

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 25th OCTOBER 2009

Sunday, 25 October, 2009 – Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) VERONICA HATCH, R.I.P. V. & R.H. Bone-Knell

10 am Inc. Children's Liturgy RON HATFIELD, R.I.P. Maureen Hatfield
BAPTISM OF GRACIE SIMMONS DURING THE MASS

Canon William Clements

3.30 pm ROSARY & BENEDICTION

Monday, 26 October, 2009 – Feria – Green

NO MASS TODAY ALL SOULS DAY NEXT MONDAY, 2 NOV. Masses at 8 am & 10 am

Fr. Michael Clifton

Tuesday, 27 October, 2009 – Feria – Green

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am EUCHARISTIC SERVICE

Fr. Donald Coleman

Wednesday, 28 October, 2009 – Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles – Red

10 am MARY STOCKER, R.I.P. Rosemary & Gordon Traynor

Fr. Joseph Collins

Thursday, 29 October, 2009 – Feria – Green

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am EUCHARISTIC SERVICE

Fr. Paul Connelly

Friday, 30 October, 2009 – Feria – Green

NO MASS TODAY

Fr. Christopher Connor

Saturday, 31 October, 2009 – Our Lady – White

10 am OLIVE PATRICIA WHOMES, R.I.P. Foundation

10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Canon Michael Cooley

Sunday, 1 November, 2009 – ALL SAINTS – White

5.30 pm (Saturday) Welfare of JOAN CONSIDINE Eileen Davies

10 am Inc. Children's Liturgy HOUCHIN FAMILY, R.I.P. Foundation

BAPTISM OF REBEKA MATOUCIK DURING THE MASS

Fr. Thomas Cooper

MASS ATTENDANCES Twenty-ninth Sunday

Saturday (17 October) 5.30 pm 50

Sunday (18 October) 10 am 110

PARISH INCOME Weekend of 17 & 18 October

Offertory Saturday £135.72

Sunday £127.91

Anniversary this week:

Louisa Farr (2002), Maria Kinneir (2004), Bryan Ferguson (2005).

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.

ST. PETER'S REPOSITORY

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Your Prayers are asked for:

Gracie Simmons, Baptised this weekend, and her parents, Danielle and Thomas. Also Rebeka Matoucik whose Baptism takes place next Sunday.

Rev. Tom Barnfather who was inducted as vicar of St. Saviours, Westgate, last Thursday.

Sr. Maria Fitzpatrick, Laurence Melrose and Elizabeth Baker, who all died recently. May they rest in peace.

The sick: Fr. Barry Angus, 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, Victoria, Win Thilman, Theresa Daniels, John Hammond, John Richardson and Mary his wife, Teresa McCarthy.

For all service men and women, and those in civilian support companies, serving in Afghanistan.

DAILY REMEMBER THESE PRIESTS IN PRAYER

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Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B), 25 October, 2009

Fr. John writes:-

We worship Christ who opens our eyes to see the marvels that he has done for us as our high priest and mediator with the Father.

Today we welcome into our community GRACIE, daughter of Thomas and Danielle Simmons who is to be baptised during our Sunday morning Mass and likewise next Sunday, the Feast of All Saints, we welcome REBEKA, daughter of Lubus and Michaela Matoucik. Please come and support these infants and their families.

Two important dates next year in May:- the first on 16th First Holy Communion, and second on 23rd Confirmation, please see me regarding application forms.

Please keep me in your prayers next week as, along with over 80 other Southwark Priests, including our Archbishop Kevin and Area Bishop John, I will be attending what is called "Ongoing formation of Priests", a week long seminar in northern France. What does it do? The organisation's mission statement says it all: Our purpose is to work with each other and with the Archbishop in the pastoral care of the presbyterate, to advance priestly brotherhood and the personal growth of ourselves and all our priests in the service and mission of the Church.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 8 NOVEMBER

Two weeks time will be Remembrance Sunday when we shall have a two minute silence and Act of Remembrance at the end of the 10 am Mass which will be a Requiem for the War Dead. At 12 noon a service will be held at Westgate War Memorial on Sea Road.

BREAKFAST – Saturday 7 NOVEMBER

The monthly Breakfast (formerly Men's Breakfast) held at Christ Church URC Hall, at 8.30 am, has as its guest speaker the new Vicar of St. Saviours, Rev. Tom Barnfather. Tickets are £4 from Fr. John or Phil.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Sunday, 6 DECEMBER,

Starting at 11.30 am (after the 10 am Mass). Last week's donations were very good, so next week we would like you to especially bring in CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS & TOYS.

