Forum Annual Conference, in London. See poster in Porch for details.

- Saturday, 12 September. Malta Day UK 2009. In and around Westminster Cathedral, London, including a Traditional Maltese Fair, Holy Mass with street procession afterwards. See poster in the Church Hall.

- Saturday & Sunday, 26/27 September. Sister Angela Cronin, OSU, speaks about HARVEST FAST DAY – Cafod.

- Weekend of 25/27 September. Hope for a new beginning. A special "Beginning Experience" weekend at Aylesford Priory, for those who have lost a spouse through death, separation or divorce. See Poster in porch.

- 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. With, to date, over 200 Deanery names, an extra TWO coaches have been booked; the list is closed. **Those who have agreed to go should pay their £10 NOW to Colleen.**

- Thursday, 17 December – ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT with Whitstable Brass Band at 7.30 pm.

Young people 8 years to 19 years old please return, by next weekend, the questionnaire about what you want to have in the Mass and in the Parish.

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.**

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel”

Romans 1:16



A time of grace

The visit of the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux

In just over four weeks' time, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux will visit England and Wales. Over the next few weeks, Sunday Plus will help prepare us for their arrival.

What is a relic?

In the second book of Kings, we read that after the great prophet Elisha had died and been buried, a group were carrying another man out for burial. They saw a band of Moabites (enemies to the Israelites, who were invading the land) and so they flung the man into Elisha's grave, and ran away. As soon as the man's corpse touched Elisha's remains, he came back to life and stood up of his own accord.

Relics are important for Christians. Anything which used

to belong to, was touched by, or is part of the remains of one of the saints can be described as a “relic” (the word comes from the Latin word for “remains”), and over the centuries many Christians have attested to the power of God to work miracles through relics. Since Thérèse's death in 1897 (aged just 24), thousands have testified to the favours received through her intercession, and there is every reason to hope that people who pray before the relics during their forthcoming visit will receive similar blessings.

For more information on the visit of the relics see www.catholicrelics.co.uk. To find out more about St Thérèse see www.rpbooks.co.uk and search for Lisieux.

Dear GOD, I think about you sometimes even when I'm not praying.

Elliott, 7

Will you also go away?

Sometimes, when we share an idea or belief that is dear to us, we sense an immediate negative reaction from our listeners. What to do? Should we continue trying to explain or drop the subject in favour of discussing the weather or football? What is more important to us: the approval of our listeners or the integrity of what we believe? In today's Gospel there is a similar scene where Jesus becomes aware that the teaching he has just shared

on the bread of life has provoked widespread opposition. The opposition is not just from the general audience but from many of his own followers, who dismiss his teaching on the bread of life as “intolerable language”. Many of his disciples then leave him.

What to do? Jesus does not run after them to offer further explanation of his teaching; he does not beg them to stay. He lets

Sunday Plus

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Office Week I



with Caroline Fletcher

I'm questioning my faith. What can I do?

First, face your doubts: ignoring them rarely makes them go away. Write them down so you can start to tackle the issues behind them. If it's a pastoral issue such as a tough time causing you to question God's love, then try talking to a mature Christian and get their support and prayer. If it is an intellectual doubt, then read some Christian books which tackle those issues. There are many on the evidence for Christian faith.

Don't hide your doubts from

God; God knows them anyway. Pray honestly for God's help. Remember Jesus responded to the prayer, “I believe, help my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24). Have correct expectations of the Christian life. Belief in God does not always make your life go smoothly and fellow Christians aren't always a blessing. The Bible teaches us to expect the Christian life to be tough and reminds us that we are all forgiven sinners in need of grace. If God seems distant, remember many Christians throughout history have experienced this. The psalmists dealt with “dark nights of the soul” by clinging on to all God had already done for them and thanking him.

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Live the Word Readings for the week:

Sunday 23 August Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32;

John 6:60-69

Monday 24 August – St Bartholomew Apocalypse 21:9-14;

John 1:45-51

Tuesday 25 August 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday 26 August 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday 27 August 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51

Friday 28 August 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday 29 August – The Beheading of John the Baptist
Jeremiah 1:17-19; Mark 6:17-29

Next Sunday's readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8; James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27; Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

them go, and then does an extraordinary thing in turning to the Twelve and asking them if they want to leave him. He gives them permission to cancel their discipleship. What is the point of keeping disciples who have lost belief in you? If the relationship of trust has died, it is better to allow people the freedom to find new

roads. It is Peter who focuses on the relationship: “Lord, to whom shall we go?” It is not that Peter understands everything Jesus says; rather, he knows that discipleship is, above all, about following a person not an idea.

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