

Mass Intentions

Sixth Sunday of the Year (C)

Saturday 13th February 2010

6.30pm Winn & Fred Miller RIP

Sunday 14th February 2010

8.30am For the People

10.30am Nell Saunders RIP

Monday 15th February 2010

9.15am Private Intention

11.30am at Shalom: Baby Alfie

Tuesday 16th February 2010

No 9.15am Mass

11.30am at Shalom: GE Sister Mary Agnes

Wednesday 17th February 2010

9.15am John Savage RIP

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

Thursday 18th February 2010

9.15am Aiden St. Ledger RIP

Friday 19th February 2010

9.15am Bill & Eileen Snelders RIP

Saturday 20th February 2010

9.15am Pearl Thwaites RIP

First Sunday of Lent (C)

6.30pm Ted Cahill RIP

Sunday 21st February 2010

8.30am Pia Georgi-Beagioni RIP

10.30am Carol Costello RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Anniversaries of Death: Kitty Clemas, James Durkin, James Talty, Frederick Talbot, Kathleen Gillespie, Jimmie Gately, Mavis Toomey, John O'Brien, Paul Ward, Francis Murray, William & Emily Field, Terence Picking, Teresa Lynch, Patrick Connolly.✠

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid: £501

Non Gift Aid: £151

Second collection this 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.

Next Sunday a collection for the support of Archbishop McDonald who had to retire because of ill health.

Happy are those who trust in the Lord
We place all our trust in the resurrection of Christ. If our hope in him had been for this life only then we are the most unfortunate of all people. Christ is risen from the dead and this is the source of our happiness. In him we put our trust and ask for nothing more.

Bidding Prayers:

Reader: Lord our God

Response: **in you we put our trust.**

Ash Wednesday – As I can only say two Masses on Wednesday there will be no evening Mass on Ash Wednesday. There are evening Masses at St Anselms at Dartford and Our Lady of the Angels at 8pm.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday a day of fast and abstinence. The church asks us by fasting to eat less on such a day. Abstinence means to give up something like eating meat. Or doing something positive like visiting the sick, saying extra prayers and many other works of charity. Fasting and abstinence are very important to our Christian life. They are a form of penance. Penance is one form of expressing repentance for our sins by the performance of difficult works like fasting, prayer and good deeds to make up for our sins. Next Wednesday, February 17, is Ash Wednesday – the beginning of Lent in preparation for Easter. Ashes imposed on the forehead on Ash Wednesday are a sign of repentance for our sins. It proves to us our humility the result of our human frailty a remembrance that we will not live in this world for ever “we are dust and into dust we shall return” or another idea is that it is an external sign of penance, contrition and a striving after

perfection “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”.

Sunday Mass The Jews kept the 3rd Commandment of keeping the Sabbath holy by attending the synagogue. The Sabbath was, as it should be very special and sacred to them. They realized that the Sabbath was God's special day. Because Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday the early Christians gradually switched God's special day, the Sabbath, to a Sunday. Like the Jews who respected the Sabbath in a very committed way, we Christians should do the same by attending Mass every Sunday.

RCIA On Saturday 20th February five candidates who wish to become full members of the Catholic Church will attend the Cathedral with their sponsors for what is called the Rite of Election. Through this rite they publically express their wish to enter into the life of the Church fully through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. At the Easter Vigil Mass they will be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church. Many thanks to the team of people who participate in this apostolate by giving their time and support. Let us all pray for them.

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 The theme of this year's Ecumenical Service is called 'Let everything that has breath praise God', and has been prepared by the Women of Cameroon. It takes place at St. Paulinus Church on Friday 5th March @ 8pm. This year's speaker is from the Baptist Church. *All are very welcome.*

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.

Put out into Deep Water Leading in Catholic Schools

Aspiring deputy headteachers and headteachers in community schools are warmly invited to a Saturday morning gathering to consider whether they might 'Put out into deep water' by moving into leadership in Catholic Schools. This will be held on Saturday 24th April 2010 10am-1pm followed by lunch (included). For details and booking, contact Archdiocese of Southwark, Commission for Schools and Colleges, St Edward's House, St Paul's Wood Hill, Orpington. Kent BR5 2SR. Telephone: 01689 829331, or visit the website: www.rcsouthwark.org.uk.

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.

Social Room

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

BINGO every Thursday evening.

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. Last month the Club gave £583 towards parish funds.