

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 30th MARCH

Sunday, 30 March – 2nd Sunday of Easter – White

5.30 pm (Saturday) RICHARD JONES, R.I.P. Mrs. Mobin
10 am inc. Children's Liturgy JENNY ELDRIDGE Eileen McNiff
 – Thanksgiving

Monday, 31 March – THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD – White

The Annunciation is the revelation to Mary by the Archangel Gabriel that she would conceive a child to be born the Son of God. The Church celebrate this with the feast of Annunciation, normally on March 25, as the Incarnation is nine months before the Nativity of Jesus. In the middle ages the date of the Annunciation also marked the New Year in many European places, including England (where it is called Lady Day), this remained in force until 1752. In years where Easter is early, as this year, the Feast Day is moved until the week after the Octave of Easter.

10 am FR. KEVIN & THE SEMINARIANS
 at the English College, Vallodolid, Spain
7.30 pm FOR THE PARISHIONERS

Tuesday, 1 April – Feria – White

9 am EXPOSITION
9.30 am RICHARD JONES, R.I.P. Sylvia & Paul Quickfall

Wednesday, 2 April

10 am COMMUNION SERVICE – NO MASS

Thursday, 3 April

NO MASS TODAY

Friday, 4 April – Feria – White

10 am KAY BURTON, R.I.P. Joanne Consadine

Saturday, 5 April – Feria – White

10 am ALBINO RIZZO, R.I.P. The Family
10.30 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 6 April – 3rd Sunday of Easter – White

5.30 pm (Saturday) LOUISE TRAYNOR, R.I.P. Gordon & Rosemary Traynor
10 am inc. Children's Liturgy RICHARD JONES, R.I.P. Len & Mary Lane

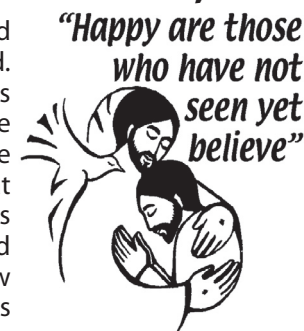
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) – 30th March, 2008

Today as we hail Christ as our Lord and God, we are filled with the joy of the disciples in seeing the risen Lord. After his resurrection, in the evening, Jesus visits the His disciples and standing among them showing them the wounds inflicted on him by the nails of the cross and the lance which pierced his side. To these disciples, on that night, Jesus bestows on them the power of forgiveness of sins. Thomas had not been there that night and had missed seeing Jesus. He couldn't believe what his fellow disciples told him. Eight days later Jesus came again, this time Thomas was there and able to witness the wounds, touch them even; then he believed. Tying in with this Gospel is the second reading when in St. Peter's First Letter he refers to the great joy of faith, the joy so glorious it cannot be described, even though you have not seen him, you still love him.



Your Prayers are asked for:

Canon Clements of Birchington, who recently had an operation on his knee.

Fr. Barry and Abbot Lawrence of Ramsgate, who are both ill.

Pat Waley in hospital.

Peg Bunnage who is back in hospital.

Len Lane in hospital.

Rebecca's sister in Singapore who survived a problematic birth and for her sister's still born son, Oscar.

Paul Quickfall who is very ill.

Alan & Myra who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last week, especially Myra who is ill.

Georgette Ramsay who is ill.

NOTE: On Wednesday Communion Service only, NO MASS on Thursday

Anniversaries this week:

James Murphy (1996), Dorothy Helen Were (2001), Cecil Alfred Bushell (2003). Sr. Loyola Wilson (2007)

**THE ANNUNCIATION: MONDAY EVENING MASS AT 7.30 pm
 TEA & COFFEE – after the 10am Mass on Sunday in the Hall**

Fr. John writes:

Easter Joy is still with us. Today, as we hail Christ as our Lord and God we are filled with the joy of the disciples in seeing the risen Lord. In this season of renewal we are like those early Christians who were "filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described".

