

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 6th APRIL

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

Monday, 7 April – St. John Baptist de la Salle – White

Saint John Baptist de La Salle, 1651 - 1719, was a French priest and educational reformer, who dedicated more than forty years of his life to the education of the children of the poor. In the process, his writings and inspirational meditations on the ministry of teaching became the catalyst and resource for many other religious congregations dedicated to education that were founded in the 18th and 19th centuries. In 1680, La Salle became involved in an educational venture that led to the founding of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, known as the De La Salle Brothers in the U.K. and Ireland.

8 am WELFARE OF KATHLEEN BOOTH Maureen Hatfield

Tuesday, 8 April – Feria – White

9 am EXPOSITION

9.30 am FAMILY & FRIENDS, R.I.P. Ruth O'Sullivan

Wednesday, 9 April – Feria – White

10 am ALAN & MYRA TAYLOR Maureen Hatfield

Thursday, 10 April – Feria – White

7 pm Thanet Council of KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Friday, 11 April – St. Stanislaus – Red

Stanisław Szczepanowski or Stanislaus of Szczepanów, 1030 - 1079, was a Bishop of Kraków in Poland. Legend has it that Stanisław was murdered by the Polish King Bolesław II the Bold, after the men the king had ordered to do the deed refused to kill the Bishop. He was killed in the Cathedral, just over 90 years later our own Saint Thomas met a similar fate in Canterbury Cathedral. As the first native Polish saint, Stanisław is the patron of Poland and Kraków.

10 am WELFARE OF SISTER ELIZABETH WALSH Tricia Donovan

Saturday, 12 April – Feria – White

10 am JEREMY NEWELL, R.I.P. Elizabeth Simpson

10.30 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 13 April – 4th Sunday of Easter – White

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

5.30 pm (Saturday) CYRIL DEGENHARD, R.I.P. Sue Maharry

10 am inc. Children's Liturgy VOCATIONS

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) – 6th April, 2008

In this week's Gospel we are still in the immediate post resurrection period. A time when the Disciples of Jesus were still fresh with amazement at his resurrection, so much so that it dominated their thoughts and conversations. And like ourselves when we have good news, or a special insight into something, we want to share with everyone our thoughts and feelings about it. And so it was with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus – so wrapped up in their own view of the miracle of Christ's resurrection that they failed to recognise the Lord as he walked along side them. We too, at times, can fail to see the Christ who walks along side us everyday, we too keep Him waiting until we belatedly recognise our Saviour by His actions. Like those disciples do we just see Jesus in the 'breaking' of Bread, communion, or can we open our hearts and recognise Him in our daily lives?



"You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets!"

Your Prayers are asked for:

The repose of the soul of George Martin who died on Thursday morning. May he rest in peace.

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 back home but still ill.

Len Lane in hospital.

Mietek Kiersz 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 recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, especially Myra who is ill.

Anniversaries this week:

Albert Rea (1993), Edgar Daniels (1999), Edith St. Cyr (1994).

TEA & COFFEE – after the 10am Mass on Sunday in the Hall

Fr. John writes:

Christ is with us on the Way of Life. Christ has made known to us the true way of life and ransomed us from the useless way of life handed down to us. He is with us today in the breaking of bread.

■ GEORGE MARTIN

Sadly one of our parishioners, Mr. George Martin, died on Thursday morning, 3 April. Despite his infirmity both George and his wife Ann regularly attended Mass here at St. Peter's, even mid-week Mass when George was able. George was, for many years, the organist at SS Austin & Gregory in Margate.

We pray for the repose of George's soul and our prayers and thoughts go out to Ann and his family.

■ KNIGHTS' INVITE

Thursday, 10 April, at 7 pm

The local Thanet Council of the Knights of St. Columba are have their Mass at St. Peter's. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THIS MASS** . . . not just Knights . . . not just men!

Remember: there is no morning Mass or Exposition on this Thursday, 10 April.

■ SPONSORED WALK

WELL DONE to our Confirmation Candidates who took part in a sponsored walk last Sunday, 30 March, from Broadstairs Bandstand to St. Augustine's Cross in Pegwell. They were walking to raise money for the charity 'Thanet Homeless'.

If you put your name on their sponsorship form remember to pay them!

We will let you know next week how much they raised.

■ 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.

■ EVENING WITH ADRIAN PLASS

This 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).

■ 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday, 13 April, there will be a second collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund. This goes towards the training of future priests and religious. It also ties in with World Day of Prayer for Vocation which takes place on that Sunday.

■ SUMMER FÊTE

We are now officially in British Summer! So, it's time to plan ahead, and we are hoping to hold a St. Peter's Summer Fête in mid-July. Countess Mountbatten Court, next door, have offered to host the fête in their 'manicured' grounds. We need volunteers to organise the event. So if you have any experience – no matter how little – in organising an event please let Fr. John know or ring Phil on 835630. It will only happen if we have some volunteers.

■ GIFT AID – NEW YEAR

If you already make your weekly/monthly "collection" contributions using the Gift Aid donation envelopes or via your bank account then it is time to either get a new set of special Gift Aid envelopes, confirm and/or adjust your Bankers' Order, or continue to make your contribution to the parish with cheques. We can only reclaim the tax element on your money gifts to the church if you make the payments by an auditable means. Therefore, loose cash contributions in the collection bag are not acceptable as far as the Inland Revenue is concerned.

If you don't use this facility please consider it. All taxpayers, wage-earners, pensioners who pay tax, any one who has to pay any form of income tax can allow us to claim back their tax on their Offertory collection.

■ CAFOD – THE MESSAGE

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CAFOD Southwark are looking for suitable volunteers to take the CAFOD message into Catholic Schools and Parishes across the Diocese. If

you are interested, please call Christine Bryant or Paul Whittle on 01322 294 924 or email: southwark@cafod.org.uk to discuss how you can help.

■ LETTER WRITERS WANTED

Do you care about the protection of the unborn child . . . care about the dangers of experimental use of embryos? Can you spare twenty minutes at home to write a letter to our local MP. If so tell Fr. John or see next week's *Petrinews*.

■ 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.

DIocese of Southwark

Gift Aid it!

If you are a UK Taxpayer then you can increase your financial contribution at **NO EXTRA COST** to you!

EVERY £1 YOU GIVE IN THE COLLECTION IS WORTH £1.28 TO ST. PETER'S

Take a leaflet & Gift Aid Declaration form, spend a minute filling it in, hand back to Fr. John or Colleen and you've given **YOUR Parish a 28% bonus.**