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

DIARY DATES

- Saturday, 7 November, 2009. The Canterbury Vigils – 100 minutes of music, prayer & silence. Holy Trinity, Cliftonville, at 7.30 pm.
- Tuesday, 10 November, 2009. Annual Mass for Deceased Deanery Clergy, here at St. Peter's, 11 am.
- Wednesday, 11 November, 2009. First in a series: Exploring Marks' Gospel. St. Austin's, Margate at 7.30 pm (See Poster in porch).
- 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.
- 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 Brass Band at 7.30 pm.

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.

“God did not say, ‘You shall not be tempted-tossed, you shall not be work-weary, you shall not be discomfited.’ But he said, ‘You shall not be overcome.’ ”

Julian of Norwich



Crying out

Sometimes change begins with a scream, when people broadcast their anguish in the hope that someone might pay attention. The scream can be a sign not only of desperation but of faith, expressing the belief that things can change.

The scene of today’s Gospel story is set as Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd are leaving the garden city of Jericho for the holy city of Jerusalem. Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, is well positioned to catch the pilgrims leaving the city. When he hears that it’s Jesus of Nazareth who is passing by, he shouts out: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many of the pilgrims don’t want to be disturbed by this screamer, so they order the one-man disturbance to be quiet. Refusing their unwanted advice, the blind beggar increases the volume.

The scream arrests Jesus and he stops. He then challenges his companions to bring the afflicted man to him: “Call him here.” Their tone changes as they now call the blind man by encouraging him to take heart. At the invitation, Bartimaeus throws off his cloak, springs to his feet and comes to Jesus. When asked by Jesus how he can help, the blind beggar asks that he might see again. Jesus does not touch him, but commands him to go, for his faith has made him well.

His faith was proved by his scream. When people never scream, does that suggest they don’t believe anything can really change?

Denis McBride C.Ss.R. www.denismcbride.com

“There is nothing we can do to make God love us more, there is nothing we can do to make God love us less.”

Philip Yancey

Today is... UN Day

A celebration of the United Nations, which came into being this day in 1945, immediately after the Second World War. It marks the day when fifty countries gathered in San Francisco to draw up a charter that would lay out the rights and obligations of member states that wanted to be part of the new peace-keeping body. Signatories to the charter included China, France, the Soviet Union, the UK and the USA. The overall purpose of the UN, as laid out in the charter, is to maintain international peace and security; to develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights; to cooperate in solving international economic, social, cultural and humanitarian problems, and to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.



Sunday PLUS

25 October 2009 Year B

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Office Week II

Early church music

The earliest church music was shaped by Greek song, perhaps developed itself from ritual in temples. It would have been sung in unison without any harmony. There is some evidence that it may have been embellished with instruments. Hymns spread to the West from Syrian monasteries and churches where they first sprang up. The singing was antiphonal, meaning that two groups of singers sang alternately sometimes repeating phrases, or sometimes in a “call and response” pattern. The Hebrew

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psalmody of Temple worship was also an influence. The “verse” would be chanted from the altar as a solo and the “respond” chanted by the congregation. Later, sung sections of the Bible called canticles were given at certain times of the year, and this term developed to encompass a variety of psalms and hymns used liturgically. The earliest written church music, using symbols called neumes, dates from the eighth century. Gregorian chant developed from this.

Live the Word Readings for the week:

Sunday 25 October	Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52
Monday 26 October	Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday 27 October	Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday 28 October	Ss Simon and Jude Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-19
Thursday 29 October	Romans 8:31-39; Luke 13:31-35
Friday 30 October	Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6
Saturday 31 October	Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday’s readings – All Saints’ Day:

Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Over the years, the UN has played a major role in ending conflict and fostering reconciliation, including successful missions in El Salvador and Guatemala, in Cambodia and Mozambique, in Sierra Leone and Liberia and Tajikistan, to name but a few.

More recently, the UN has been working to strengthen democracy in Iraq, with national elections expected by the end of the year. The UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) helped facilitate the country’s first provincial elections that took place in January 2009 and financed programmes to help increase awareness among Iraqis of the electoral process. Karen McIntyre www.un.org