■ TODAY SPONSORED WALK

Our CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES will undertake their Sponsored Walk from the Bandstand at Viking Bay, Broadstairs to Saint Augustine's Cross, Pegwell, commencing at 1.30 pm. Please give generously to them. The majority of our parish candidates are helping the 'Homeless in Thanet'.

■ ANNUNCIATION EXTRA



Tomorrow, Monday 31 March, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation, when Mary accepted the role God had chosen for her in His plan of redemption. This celebration reminds to prepare for the coming of Christmas. MASS is at 10 am and again in the evening at 7.30 pm we have an extra Mass. Now the clocks have altered you will get to church in the light.

■ CONFIRMATION 2008

PENTECOST, 11 MAY, 2008 at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 3 pm. Our Confirmandee are

Lucy Elinor Mary Curry, Oliver Neil Fitch, Benjamin Colin & Joseph William Greenstreet, Phillip Patrick & Nicholas Peter Kearney, Mary Magdalena Korzeniowska, Alice Elizabeth Lukehurst and Charlotte-Elizabeth-Jane Murray.

Keep our young people in your thoughts and prayers as they draw even closer to their Sacramental experience in May. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to empower them to be mature Catholic Christians, in this almost post Christian 21st century.

■ AN EVENING WITH

ADRIAN PLASS

**Thursday, 10 April
at St. Philip's Church
Palm Bay Estate, Cliftonville
7.30 pm - 9.30 pm**

Adrian is both a speaker and an author. He has produced more than eighteen books, the best known is *Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass*.

Admission FREE by ticket only from St. Philip's office (231825).

Donations will be welcome on the night and there will also be merchandise available to purchase.

■ KNIGHTS' INVITE

The local Thanet Council of the Knights of St. Columba are have their Mass at St. Peter's on the evening of Thursday, 10 April, at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to this Mass . . . not just Knights . . . not just men!

■ WELL EARNED

After the marathon of the Holy Week services Fr. John is taking a well earned but very short break. He will be away from Tuesday midday (after the 10 am Mass), 1 April, until Thursday evening, 3 April.

■ CHANGES IN MASS SCHEDULES THIS WEEK

Just to emphasise the changes to the regular Mass Times as listed overleaf. There will be **NO MASS** on both **Wednesday, 2 April and Thursday, 3 April.**

There will, however, be a **COMMUNION SERVICE** on the Wednesday (2 April) at 10 am.

■ REPOSITORY

Do visit our excellent establishment, have a browse and perhaps make a purchase at very reasonable prices, and also help the Church.

If you are seeking a small gift or prayer cards for our Confirmation Candidates in May why not go in and see what's available or ask Edith.

■ COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, 5 April, 11 am

The Union of Catholic Mothers are holding a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall to raise much needed money for the St. John's Seminary Fund which goes to our future priests. There is a small donation/charge of £1, which includes a cup of coffee or tea. Also there will be a raffle. It is essential

May I thank you all for your generosity for the Easter Offering showing me your love and appreciation to my ministry among you. May I also extend my thanks to those who have given their time preparing the Church during Holy Week and especially for the Easter Triduum, climaxing in the Easter Vigil. Firstly our Sacristan, Colleen, the Servers, Musicians, Flower arrangers and cleaners, all this shows your deep love for the Crucified and Risen Lord.

that our Priests get support during their training so come along and bring a friend. Tickets will be available after the Masses this weekend. Further information call Frances Tunney on 01843 831121

■ DRIVER STILL NEEDED

Our next door neighbours, Countess Mountbatten Court, a shelter accommodation unit, are planning a day out for some of the more elderly residents. One of Westgate's other churches has offered them their minibus but cannot supply a driver. The Warden has asked if we at St. Peter's might have someone who would be willing to do some driving. Volunteers must have their own insurance; a normal driving licence is also required. Contact Ann Moore on 0870 192 4755 if you can help, it will be a midweek date.

■ 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.