



Parish of the Sacred Heart

Bulletin

Sunday, 7th March 2010

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This Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday 6:30 pm Parishioners
Sunday 10:00 am Audrey Harvey
6:30 pm Edmund Alder

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Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday 6:30 pm Vincent O'Neil
Sunday 10:00 am Thanksgiving to St Joseph (P.N.)
6:30 pm Peter Regan

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Feasts & Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	March 8	St John of God	10:00 am	Private Intention
Tuesday	March 9	St Frances of Rome	10:00 am	Connie Harrison & Family
Wednesday	March 10	Weekday of Lent	10:00 am	Private Intention
Thursday	March 11	Weekday of Lent	10:00 am	Margaret Wells (M.R.)
Friday	March 12	Weekday of Lent	10:00 am	David Webber L.D. (M.F.)
Saturday	March 13	Weekday of Lent	10:00 am	Northern Brethren Fund: March Intention.

Evening Spiritual Programme

Wednesday	6:00—7:00 pm	Rosary & Evening Prayer of the Church
	7:00—8:15 pm	Sharing the Word - share next Sunday's readings & discover something new!
	8:30—9:30 pm	Prayer Group—Prayer & Praise
Friday	6:30—8:00 pm	Rosary & Evening Prayer, True Life in God Prayer Group
Saturday	5:45—6:25 pm	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

ROTAS	READERS		PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	EUCH MIN	GREETERS	C Sciacalluga / E Henderson
THIS WEEK	1st READING	2nd READING				
6:30 pm	D Lynn	C Brewis	A Yellowley	1	CHURCH CLEANING	K Murphy / M Ramsay
10:00 am	A Boardman	M Dixon	J Hackett	6	COUNT	S Cunningham / M McKenna
6:30 pm	A Custis	G Downey	A Hawthorne	7	GARDEN	
COMPOSER OF PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:			J Hackett		TEA ROTA	J & R James

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NEXT WEEK	1st READING	2nd READING				
6:30 pm	M Taylor	A McKeown	A Plant	1	CHURCH CLEANING	
10:00 am	P Fenning	K Larsen	Taylor Family	2	COUNT	P Wright / C Weddell
6:30 pm	P Downey	F Nilsson	M Potts	7	GARDEN	
COMPOSER OF PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:			G Shepherd		TEA ROTA	E Doherty / A McNair

Recently Deceased



Anniversaries

Audrey Harvey
Edmund Alder
John Duffy
George Adamson

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.

We remember all those who are sick in our Parish, the elderly, the housebound and their carers. Please pray especially for the following who are recently ill:

Joyce Bolam	Derek Craig
Gemma Emery	Fr Joe Travers
Fr Gerry Dunne	Kathleen McLaughlin
Ray Carroll	Brian Jefferson
Tony Murtagh	Gladys Tierney
Gerard Bell	Susan Hope
Irene Farnel	Joan Keddy
Baby Iris	Katie MacLeod

Lord, pour out the Spirit of your love on them all.

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord is compassion and love.



Thank You

For last week's offertory:
£503.58.
(CAFOD Family Fast Day collection raised £415.34; this has gone off to CAFOD; many thanks).

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There are **Lenten Devotions on Sundays, 5-5.45pm**: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. In the day chapel, then Stations in the main church. (Like last year, if people wish to stay for 6.30pm Mass, they can come in the house for a cup of tea.) Also, there are lay-led Stations each Friday at 10.30, after the morning Mass.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES IN LENT

Fr Jim writes: This year, **THURSDAY** is the day for the joint services and lunches. Themes are based on St Luke's Gospel. We have already had talks on the birth stories, and Jesus' ministry in Galilee. **Each service starts at 12:30; then there's lunch at 1pm.** *Continuation:* **(3) Mar. 11th:** St John's, Wideopen; Rev Philip Gray (URC): Jesus' journey to Jerusalem
(4) Mar. 18th: here at Sacred Heart; Rev Jim Dunne: Jesus' Passion & Death.
(5) Mar. 25th: at St John's, Wideopen; Rev Mark Edwards (C of E): The Resurrection in St Luke's Gospel.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL takes place **this Sunday**, at 11.15 am. We are still looking for new members, so please come along, without making any commitment, to see whether you would be interested in joining the Committee. A copy of the Agenda is available on the notice board.

YOUTH MEMBERS FOR THE PCC

Are you still attending secondary school? Would you like to share your views about the parish? Are there things you would like to see happening in the parish? If the answer is Yes to any of these questions, then maybe you could think about joining our Parish Pastoral Council. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Fr. Jim or Jo Shepherd.

ASYLUM SEEKERS' FOOD COLLECTION

Please remember to bring in tins of meat and /or fish **this weekend** for Asylum Seekers who have had their benefits stopped. There will be a box at the back of church.



