

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 9th NOVEMBER

**Sunday, 9 November – Dedication of Lateran Basilica – White**

**5.30 pm** (Saturday) CAROLINE BAILY'S INTENTION

**10 am** inc. Children's Liturgy THE WAR DEAD

**12 noon** *Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial*

**Monday, 10 November – St. Leo the Great – White**

*Leo the Great (400-460) was born in Tuscany. He reigned as Pope between 440 and 461. He persuaded Emperor Valentinian to recognise the primacy of the Bishop of Rome in an edict (445). The doctrine of the Incarnation was formed by him in a letter to the Patriarch of Constantinople. At the Council of Chalcedon this same letter was confirmed as the expression of Catholic Faith concerning the Person of Christ. Noted for his efforts during the fifth century barbarian invasion. Leo persuaded the infamous Attila the Hun, at the gates of Rome, to turn back.*

**8 am** FLORENCE HILFORD, R.I.P. Foundadtion

**Tuesday, 11 November – St. Martin de Tours – Black**

*Martin of Tours (317-397) Born in Hungry, was a bishop of Tours (France) whose shrine became a famous stopping-point for pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela. Martin became a soldier at a young age. While serving in Amiens he saw a naked begger so he cut and gave him half his cloak. He eventually left the army to serve in Christ's army as a priest.*

**11 am** DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DEANERY CLERGY

- There will be a 2 minutes 'Silence' at 11 am, please try to be in your pew before it begins. If you are late kindly wait in the porch until the 'silence' is over.

**Wednesday, 12 November –**

**NO MASS TODAY**

**Thursday, 13 November – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini – White**

*Frances Xavier Cabrini (1835-1917), Virgin, born in Lombardi, Italy. At eighteen, she desired to become a Nun, but poor health stood in her way. A priest asked her to teach in a girls' school and she stayed for six years. Later she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart to care for poor children in schools and hospitals. Urged by Pope Leo XIII she went to the USA in 1889 to work among the Italian immigrants. By the time of her death her institute numbered houses in England, France, Spain, the United States, and South America. In 1946, she became the first American citizen to be canonized.*

**6.30 pm** KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

**Friday, 14 November – Feria – Green**

**10 am** ALBINO RIZZO, R.I.P.

**Saturday, 15 November – St. Albert the Great – White**

*Albert the Great (1206-1280) was a German Dominican who influenced decisively the stance of the Church toward Aristotelian philosophy brought to Europe by the spread of Islam. Students of philosophy know him as the master of Thomas Aquinas. Albert was a Doctor of the Church.*

**10 am** TRUDY KELLY, R.I.P. Foundation

**10.45 am & 4.45 pm** Confession

**Sunday, 16 November – 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green**

**5.30 pm** (Saturday) HARRY & EVA COOK, R.I.P. Paul Murray

**10 am** Children's Liturgy PAUL QUICKFALL, R.I.P. The Family

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# PETRINEWS

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## Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – 9th November, 2008

The theme of the day seems to be about structures, buildings, churches. I wonder what our non-conformist friends must think of us Catholics having a feast day to a building! How strange it must seem to those outside our faith – here we are today, in fact over the past couple of days celebrating dedications of two Cathedrals. We're not celebrating the buildings, the bricks and mortar; rather we reflect on the significance of these two seats of the church and the uninterrupted line of apostolic succession which has grown and branched out since those first apostles of Christ. So too, in today's readings we need to look beyond the feast-day title, past simply the words themselves and seek out the understanding which lies below. In the first reading, from Ezekiel, we have what at first seems a rather strange – almost mathematical as it talks about measuring off cubits – understanding of the belief of some of our Jewish forefathers. But what does it say to me? It begins with the temple – a structure, a building; from this Temple flows a stream of water; water which symbolises the water of baptism, the water of new beginnings. But this water can also be seen as a mirror of faith, of belief. It flows from its source in the Temple through a specific exit point and out into the world beyond. As it flows it broadens and deepens. Is this just a reflection on the journey of the faithful, which as it flows towards the 'sea of life' gains a momentum? Is Ezekiel also saying in his text that everything is measured, that within this preordained journey we can experience a deepening of faith and understanding? That this faith of ours, if we allow it to flow fully, will bring sustenance



to all around us – like a river's water gives life to the surrounding lands, makes it fertile, ready to feed the trees which produce the fruit; a river teaming with life: *the fish will be as varied and plentiful as the fish of the Great Sea?* And within this passage of the Old Testament, a sentence not used in today's reading, he issues a warning that: The marshes and lagoons will become stagnant, will not become wholesome, but will remain salt. If we allow the stream of faith to slow down, to become static it will soon dissipate, evaporate like water from a salt marsh does. We must look to maintain that flow of our faith *because it comes from the sanctuary*, the sanctuary which is the Temple of God. And it was Christ's visit to the Temple and his eruption of anger at what he found there which the Gospel recalls today. Here we have Christ making the Temple holy again, fit for purpose, physically driving out the traders, the money-men, expelling the trappings of a commercial market – the secularisation of God's house – the place to honour our Father had become a place of worldly speculation, where making a cash profit was the principal aim; even the keepers of the Temple it seems were party to the various enterprises which Jesus encountered in His Father's house. We, today, in the twenty-first century can look at this Gospel and reflect on the words. We can look

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**Fr. John Writes:-**

**These words say more than I can: "As often as we celebrate the dedication festival of an altar or church," says St Augustine, "if we assist with faith and attention, living holily and righteously, that which is done in temples made with hands is done also in us by a spiritual building.**

■ REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

**TODAY at 12 noon, Sea Road**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, Sunday, 9 November. Although today (Sunday) we shall be celebrating THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, the Pope's Cathedral as Bishop of Rome; we shall conclude the 10am Mass with the 'Two Minutes Silence', the Act of Remembrance and sound of 'Last Post' and 'Reveille'. In addition the customary Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Westgate War Memorial (at the junction of Sea Road and St. Mildred's Road) and is led by Fr. John. This is preceded by the parade leaving St. Saviour's Church at 11.45 am. Refreshments will be served afterwards at Christ Church Hall in Westgate Bay Avenue.

