

### Mass Intentions

#### Fourth Sunday of the Year (C)

##### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010

6.30pm Norah Rose Holmes RIP

##### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010

8.30am Brian Dunne RIP

10.30am In thanksgiving (Stapleton)

11.45am Baptism of Mia Josie Winstanley

##### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

9.00am at Shalom: Private Intention

10.30am Funeral of Krystyna Laszcz

##### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010

#### No 9.15am Mass

11.30am at Shalom: Michael Doherty RIP

##### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010

9.15am GE Bridget Staunton

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

##### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010

9.15am Ellen Gardiner RIP

##### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010

9.15am Les Cope RIP

Year 2 & 5 Class Mass in Church

##### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2010

9.15am Private Intention

#### Fifth Sunday of the Year (C)

6.30pm Frank Powders RIP

##### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010

8.30am For the People

10.30am. Patrick Gordon RIP

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat. 9.40am-10.00am and 6.00pm-6.25pm

**Anniversaries of Death:** William Looker, Elsie & Herbert Parker, Harry Murrell, Charles Foley, Laraine Selwood Taylor, Christina Gleeson, Sister Harrison, Ellie Hesslon, Mary Houlahan, Bridie Griffin, Violet Coward, Leslie Cope, Charlie Riley, John Lynch, George Fielder, John Goffrey, Peter Berzolla, John Gavin, Henry Finch.✠

**Offertory Collection:** Gift Aid £501.50

Non Gift Aid £177.50

**White Flower Appeal:** £131

Second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Education Service. The Catholic Education service is the chief regulating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of catholic Education. It also provides financial

assistance for school transport in rural areas.

#### The greatest gift is love

We are a people not only of faith and hope but especially of love. Love is the greatest gift which the spirit of Christ gives to the members of his Church. This gift is also given to those outside the Church and for this we should thank God. Love breaks down human barriers and divisions. Love will bring about Christian unity and greater Christian witness if we are open to the spirit.

#### Bidding Prayers:

Reader: Loving Father

Response: **hear our prayer.**

**Krystyna Laszcz:** Her body will be received into the church on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 5pm. Her funeral mass will be at 10.30 on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. *May she rest in peace.*

**RCIA:** This term means the Rite of Christian Invitations of adults. There is a team of Parishioners who engage in this ministry. They give a lot of time and study towards this. They will meet this coming Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, in the Social Room at 8pm. This exercise will be every Monday until Easter unless otherwise informed in the newsletter.

#### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's service, compiled by the women of Cameroon, will be held at St. Paulinus Church on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March @ 8pm. Please note the date – more information to follow.

**First Holy Communion** preparation is every Saturday morning at 10am until 10.45. There are thirty candidates preparing to receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion this May. They have just made their 1<sup>st</sup> Confession. Again I am very grateful to the big team of Catechists who are supporting their formation. They give a lot of time to this ministry and to them I am most grateful. To the parents of these children I commend them for their support of their children

and their weekly effort in sending the children to the classes. Also I remind the parents of the great importance of bringing their children to Mass every Sunday. Attendance at Sunday Mass is one of the best preparations.

**Sunday Mass:** Why is Sunday so special? Why go to Mass on Sunday? The first Christians were all Jews and the Jews kept Saturday as their holy day or Sabbath. This was a very important part of Jewish life. It was written into the ten Commandments. It was the day of the week they put aside in a special way to worship God and show God their love for him and His Commandments. It was a time to rest and give God special time as a family and community. On the Sabbath God was at the centre and all other distractions should not interfere with this most important Sunday. More on Sunday Mass over the next few weeks.

#### The Bexley Deanery

##### Do you help with the Children's Liturgy Group in your Parish?

If so, please come along to our Deanery's

##### TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR

##### CHILDREN'S LITURGISTS

on Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2010

from 7.30-9pm - Tea and Coffee available

at: The Angelus Centre

Bexley Road, Erith DA8 3HQ

*If you already help with the Children's Liturgy or are interested in doing so and would like to attend this Workshop then please let Fr. Ryan know by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.*

**HOPE:** A day of brilliant input to inspire and support all those looking to connect young people with the Church. This event takes place on Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Friends Meeting House, Euston, London. Please see notice board for further details.

**Bible Study:** Every last Monday of the month there is a bible study in the Parish Centre. Again it is another resource for all of us to familiarize ourselves with God's word.

**Catholic Press:** There are many issues of various Catholic papers and magazines. I encourage you to have a thought about supporting the Catholic Press. We bring much reading material into our homes. It is good to read and reflect and get ideas to nourish our minds. There are various Catholic issues available in the Paper Rack. Have a look. The Catholic press distributors have asked me to bring to your attention "Faith and Family Publication". I encourage you to have a peruse.

**The Quiz and Curry Night** on Saturday evening was the scene of great fun as many parishioners and friends came together. The winners "Sponge Bob Square Pants" (previously seen praying for inspiration at 6.30pm Mass) left proudly wearing their medals after competing against strong competition!

The "non-profit making" event raised £85.03p. for parish funds and £100 towards the Haiti Disaster Fund. Many thanks to all those who came, and a special thanks to Andy our quiz-master. Please watch this space for news of further events, but in the meantime do remember to visit our very own **UPPER SOCIAL ROOM** to meet your family and friends, after all the room is there for us all to use in a social setting so that we can share time together and enjoy each other's company. Also for those who like the occasional game of bingo, Thursday evenings is the night to enjoy a game in a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere – why not offer to take someone who doesn't often have the opportunity to go out?

#### Social Room

The Social Room is now open Thursday, Friday, Saturday 7.30 – 11.00pm  
Sunday 12.00 – 2.00pm.

**Deanery Notices:** No. 30 February 2010 is now available in the Church – *please take a copy.*