

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 9th AUGUST 2009

Sunday, 9 August, 2009 – Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) VERONICA HATCH, R.I.P. V. & R.A. Bone-Knell

10 am JEAN SALER, R.I.P. Avril Mobin

Baptism of Poppy Williams during the Mass (No Childrens Liturgy today)

Monday, 10 August, 2009 – St. Lawrence – Red

NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday, 11 August, 2009 – St. Clare of Assisi – White

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday only

5 pm FR. AIDAN MCARDLE, O.S.B. R.I.P. (14th Anniversary) The Parishioners

Wednesday, 12 August, 2009 – Feria – Green

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

Thursday, 13 August, 2009 – Feria – Green

9.30 am EXPOSITION

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

Friday, 14 August, 2009 – St. Maximilian Kolbe – Red

10 am

Saturday, 15 August, 2009 – Feria – Green

10 am ARTHUR & OLIVE GRIFFITHS, R.I.P. Alltoft Family

10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 16 August, 2009 – The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary – White

5.30 pm (Saturday) CAROLINE BAILY'S INTENTIONS

10 am Inc. Childrens Liturgy Wellbeing of FR. JOHN St. Peter's Choir

Your Prayers are asked for:

The recently deceased: Derek Opie, Eileen Bonser, May they rest in peace.

The sick: Fr. John, Kate Aldous recovering at home, Margaret McSweeney, Michael Oakley, Jessica Bright, Louis Clark, Geoff Shawcase, Carole French, Archbishop Kevin, Teresa Rowan, Sister Anna, Eva Brewer, Pat Whaley, Len Lane, Peg Bunnage, Joyce Doyle, Canon Clements, Victoria, Win Thilman, Theresa Daniels who recently underwent surgery.

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

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

GOOD WITH FIGURES? The parish needs a volunteer or two, possibly a retired accounts clerk/accountant, who will enter the parish financial records and data on the computer system – must be computer literate – only an hour or so each week. See a member of Finance Committee.

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.

PETRINEWS

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B), 9 August, 2009

The Sunday Missal tells us this week: *The Father who wants to draw us to himself. Elijah was drawn to the mountain of God by the Lord who gave him food and drink. The Father is drawing us to himself by offering us the bread of life at this Mass.*

Fr. John came out of hospital in Scarborough, Yorkshire, mid week, and is convalescing at a nearby convent. He plans to journey back to Westgate during the early part of next week. He thanks everyone for their kind wishes and prayers and looks forward to seeing you all at Mass in the very near future.

WELCOME TODAY

(1) There are two welcomes today.

The first is to Baby Poppy Williams who is being Baptised at the 10 am Mass. We know that Fr. John was particularly looking forward to today, having planned it so he would be back from his holiday. I know he will be here in spirit and send his special good wishes and prayers to Poppy and her mum and dad, Nicola and Mark.

(2) We also welcome Fr. Boniface here to St. Peter's. He has kindly stepped in to cover both the weekend Masses and those on weekdays until Fr. John is ready to take on the full work load.

THANKYOU

To those parishioner and our Ursuline Sisters, who kindly volunteered to pick Fr. Boniface up from Broadstairs, we will need volunteers for this week please.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of St. Peter's Finance Committee on Monday evening in the Presbytery at 7 pm.

Two Parish Events need your help:

- The Christmas Fair.** Thank you those who have put their names down. The list is still open and there will be a meeting very soon.
- St. Peter's Centenary Celebrations.** Our 100th birthday as a Parish takes place next year in June. If you can help add your name to the list in the porch or hall.

PIE 'N' MASH GET TOGETHER

Churches Together in Westgate, Westbrook and Garlinge. **Tuesday, 1 September at 5 pm.** The

local Christian community here in Westgate are holding a social event with a "Pie and Mash Supper" including desert for £6.50 per person at Pavs Cafe, St. Mildred's Bay, Westgate. There will be a raffle and people can purchase drinks at the venue if required. Vegetarian option available. Tickets NOW on sale from Phil or Rosemary. Everyone is welcome, including your non-christian friends. Raffle prizes welcomed!

WHOOPS, SORRY.

In last week's newsletter I inadvertently reassigned Sr. Kathleen from the Daughters of Jesus to the Ursuline Order.

DIARY DATES

- NEXT Sunday, 16 August – ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Procession of Our Lady after 10 am Mass.
- Saturday & Sunday, 26/27 September. Sister Angela Cronin, OSU, speaks about HARVEST FAST DAY – Cafod.
- Saturday & Sunday, 3/4 October – our Harvest Festival.
- Saturday, 10 October, 2009. Visit of the Relics of St. Theresa of Lisieux at Aylesford. With, to date, over 165 Deanery names, an extra TWO coaches have been booked the list was closed last weekend, we can take few more bookings because of the extra spaces. **Those who have agreed to go should pay their £10 THIS weekend please to Colleen.**
- 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.**

Sunday + Plus

9 August 2009 Year B
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Divine Office Week III

Forgiveness at the ready

We all know that we have the capacity to depress others – through our meanness of spirit or our kept hurt – but few of us think we can manage to depress the Holy Spirit. St Paul certainly does in today's second reading: "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit..." Paul lists a series of negative attitudes that distress the Holy Spirit: when we hold grudges against people; when we lose our temper; when we start bawling at one another; when we resort to caricature, calling each other names; when we are vicious about people we know.