AN IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE

Fr Jim writes: I was at Sacred Heart High School last Wednesday to see "The Pied Piper" - a music/dance/words rendering of the famous story. It was excellent: the diction and dancing were superb. Some of our parishioners were among the Year 8 (12-13 age group) cast. All of the girls' families can be proud of them. As a senior staff member said afterwards: how can you measure the quality of this sort of work by ticking boxes for OFSTED???

ASCENT GROUP

Next meeting, **Thursday 11th March** after morning Mass. All Welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This will be held **next Sunday, 14th March** at the 10 o'clock Mass. All children are very welcome. Please meet in the hall before Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Fr Jim writes: We had the **The Belonging Mass** last Sunday. The other adult catechists and I need to have four sessions with the parents. Mrs Holmes (head teacher) is also involved with these. She and I suggest that we have these adult sessions on **Wednesday evenings, 7pm: March 24th; April 28th; May 12th and finally, June 16th.** The problem is that Easter & half-term holidays reduce the available dates drastically. Once I get mobile again, I'll be able to start visiting the families at home. The Communions themselves are on **Saturday June 19th, 10am.**

TEAM KENYA FOLK 'N' JAZZ NIGHT

Saturday 6th March

8:00pm in the Church Hall

Tickets: £5; children under 12 free.

Doors open 7:30pm

Once again I am asking for your support to raise enough money to send a Kenyan girl to High School. Refreshments available, but BYOB if you wish something stronger. Many thanks, Muriel McKenna. Tel 0191 2367824 for tickets.

BISHOP ROMERO MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday 23rd March, 7pm

St. Joseph's, Benwell

Hexham & Newcastle Justice & Peace Coordinating Council and CAFOD are organising a Mass to commemorate the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero, to be celebrated by Fr Jim O'Keefe. Foods from around the world will be served afterwards in St Joseph's Drop-in Centre. Monsignor Romero was assassinated while saying Mass 30 years ago on March 24, but his life and example have been an inspiration to many working for justice for the poor. Come and join us in celebrating the legacy of a great man, a martyr and a modern saint.

ADULT EDUCATION: LENTEN COURSE

To Prepare for Easter, we're running a Lenten Discussion Group entitled: **Exploring the Sunday Scripture Readings for Lent 2010 (Year C).** It's in the Day Chapel, Thursdays, 7-8pm, up to 25th March. Tea/coffee/biscuits are provided in the presbytery after each session. We've got off to a great start, so please come and join us! We extend a warm welcome to all.

ASSOCIATION OF THE EUCHARIST

In this year for priests you are invited to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for priests and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please try to join our weekday rota. The need for these intentions underpins our very existence as Catholics and the future of the church. Thank You.

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The next meeting of the Building and Grounds team will take place on **Wednesday 10 March at 7:00 pm** in the Presbytery. Please come along if you think you can help in any way.

POPE'S VISIT PETITION

Sent in by Terry, Southwark Diocese. An opportunity to stand up and be counted!

The Holy Father has announced his forthcoming visit to the UK possibly some time in September 2010. Sadly, there is already opposition headed by the Secular Society of Great Britain to this visit. The Secular Society have an online petition which has already attracted over 20,000 signatures and yet a petition supporting the visit has less than 8,000 signatures. You are asked to visit the website and sign the supporting petition as we welcome the Holy Father to our country. www.petitiononline.com/PopeinUK/petition.html

ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday 13th March, 9:30 am-3:30pm
Sacred Heart, North Gosforth

Medjugorje Centre North East are organising a day of prayer led by Fr Ciaran McDonnell. Coffee at 9:30 am, Rosary and talk-10:15 am. Shared Lunch-12 noon, followed by Mass and Exposition.

FR JIM'S PARISH NOTES

CHURCH SOUND. If you've a hearing aid, use the "T" setting for the church loop system. **LENTEN DISCUSSIONS.** each Thursday, 7-8pm. **More info top right.**

THE KNEE: I feel I'm making progress, but standing still for any length of time is still difficult., but I'll try to stand for longer parts of the Mass this weekend. Just now, Fr John covers services, and Fr O'Connor (285 1370), emergencies. *Thanks to them, & to you all, for being so patient & tolerant!*

GROWING DEAF: if you use my answer-phone, please say your phone-no. **loudly+slowly!**

TAILPIECE: Just before Mass started, SATAN appeared at the front of the church. Most people screamed and fled, but one old man stayed put. Satan said to the man: "Do you know who I am?" he replied, "Yes." "Aren't you scared?"... "No."..... "Don't you realise I can kill you with a word, take you with me to hell, and make you suffer for all eternity?".... "Yes, sure I know all that." The Devil then pushed him: "Then WHY aren't you scared?" The old man said quietly: "Because I've been married to your sister for the past fifty years...."