

MASSTIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 30th AUGUST 2009

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. Children's Liturgy PRIVATE INTENTION Eileen McNiff

Monday, 31 August, 2009 – St. Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne – White

10 am Welfare of CHARLIE McHUGH

Tuesday, 1 September, 2009 – Feria – Green

NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday, 2 September, 2009 – Feria – Green

5 pm PATRICIA WARBURTON, R.I.P. Marcella

Thursday, 3 September, 2009 – St. Gregory the Great – White

9.30 am EXPOSITION
10 am DEBBIE & MATT (for their wedding) The Kearney Family

Friday, 4 September, 2009 – St. Cuthbert – White

10 am PENNY'S HUSBAND Sophie

Saturday, 5 September, 2009 – Our Lady – White

10 am JEAN SPICER, R.I.P.

10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 6 September, 2009 – Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) GEORGE MARTIN, R.I.P. Ann Martin
The Sunday morning Mass Includes a special celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick
10 am Inc. Children's Liturgy DEREK OPIE, R.I.P. Kate Doohan

Gerry Brewer thanks everyone who attended Eva's Funeral Mass and made it such a beautiful occasion.

Your Prayers are asked for:

Eva Brewer and Joseph Morrison whose funeral services took place last week. 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, Kath Marrison, John Hammond, John Richardson (former Vicar of St. Saviours Westgate)

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

SCARED OF A MOUSE?

Overcome your 'techno' fear with *Beginners Lessons in Computers.* see Eunice Whitaker (Saturday 5.30 pm Mass) or phone her on 847990

MASS ATTENDANCES

Twenty-first Sunday

Saturday (22 August)	5.30 pm	54
Sunday (23 August)	10 am	153

PARISH INCOME

 Weekend of 22 & 23 August

Offertory	Saturday	£134.56
	Sunday	£154.04

Anniversary this week:

Lilian Sturton (2000), Patricia Brenchley (1992), Eileen Southgate (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.

**Tea & Coffee after Sunday 10 am Mass
– Come along it's ONLY 20p a drink!**

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Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, 30 August, 2009

Fr. John writes:

We rejoice in the Law of God which is pure religion, totally different from any man-made law or human tradition. It is fulfilled in this sacrament of love.

A warm welcome to our visitors enjoying the Bank Holiday weekend, the last one this summer, just before our schools begin the new academic year.

Next Sunday, at the 10 am Mass we are going to include the Sacrament of the Sick.

Mass time changes this week: MONDAY Mass at 10 am. NO MASS ON TUESDAY. WEDNESDAY: Mass at 5 pm in the afternoon.

NEWSPAPERS. I know that these are expensive and we need to watch our purses, but can I plead with you to continue buying the Catholic Papers, as it does keep us in touch with the wider church. If anyone is keen we could perhaps obtain the Catholic Herald, please let me know.

CHRISTMAS FAIR MEETING

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

PIE'N' MASH

THIS TUESDAY, 1 September, Pie 'n Mash at Pavs Cafe, West Bay, organised by the local Churches Together group. Starting at 5 pm. See Rosemary for information.

ANGELS AT SUNSET

Another Churches Together in Westgate event has been planned for the end of September, Tuesday, 29th. It will be a short three-quarter hour 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

- Saturday, 12 September, 8.30 am. Breakfast for Ladies and Gentlemen at Christ Church URC, Westgate Bay Avenue. Speaker Rev. Dr. Paul Kirby on 'Chaplaincy in the NHS'. Tickets £4. See Fr. John or Phil.
- Saturday, 12 September. Carmelite Forum Annual Conference, in London. See poster in Porch for details.
- Saturday, 12 September. Malta Day UK

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.**

2009. In and around Westminster Cathedral, London. 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, nearly 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
WHERE ARE THE QUESTIONNAIRES?

“Come close to God, and God will
come close to you”
James 4:8



Thérèse, aged 8

Sunday Plus

A time of grace

30 August 2009 Year B
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Divine Office Week II

Beyond good manners

Politeness and good manners are traditionally regarded as a hallmark of the well-behaved person. Some people become very anxious about doing the right thing, choosing the right fork, pouring wine into the correct glass. Etiquette is defined as the rules for socially acceptable behaviour. A seventeenth-century French dictionary gives its meaning as a small sign or label. “Etiquettes” were placed around the palaces and gardens, instructing guests where to walk, where to stand, what not to touch – essentially telling them how to behave.

In today’s Gospel Jesus’ disciples are criticised by the Pharisees and scribes for eating without first washing their hands and arms up to the elbow. The critics are anxious that the disciples’ behaviour does not respect tradition and would, therefore, be setting a bad example for others. Jesus has little time for people who honour tradition and human regulations but who have no real heart for the word of God. Everything can become an outward show, a polite performance; even their worship begins to look like the theatre of the absurd, signifying nothing.

Jesus is interested in people’s heart condition, which is why his governing message is “Set your heart first on the kingdom of God.” Jesus believes that if our hearts are set firmly in the right direction, then our behaviour will flow from our good-heartedness. All else is politeness.

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The visit of the relics of
St Thérèse of Lisieux

Who was Thérèse?

Marie-Françoise-Thérèse Martin was the youngest of nine children born to a very devout French couple in Normandy in 1873. From an early age, Thérèse felt called to be a Carmelite nun. Her elder sister had already entered the Carmel by the time Thérèse was nine years old, and by the age of fifteen she was herself received as a postulant.

Thérèse became known for her “little way”. This was her conviction that pleasing God does not have to involve large-scale, heroic acts: what actually matters is “great love”, Thérèse wrote. All of the everyday, ordinary things we do can be placed before God as an offering. Martin Luther King echoed this when he said, “If it falls your lot to be a street sweeper, sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures.”

We can learn so much from the life of St Thérèse, and her devotion in prayer to Our Lord. It is hoped that the visit of the relics will help us all understand how prayer can help us persevere in life, and how asking for the prayers of the saints can reconnect us with them, with each other, and inspire us to share our faith in the world.

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.



with Caroline Fletcher

Does the Bible have
anything to say about the
environment?

It teaches us that:

- The world was made by God and belongs to God. We should respect it as God’s handiwork (Psalm 24:1).
- As God’s creation, the world reveals to us the power and glory of God (Romans 1:20).
- God has given humanity the role of caring for the world by making productive use of it and looking after it (Genesis 2:15).
- God cares about all he has made. Jesus said that not even a sparrow falls to the ground

Live the Word

Readings for the week:

Sunday 30 August	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday 31 August	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday 1 September	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday 2 September	Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44
Thursday 3 September	Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11
Friday 4 September	Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39
Saturday 5 September	Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

Next Sunday’s readings:

Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

without God’s knowledge (Matthew 10:29).

- We are made in the image of God and have “dominion” over the animals (Genesis 1:26) but this is not permission to abuse them. These verses mean that we should act as God would: looking after God’s creation in a way pleasing to God.

- God has made us totally dependent upon this world for all our food and resources. If we abuse it, we suffer. Hence, God instructed the Israelites not to strip their land of all its resources (Leviticus 25:3-4). So we, too, can do our part to manage God’s earth wisely if it is to provide for our needs.

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