

Mass Intentions

Fifth Sunday of the Year (C)

Saturday 6th February 2010

6.30pm Frank Powders RIP

Sunday 7th February 2010

8.30am Gin Hughes RIP

10.30am Patrick Conlon RIP

11.45am Baptism Harriet Louise Gross

Monday 8th February 2010

9.15am William & Alice March RIP

11.30am at Shalom: For the People

Tuesday 9th February 2010

No 9.15am Mass

11.30am at Shalom: LSU Community

Wednesday 10th February 2010

9.15am Rev. Edmund Carroll RIP

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

Thursday 11th February 2010

9.15am Evelyn Scally RIP

Friday 12th February 2010

9.15am Peggy Meagher RIP

Saturday 13th February 2010

9.15am Private Intention

Sixth Sunday of the Year (C)

6.30pm Winn & Fred Miller RIP

Sunday 14th February 2010

8.30am For the People

10.30am Nell Saunders RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Anniversaries of Death: Albert Cowdell, John Harrington, Peg Wills, Daniel Dunning, Robert Russell, Rev. Edmund Carroll, Thomas Coligan, Winifred Joyce, William Leahy, Patrick Leahy, Hildegard Bertram, John William Milburn "Bill". ☩

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid: £503

Non Gift Aid: £162

Social Room Donation: £500

Catholic Education: £127

Second collection next weekend is for the Cabrini Children's Society. The Society provides support and care for some of the most vulnerable children and young people in our community. Their work includes providing subsidized breakfast & Homework Clubs and Pre-school

Care; Counseling for school age children experiencing stress and exclusion; Residential Care for young people with special needs and Catechetical Programmes for children and young people with disabilities. The Society relies on the generosity and good will of the Catholic community to continue its work in our diocese. Please give what you can to help give the next generation the chance they deserve.

Archbishop Kevin: Sad to have retired but for health reasons this was inevitable. To express our support and gratitude I will make available a 2nd Collection on Sunday 21st February.

Here I am – send me.

Christ calls his apostles. He transforms them from fishermen into fishers of men. We are all apostles and prophets to proclaim the saving power of God. Like Isaiah we are touched with the burning coal of the spirit. When the Lord wonders who will be his messenger we reply:

"Here I am, Lord send me"

Bidding Prayers:

Reader: Here I am, Lord

Response: **ready for your service!**

RCIA: This term means the Rite of Christian Initiation 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, 1st February, in the Social Room at 8pm. This exercise will be every Monday until Easter unless otherwise informed in the newsletter.

Krystyna Laszcz: The Family of Krystyna were very grateful to all parishioners who attended at her funeral. She got a prayerful farewell from this life.

Sunday Mass: The third commandment of the Church asks us to "keep Holy the Sabbath Day". This was observed very strictly by the Jews. The Sabbath was very special to them. It was God's day. They went as a family to pray in the Synagogue. The Sabbath for Christians is now Sunday. I will explain later. It is good to remind ourselves that we were all created in God's image and likeness. Often in a materialistic world we

forget this. Mass is central to our Christian life. We worship God as a community in faith, life and love. Down the centuries the Mass was a very important part of people's lives and to miss mass was a dramatic experience. They were very conscious and rightly so that the Mass was a very special Jewel left to the Church. Please reflect on your attitude and importance of the Sabbath and Sunday obligations. More next week.

Bishop Challoner School – Open Morning takes place on Saturday 6th March 2010. Please see notice board for further information.

Gift Aid: This is a procedure whereby the Parish get back tax on the amount you give in the collection if you pay tax and have signed a gift aid agreement form. There are information sheets next to the newsletter at both entrances to the Church.

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 5th 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 1st Holy Communion this May. They have just made their 1st 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.

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 27th, 2010 at Friends Meeting House, Euston, London. Please see notice board for further details.

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 11th 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 5th February.

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

Many thanks to all those parishioners who have supported us in the Social Room since September. We are now in a position to help with the material wellbeing of the parish.