

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 8th NOVEMBER 2009

Sunday, 8 November, 2009 – Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS - DECEASED MEMBERS

10 am Inc. Children's Liturgy THE WAR DEAD, R.I.P.

11.45 am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT WESTGATE WAR MEMORIAL, SEA ROAD

Canon John Devane

Monday, 9 November, 2009 – DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA – White

8 am ALAN TAYLOR, R.I.P. Julia, Joe & Olivia

Fr. Matthew Dickens

Tuesday, 10 November, 2009 – St. Leo the Great – White

11 am Requiem Mass for Deceased Deanery Clergy

Principal Celebrant Rt. Rev. Bishop John Hine

Fr. John Dillon

Wednesday, 11 November, 2009 – St. Martin de Tours – White

10 am KATHLEEN COLLINS, R.I.P. K. Collins

Fr. John Dwyer

Thursday, 12 November, 2009 – St. Josaphat – Red

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am RICHARD JONES, R.I.P. Teresa

7.30 pm DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Fr. Josef Doetsch

Friday, 13 November, 2009 – Feria – Green

10 am ALBINO & ANTONIA RIZZO, R.I.P. The Family

Fr. Desmond Dolberry

Saturday, 14 November, 2009 – Our Lady – White

10 am OSBORNE HOUSE, R.I.P. Victoria & Toby Clark

Fr. Wilfred D'Silver

10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 15 November, 2009 – Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) SICK OF THE PARISH Colleen

10 am Inc. Children's Liturgy EVA BREWER, R.I.P. Colleen

Fr. Gary Dyer

MASS ATTENDANCES All Saints

Saturday (31 October) 5.30 pm 52

Sunday (1 November) 10 am 120

PARISH INCOME

Weekend of 31 Oct. & 1 Nov.

Offertory Saturday £108.32

Sunday £164.32

Anniversary this week:

Florence Hilford (1990), Olga Weber (1991), Kathleen Collins (1994), Hilda Walsham (2006), Alan Parsonage Taylor (2008).

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!

Your Prayers are asked for:

Rebeka Matovčiková and Gracie Simmons, both baptised here recently.

Rev. John Richardson whose funeral was last Friday. Andrew Cutting, age 24, Peggy Teagle, mother of John Teagle, and Pauline Cannon. May they rest in peace.

The sick: Fr. Barry Angus, Mary Richardson, Violet Ding, Sheila Slater, Kate Aldous, Michael Oakley, Jessica Bright, Louis Clark, Geoff Shawcase, Carole French, Teresa Rowan, Sister Anna, Pat Whaley, Len Lane, Peg Bunnage, Joyce Doyle, Win Thilman, Theresa Daniels, Teresa McCarthy. Sean McNiff back in Afghanistan, and for all service men and women, and those in civilian support companies, serving there and other war-torn areas.

DAILY REMEMBER THESE PRIESTS IN PRAYER

TODAY BUY AND WEAR A POPPY, PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

PETRINEWS

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Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (B), 8 November, 2009

Fr. John writes :-

We must not be afraid to give, for Christ gave himself completely and will reward with salvation all those who are waiting for him. This is a powerful message to us on this Remembrance Day when we remember those men and women who have had to sacrifice their lives in conflicts all over the world since World War 1 right up to the present time.

Two deaths have occurred at Eaton Lodge, one was Margaret Julia Teagle better known as Peggy, and mother of John Teagle died last week, and I had the privilege of conducting her Funeral Service on Friday. We do extend our condolences to the Teagle family. The other death was that of Pauline Cannon, who had previously been a parishioner of St. Mildred's, Minster. May they both rest in peace.

This Sunday is REMEMBRANCE DAY and the 10 am Mass will be the REQUIEM FOR THE WAR, when we pray for those who have died in both World Wars and in all the conflicts since, including those in Afghanistan. At 11 am we will observe the Two Minutes Silence and the Act of Remembrance. At 11.45 am there will be the parade from Saint Saviour's Church, to the War Memorial on Sea Road for the Remembrance Service.

On Tuesday, 10th November, at 11 am The Deanery Requiem for the Departed Clergy, here at St. Peter's, the Principal Celebrant will be Bishop John Hine.

On Wednesday, 11th November, another meeting at 7.30 pm. The Parish Centenary, we shall hear of developments since the last meeting, but still come with more ideas.

On Thursday, 12th November, at 7.30 pm. Mass for the deceased Knights of St. Columba.

Today there will be a second collection for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese who are in need of some additional financial assistance.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Sunday, 6 DECEMBER, Starting at 11.30 am (after the 10 am Mass). We need more CHILDREN'S TOYS (NEW or GOOD QUALITY USED ONES) and BOTTLES please.

