

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 6th SEPTEMBER 2009

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. Childrens Liturgy DEREK OPIE, R.I.P. Kate Doohan

Monday, 7 September, 2009 – Feria – Green

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday, 8 September, 2009 – Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary – White

4.30 pm EXPOSITION
 5 pm Welfare of VICTORIA

Wednesday, 9 September, 2009 – Feria – Green

10 am FRANK COMERFORD, Cssp – Diamond Jubilee

Thursday, 10 September, 2009 – Feria – Green

9.30 am EXPOSITION
 10 am JOSEPH BROWN, R.I.P. Christine Harris

Friday, 11 September, 2009 – Feria – Green

10 am PETER CATHERWOOD, R.I.P. Ruth O'Sullivan

Saturday, 12 September, 2009 – The Holy Name of Mary – White

10 am JOHN & ANNE O'CONNOR, R.I.P. Ann Martin
 10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 13 September, 2009 – Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) FR. BRAITHWAITE YOUNG, R.I.P. Ray Lind
 10 am Inc. Childrens Liturgy EVA BREWER, R.I.P. Ita & Andy O'Donnell

Your Prayers are asked for:

Lorreta McFarland, Eva Brewer and Joseph Morrison who died recently, 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 Morrison, John Hammond, John Richardson (former Vicar of St. Saviours Westgate) and Mary his wife.
 Sean McNiff back from Afghanistan, thanks you for your prayers; remember our forces still there.

MASS ATTENDANCES

Twenty-second Sunday
 Saturday (29 August) 5.30 pm 45
 Sunday (30 August) 10 am 126
PARISH INCOME Weekend of 29 & 30 August
 Offertory Saturday £119.48
 Sunday £231.88

Anniversary this week:

Beatrice Murtagh (1997), Thomas Walsh (1990), Margaret Lewis (1995), Michael MacMahon (1997), Paul Warren (2005), Martha Kaminski (1994), Eileen Penn (1999), Guy Hammond (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.

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

DAILY REMEMBER THESE PRIESTS IN PRAYER

Archbishop Kevin McDonald
 Bishop Paul Hendricks
 Bishop John Hine

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Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, 6 September, 2009

Fr. John writes:

Today we celebrate our 'unbounded admiration' for the Lord who makes no distinction between classes of people, but makes the poor rich in faith, the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

In the spirit of Jesus's ministry of healing we are to have the Sacrament of the Sick during this Sunday morning's Mass. Last week those of you at Mass received a leaflet explaining this Sacrament.

After the 10 am Mass today, Sunday, we shall inter the mortal remains of the late Eva Brewer. May she rest in peace.

Next week I am going on retreat and there will, therefore, be changes to the Schedule for the Weekday Services. There will not be any Masses on the weekdays from Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th September. There will be two Communion Services: Tuesday 15, Our Lady of Sorrows, with Exposition at 4.30 pm followed at 5 pm by the Communion Service; and on Wednesday, 16th, at 10 am with a Communion Service only.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

The Diocese has issued a list of all the diocesan Priests and dedicated each day a named priest who we should particularly remember in prayer on that Day. Starting this Friday, see full list on Church Hall notice board.

CHRISTMAS FAIR DATE SET

Sunday, 6 DECEMBER, Starting at 11.30 am (after the 10 am Mass). WE now need you to bring in items for the Fair. Next week bottles for the Bottle Stall – two per adult would be good.

ANGELS AT SUNSET

Churches Together in Westgate has an event at the end of September, Tuesday, 29th. It will be a short 45 minute 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

- NEXT 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.

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

- Saturday & Sunday, 26/27 September. Sister Angela Cronin, OSU, speaks about HARVEST FAST DAY – Cafod. There will also be a Sale of China & Glass donated by John Spicer, proceeds going to CAFOD. Before Mass on the Saturday from 4 pm and after Mass on the Sunday.
- 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.
- Saturday, 7 November, 2009. The Canterbury Vigils – 100 minutes of music, prayer & silence. Holy Trinity, Cliftonville, at 7.30 pm
- Saturday, 28 November – Ursuline College Fair
- Sunday, 6 December – **CHRISTMAS FAIR**
- Thursday, 17 December – ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT with Brass Band at 7.30 pm.

Young People... WHERE ARE THE QUESTIONNAIRES?

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.**

“We cannot possibly give up speaking of things we have seen and heard.”

Acts 4:20



Jewish

scripture

As with Christianity, sacred scripture is a very important part of the Jewish faith, and the Jewish scriptures are known as the Tanakh. These scriptures are also the foundation of the Christian faith, as they are bound into our Bibles and we know them as the Old Testament, though in Jewish scripture they are ordered slightly differently.

The first five books are the same: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, and these are particularly important for Jews. Collectively known as the “Torah”, they present the Jewish Law as given to Moses. These consist of numerous explicit and implicit instructions or restrictions, both positive and negative in nature, which Jewish people use to order their lives.

The following eight books are the prophets, collectively known as “Nevi'im”. The following eleven books include the other writings from the Old Testament such as the Psalms, Proverbs, and the stories of great Jewish characters like Esther and Ruth.

We hear Jesus speak a lot about the “law and the prophets” in the Gospels, and so it is to these books he refers. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus says: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.” *Andrew Lyon*

Class distinctions

Some years ago the BBC had a series of programmes asking the question: “Does class still exist in Britain?” A range of different people were interviewed, all arguing for or against the idea, but the one who stood out was Dame Barbara Cartland, a prolific writer, who boasted some 743 romantic novels to her credit. When her daughter, Raine, married the eighth Earl Spencer – Princess Diana’s father – the formidable Miss Cartland arrived at the outskirts of royalty.

When asked the question: “Do



Jewish Rabbi with Torah

Sunday Plus

6 September 2009 Year B
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Divine Office Week III

A time of grace

The visit of the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux

What will happen?

The visit of the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux is an event for all Christians, those of other faiths, and those of no faith at all. Thérèse has an extraordinary ability to connect with people, whatever their background.

The relics, which are some of Thérèse’s bones, will arrive in a large, sealed casket a week on Wednesday at Portsmouth Cathedral. Over the following month they will travel to various churches and cathedrals around the country. The tour will

conclude with a three-day stay at Westminster Cathedral beginning on 12 October.

In each venue the casket will be placed on display in a prominent place. There will be a Mass and other services each day, but most of the time will be left free for people to venerate the relics and pray for their own intentions. There will also be plenty of priests available to hear confessions or give spiritual advice.

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.

Live the Word

Readings for the week:

Sunday 6 September **Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37**

Monday 7 September **Colossians 1:24 – 2:3; Luke 6:6-11**

Tuesday 8 September – The Birthday of the BVM **Micah 5:1-4; Matthew 1:1-16. 18-23**

Wednesday 9 September **Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26**

Thursday 10 September **Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38**

Friday 11 September **1 Timothy 1:1-2. 12-14; Luke 6:39-42**

Saturday 12 September **1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49**

Next Sunday’s readings:

Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

kingdom of God, it is the poor people who are rich in faith and who love God who are celebrated as the real nobles of this upside-down kingdom. Active love, not high birth, creates the peers of this realm.

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Dear GOD,

Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before, you can look it up.

Sara, 6