■ WE HAVE POPPIES

If you haven't yet got your poppy then we have some here in the Church Porch. There are also some of the Memorial Crosses available at £1 each.



■ DEANERY MASS

**THIS TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER**

This year St. Peter's are hosting the annual Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Thanet Deanery. As it falls on the 11th of November, Armistice Day, there will be the traditional Two Minutes Silence at 11 am followed by the Mass.

**YEAR OF ST. PAUL  
2008 - 2009**

From the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (ch 8: v 9)

**He was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty.**

■ MUMS & DADS WANTED

**A phone call doesn't commit you!**

The Catholic Children's Society is seeking to recruit Catholic adoptive families for the large number of children who desperately need new parents. Please contact us at 49 Russell Hill Road, Purley, Surrey CR8 2XB or phone 020 8668 2181.

■ CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Sunday, 23 November**

Just two weeks to go! If you haven't yet bought anything in for the Fair please do this week for non-perishables. Food items leave till next weekend. **Please think about cooking some seasonal goods which could be sold at the Fair.** Stall holders please note that the Hall will not be free until Friday morning to set up the stalls. However, sorting goods and pricing can be done during the day on Wednesday and Thursday.

■ MASS ATTENDANCES

**All Saints Day**

Saturday (1 November) 5.30 pm 52  
Sunday (2 November) 10 am 112

■ PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW

Hurry just a few books left - they are in the porch waiting for YOU to take some. Please bring back your counterfoils.

■ MANY THANKS

We have been blessed throughout the summer months, and right into the depth of autumn, with the most beautiful display of flowers to enhance our church, and as such our services. Weekly gorgeous new blooms arrived as if by clockwork every Saturday morning. We have one person to thank for these generous gifts, that is Robert Bolt, Pam's son. We will sadly miss the fruits of his garden as we pass through the dark days of winter, but thank God for the efforts and skill of his horticultural labours.

■ TEA & COFFEE GIFT

Two weeks ago Beryl Denney gave Fr. John the sum of £50 to the Church Funds. This was money raised through the sale of tea, coffee and biscuits in the Hall after 10am Mass each Sunday. Fr. John wishes to express his thanks to Beryl and the other dedicated ladies and men who regularly work to provide this service to the parish community.

■ CHRISTMAS PLAY!

Churches Together in Westgate, Westbrook and Garlinge are putting on a small nativity play during the Westgate Christmas Lights celebration day on 6 December. We need some Catholic representation, so you thespians please see Phil or just go along to the first rehearsal at Garlinge Methodist Church at 10 am on Monday, 17 November.

■ INTER-FAITH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Thanet Inter-faith Council takes place here at St. Peter's on Thursday, 20 November. There will be four speakers from various religions and the topic is Diversity within Religion (see Poster). The talk commence at 7.30pm. Prior to that at 7pm the AGM will be held.



■ NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY

Fr. John is attending the Memorial Service at St. Paul's Cathedral for the founder of the Samaritanas charity.

■ EVENING MASS THURSDAY

The Knights of St. Columba will be having their meeting with mass prior to it at 6.30pm. All are welcome to the Mass.

**Anniversaries this week:**

Florence Hilford (1990), Olga Weber (1991), Kathleen Collins (1994), Hilds Walsh (2006).

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

Also for those who are sick: Teresa Rowan, Archbishop Kevin, Fr. Barry, Sister Anna, Eva Brewer, Pat Whaley, Len Lane, Peg Bunnage, Alan & Myra Taylor - Alan who is gravely ill: he was taken into QEQM on Monday, Sister Stephen, Canon William Clements. Hope Sloly who is working in the dangerous Congo/Rwandan region of Africa.

**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.

**St. Peter's Repository for Christmas goods**

**FROM THE FRONT**

around us and wonder what in our lives are the 'market stalls' which contaminate our temple. Not the 'temple' of the Catholic Church, not the temple which is St. Peter's - the one we're in today - no, it's the temple that each of us are, both as spiritual and temporal beings. This body and soul we possess is a temple; and as such we should try to maintain it in the fashion our Lord designed it to be. We need to get rid of the 'commercialisation' which affects the way we worship and serve the Lord. Where we have allowed worldly ideas, worldly priorities to become part and parcel of our daily or weekly existence we should in Christ-like fashion: *make a whip out of some cord*, and drive them all out, metaphorically speaking, with some serious self-examination, looking deep in ourselves and, where needed, adjusting our priorities to make our individual faith, make ourselves fit to be a place worthy of Christ; for it is within us that Christ - the Spirit of Christ - has to rest, to be, in order that the Father's work on earth can be maintained, renewed and energised. Can we really expect the Spirit to be within us if we are distracted by the pleasures the world offers, if we hold the worldly matters more sacred, more important than those of our Saviour and the lessons He taught us, lessons like today's? As St. Paul reminds us at the beginning of the second reading: *You are God's building.*