GRAND DRAW TICKETS – Please start to bring in your counterfoils and also take more books to sell to friends and neighbours.

ADVENT CALENDARS now in stock in the Repository. Limited numbers so get your children or grandchildren one this weekend.

DIARY DATES

- Wednesday, 11 November, 2009. First in a series: Exploring Marks' Gospel. St. Austin's, Margate at 7.30 pm (See Poster in porch).
- Wednesday, 18 November, 2009. Thanet Interfaith AGM. Hartsdown Technical College at 6.30 pm followed by a 'Bring & Share' supper.

- Monday, 23 November to Wednesday, 25 November. PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM. Two nights for the price of one. See Fr. John for details.

- Saturday, 28 November – Ursuline College Christmas Fair.

- Saturday, 28 November – The Seventy Chamber Choir in Concert at St. Saviours Church at 3 .30 pm. Tickets: £6 in advance (tel 600059) or £8 at the door.

- Thursday, 3 December. Deanery Schools Carol Concert. St. Anne's Church, Cliftonville, 7 pm.

- Sunday, 6 December – **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

- Thursday, 17 December – ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT with Whitstable Brass Band at 7.30 pm.

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.**

*“A man there was, though some did
count him mad, the more he cast away,
the more he had.”*
John Bunyan



The window

If you ever visit a closed prison, one of the musts is to have a look at where prisoners are held. As a rule the officers will have warned the carefully chosen inmate selected to be *mine lost* to expect visitors, therefore ensuring, as far as possible, that the cell will be clean and tidy. Whether or not they do it for safety in numbers must remain a matter of conjecture, but it's not unusual for about ten guests somehow to squeeze into a space designed to take two. Whereas comment is often made on how small the cell is or on how it's very cosy – it is with ten in there – it can be guaranteed someone will remark on the window size, the bars across the window or just how little can be seen of the outside world. It's true. If the prisoner is fortunate they might get a view that reaches beyond the walls but usually it's no more than the next cell block, or barbed wire surrounding the concrete exercise yard, with a bit of blue sky on a summer's day.

The same is true for you and me when we are not free from those experiences, influences, or deeply ingrained habits that limit our lives as Christians. Because of the things that restrict our relationship with God, we can only ever hope to see in part the glory of God in the world around us, or, more significantly, in each other. We need to understand that although we can't always see it, let alone know it perfectly, there is a bigger picture known only to God, and trust that when God invites us to discern his will for our lives he does so because he sees more than we do.

Andrew Clark is a prison chaplain in the Dunstable diocese

Sunday PLUS

8 November 2009 Year B
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Divine Office Week IV



Today is...

Remembrance Sunday

Marking the anniversary of the armistice (truce) that ended the First World War in 1918. Although not an official feast, this special day is set aside to remember those men and women who died in the two world wars and other conflicts. In 2003 Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor said: "We must never forget the sacrifice that so many men and women have made to

ensure our freedom and safeguard peace. It is right for us to come together as a community to remember those who have died in the service of their country, both in the world wars and in conflicts since. We pray for those who have died and those who have served. We keep them and their families in our prayers."

Roger Murphy

*“Are you weak? Weary? Confused? Troubled? Pressured?
How is your relationship with God?”*

Kay Arthur

The mighty widow

One of the characteristics of Jesus is his remarkable ability to notice what is around him, not only little people but little events that largely go unnoticed by others. These he brings from the margins to centre stage, inviting us to look and listen. As in life so in the stories he tells: many of his heroes and heroines are marginal people, like the desperate widow who daily howls for justice, like the despised tax collector whose prayer is acceptable to God.

In today's Gospel the scene is set in the Temple area. Around the walls of the court of women there were thirteen collecting boxes, known from their shape as trumpets. They were set up for people's contributions towards the costs of the sacrifices and running expenses of the Temple. Many rich people put in large sums of money – some, no doubt, trumpeting the size of their contribution. A poor widow puts in two of the



smallest coins in circulation. In the arithmetic of the kingdom the widow's offering is worth more than all the other contributions. Whereas the others give from their surplus, she gives everything.

For Jesus, true generosity is measured not by what people give but by what they have left after they give. The poor widow leaves herself with nothing. She cannot give more, for she has nothing more to give. In Jesus' estimation she is a mighty widow.

Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

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Live the Word

Readings for the week:

Sunday 8 November 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28;

Mark 12:38-44

Monday 9 November – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;

1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

Tuesday 10 November

Wisdom 2:23 – 3:9; Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday 11 November

Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19

Thursday 12 November

Wisdom 7:22 – 8:1; Luke 17:20-25

Friday 13 November

Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

Saturday 14 November

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9;

Luke 18:1-8

Next Sunday's readings:

Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32