

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 4th OCTOBER 2009

Sunday, 4 October, 2009 – Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

HARVEST FESTIVAL

5.30 pm (Saturday) ALWATE FAMILY INTENTION
 10 am Inc. Childrens Liturgy EVA BREWER, R.I.P. John Spicer
 3.30 pm **ROSARY & BENEDICTION**

Fr. Michael Boland

Monday, 5 October, 2009 – Feria – Green

NO MASS TODAY

Fr. Ernest Bonvini

Tuesday, 6 October, 2009 – Feria – Green

4.30 pm EXPOSITION
 5 pm ROGER LIVESEY, R.I.P.

Fr. Cornelius Boyle

Wednesday, 7 October, 2009 – Our Lady of the Rosary – White

10 am PATRICIA WARBURTON, R.I.P. Marcella

Fr. John Boyle

Thursday, 8 October, 2009 –Feria – Green

9.30 am EXPOSITION
 10 am FR. MARTIN HEALE, R.I.P.

Fr. Stephen Boyle

Friday, 9 October, 2009 – Feria – Green

10 am BERNARD & CATHERINE CONWAY, R.I.P. Sr. Angela Mary

Fr. Gerard Bradley

Saturday, 10 October, 2009 – St. Paulinus of York – White

8.30 am **THE COACH FOR AYLESFORD LEAVES**

NO MORNING MASS TODAY

Fr. Michael Branch

Sunday, 11 October, 2009 – Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) Welfare of ANN PRITCHARD Joan Grieve
 10 am Inc. Childrens Liturgy KATHLEEN BOOTH, R.I.P. Julia, Joe & Olivia
 3.30 pm **ROSARY & BENEDICTION**

Fr. Raymond Brennan

RED BOXES

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR RED BOX FOR EMPTYING. LEAVE IT IN THE SACRISTY

MASS ATTENDANCES Twenty-sixth Sunday

Saturday (26 September) 5.30 pm 71
 Sunday (27 September) 10 am 112

PARISH INCOME Weekend of 26 & 27 September

Offertory Saturday £156.82
 Sunday £143.82

Anniversary this week:

Winifred Bartram (1994), Robert Maltby (1994), George Maughan (1994), Marta Werner (1996), Bernard Keown (1998), Cornelius Lynch (2000) Thomas Baughan (2001), Donal Ding (2003), Eileen Tierney (2003), Sheila Beck (2006)

Your Prayers are asked for:

Sister Maria Fitzpatrick, who died at Lourdes Convent last week, may she rest in peace.

The sick: 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 (former Vicar of St. Saviours Westgate) and Mary his wife, Teresa McCarthy.

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

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.

DAILY REMEMBER THESE PRIESTS IN PRAYER

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (B), 4 October, 2009

Fr. John writes:-

We celebrate today, two great gifts, one that of our belonging together as the family of God. Christ has made us his brothers and sisters, and children of our heavenly Father. The love and respect we show for each other in this celebration will largely depend on the love and respect that exists in our own human families. Secondly, we celebrate the Thanksgiving for Harvest, and God's good care for his generous provisions.

Today is ROSARY SUNDAY and the whole month is devoted to the Rosary. Each Sunday at 3.30 pm we will have Rosary followed by Benediction, giving us the opportunity of praying the Joyful, Mysteries of Light, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries. Given this year had been declared

by the Pope a year of special prayer for the priesthood we will be particularly dedicating these prayers to Our Lady for the Priests of the Diocese and for more Vocations.

Andy and Ita O'Donnell are absent today (Sunday), because they are rejoicing over their youngest daughter who was married yesterday, Saturday, at St. Teresa's Church, Laindon, Essex. Please pray for the young couple.

Thank you so much for the special Greetings on Sheila's Birthday and our Anniversary.



PARISH CENTENARY

I invite you all to a meeting this week on Thursday, 8 October, at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

THIS weekend: Saturday & Sunday, 3/4 October – our Harvest Festival. Please place your gifts of food items on the Altar steps; they go to Thanet's needy afterwards.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Sunday, 6 DECEMBER, Starting at 11.30 am (after the 10 am Mass). This, with the Christmas Draw, are the parish's main fund raising events this year. We need quality items if the Fair is to be successful. Gift items, Fancy Goods, Toys, Stocking Fillers, loads of Bottles, Jewellery – something every week from every family would be ideal.

REPOSITORY

The Christmas supplies of Cards and Calendars are NOW IN STOCK
 Call in today and see our unrivalled range

GRAND DRAW TICKETS

The tickets for this year's Grand Christmas Draw are now available. Please take some Draw Tickets and don't be afraid to ask for extra books.

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.**

“The world is the first Bible that God made for the instruction of all peoples.”
Clement of Alexandria

Sunday Plus



4 October 2009 Year B
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Divine Office Week III

Beginnings

This year sees the bicentenary of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his groundbreaking work *On the Origin of Species*. Darwin's theory of evolutionary selection had a tremendous impact on religious thought. Many people strongly opposed the idea of evolution because they believed it conflicted with the Bible and Christian convictions. While Darwin avoided talking about the theological implications of his work, others were happy to fill the large silence, many using it to mock the story of Genesis.

The story of Genesis is not a scientific account of the beginnings of the world and humanity; it is a narrative answer to the question: "How did it all begin?" It is a beautiful, sometimes comical account of a busy God anxious to create a helpmate for lonely Adam. God creates a wide range of creatures and brings them to Adam to see how he will name them, but none of the prospective candidates excites Adam as a soulmate. God begins again and this time he takes something from Adam himself, a rib, and fashions a new creature, a woman. (Clearly the woman is an evolutionary development of man!) When Adam sees God's creative effort he heaves a sigh of relief and exclaims, "At last!" For the writer of Genesis, when man and woman join as man and wife, the original creation is united again in one complete body, together at last.

“I choose kindness... I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.”

Max Lucado

Who were the Pharisees?

The Pharisees were a faction among the Jews who developed a sense of separateness from and superiority to the heathen countries around Israel. During persecutions the Pharisees became renowned defenders of Jewish traditions; this increased their influence with the people, even over that of the priests. But separateness, purity and resistance to change developed into arrogance and conceit, and perverted some of the ideals they defended. By the time of Christ, their appeal lay in their



with Caroline Fletcher

Can't I be a Christian without being part of a church?

Being involved in church isn't always easy: Christians are not perfect and the Church contains all sorts of people. It is also true that you can learn about faith without going to church, from books and Christian TV.

Live the Word

Readings for the week:

Sunday 4 October Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

Monday 5 October Jonah 1:1 – 2:1. 11; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday 6 October Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday 7 October Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday 8 October Malachi 3:13-20; Luke 11:5-13

Friday 9 October Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday 10 October Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28

Next Sunday's readings: Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

nationalism and their claim to serve the highest religious ideals. They opposed the Christian idea of a universal Church that included Gentile and Jew, and they clung to the value of ceremonial detail and observance of the law rather than religious spirit and the love of God. They clashed with Jesus repeatedly, who warned them of the error of their ways.

Roger Murphy

However, the Church is the body of Christ. A body has many different parts, each with its own functions. If one part does not work, then the whole body is affected: a broken leg, for instance, makes it much more difficult for your whole body to work efficiently.

Just like the parts of a body, all Christians have different roles to play due to the different gifts God has given us. If you are not involved in a church then your Christian family is missing out on your talents: maybe there will be too few Sunday school teachers, perhaps the treasurer will struggle on with the accounts when he or she really needs a break, or maybe there is no one available to help that person in need.

Jesus has chosen to make himself known through the Church, his body. Without you, that body is not complete.

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