All this creates climate change and makes for environmental pollution. It's not just our carbon footprint, but our moral

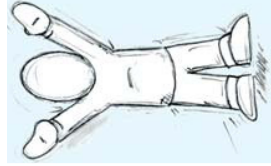
footprint that makes a difference in our fragile world. Paul sees Jesus making "a fragrant offering" of himself – a fragrance that seeps out to soothe a tired world.

Paul's advice for cleaning up the moral environment is to have forgiveness at the ready – "forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ". If you never forget how Christ has forgiven you, that awareness should affect the way you relate to others. Pass it on. Ready forgiveness avoids storing up junk piles of jealousy, resentment and hatred, which eventually stink to the high heavens and pollute our human environment. Bring fragrance to our shared ecosystem – forgive!

Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

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"I stand with my arms open wide"



I think of arms held wide in praise, and arms held wide in the suffering of the cross. I think of the people who had held up their hands to praise Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. I open my arms; I embrace God's will; I embrace God's call for my life. I embrace those whom God would have me embrace. I open my arms in worship.

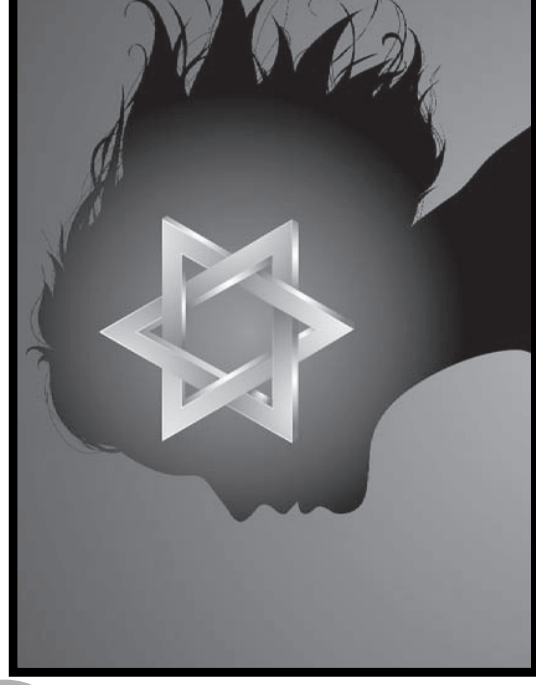
(Praying with Posture is a prayer book for the whole body by Gina Hall, priced £2.95 + p&p. Call 01420 88222 to order)

Live the Word

Readings for the week:

Sunday 9 August	1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2; John 6:41-51
Monday 10 August – St Lawrence	2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26
Tuesday 11 August	Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5. 10. 12-14
Wednesday 12 August	Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday 13 August	Joshua 3:7-11. 13-17; Matthew 18:21 – 19:1
Friday 14 August	Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12

"It is from the Jews that salvation comes
John 4:22



Over the summer, we are asked to pray for a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews. Sunday Plus will help us understand who the Jews are, what they believe, and our relationship with them.



Off to a bad start

Jewish identity is complicated. A person can be born a Jew, or become one by an official process of conversion. It is an identity that involves belief in and adherence to a religious system, a bond with the land of Israel and a familiar relationship. Since the independence of Israel in 1948 the question of Jewish identity has been widely debated, but it is safe to say that defining it is a wider question than the faith itself.

Probably the most famous Jew in history was Jesus Christ, who, with his Jewish disciples, was seen to rebel against the faith, not only proclaiming that the long-awaited Messiah was here (which the Jewish authorities did not believe) but that he was that Messiah (which they thought was blasphemous). Rather than rebellion, Jesus and the disciples saw their mission as the fulfilment of scriptural prophecy.

Following the day of Pentecost – a major Jewish festival which drew crowds from across the world – the disciples were constantly found teaching people about Jesus on the steps of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, converting them in their thousands to the belief that Jesus is the Messiah, and healing people in his name.

Given the recent events which had led up to Jesus' high-profile crucifixion, combined with this new, persuasive preaching and healing miracles, the crowd had little patience with the authorities, so the Jews had to tread very carefully with how they treated these "traitors" to the Jewish faith. And we know that when the disciples had been arrested and locked up, they had mysteriously disappeared from the cells when the guards went to fetch them. This must have been embarrassing.

Andrew Lyon

Dear GOD,

I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool!

Eugene, 7

Saturday 15 August –

Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

Next Sunday's readings:

England & Wales – The Assumption of the BVM

Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6. 10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56