

Mass Intentions

First Sunday of Lent (C)

Saturday 20th February 2010

6.30pm Ted Cahill RIP

Sunday 21st February 2010

8.30am Pia George-Beagioni RIP

10.30am Carol Costello RIP

Monday 22nd February 2010

9.15am Mark Dixon RIP

No 11.30am Mass

Tuesday 23rd February 2010

No 9.15am Mass

11.30am at Shalom: Bridie Sullivan RIP

Wednesday 24th February 2010

9.15am Jane Gwam's Intention

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

Thursday 25th February 2010

9.15am Betty Geelan RIP

Friday 26th February 2010

9.15am Bro John Nagle RIP

Saturday 27th February 2010

9.15am Private Intention

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

6.30pm Fred Miller RIP

Sunday 28th February 2010

8.30am Intention Looker Family

10.30am For the People

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Anniversaries of Death: Christopher Delieu, Catherine McSweeney, Bert Kemp, Geraldine Cascarini, Elizabeth Gohery, Dennis Hughes, Jean Regan, Christine Rutherford, John Radley, Mary Callahan, Margaret Murphy, Frederick Holmes, Patricia Frost, Catherine Holloway. ☩

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid: £489.50

Non Gift Aid: £155.50

Cabrini Children's Society: £203.00

Second collection this weekend is for the support of Archbishop McDonald who had to retire because of ill health.

RCIA: Information regarding our Catholic faith is part of this programme. Some parishioners devote a lot of time, energy, study and care into supporting this Catholic action of helping non Catholics and Catholics who want to know more about the faith. They meet every Monday

evening in the Social Club. So come along to deepen your faith or to help.

The Lord hears our voice

In the midst of all our troubles God hears us and will lead us into a promised land of peace if only we are prepared to follow him. There is no temptation which cannot be overcome if we are open to the spirit who tells us Jesus is Lord whom God raised from the dead. God, through the risen Jesus is always with us just as in the Old Testament he rescued the Jews out of their bondage in Egypt

Bidding Prayers:

Reader: Father, lead us not into temptation:

Response: **but deliver us from evil.**

Lent: Is a time of renewal, a time to think again about how we relate to God and begin a new life of commitment to him through the Gospel prayer and other actions to express our devotion to him and all he asks of us to do his will on earth. Life is full of distractions and we are people who are prone to many evils and an unawareness of who we are and what we are. It is good for all of us to remind ourselves that God created us "to know and love him in this life and to be with him for ever in the next life. We all need reminders of our purpose in this life. Life with all its distractions and difficulties can cloud our vision of why we are on this earth. Lent is a special time to persevere and reflect on the real meaning of life.

Easter is quickly coming upon us. It is the great event whereby we celebrate our Lord's resurrection from the dead. Lent is a preparation for this. In preparation to celebrate Easter. Do give a thought to come to weekday Mass. Every Wednesday during Lent there will be the Stations of the Cross after Mass. Reflecting on the stations remind us of the many sad events that led to our Lord's death.

Easter duties: This is another important reminder to us of the Catholic duty of receiving Holy Communion and going to Confession if we are in serious sin once a year.

Catholic duties: I will write more next week about this. It is good to remind ourselves what we

should do as Catholics. In a non Christian world we can easily forget our identity as regards our baptismal and Catholic vocation. The gift of faith is a wonderful endowment. We should not neglect it.

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.

Lenten Alms Box

The giving of money for the relief of peoples necessities is a traditional Lenten practice. The Lenten Alms box is to help the Cabrini Children's Society in their effort to promote the welfare of young people and families in disadvantaged communities. The Lenten Alms box is situated on the liturgical platform. Do keep it in mind.

Willing to serve as a School Admission Appeal Panel Member? On behalf of the governing bodies of Catholic Schools in the Diocese, the Diocesan Commission for Schools and Colleges is currently seeking volunteers to sit on Appeals Panels.

School Admission Appeal Panels hear appeals from parents who have not been offered places for their children at their preferred school. The Appeal Panels work to a Code of Practice to provide an independent forum for parents and school governing bodies to present their respective cases. Panel decisions are binding on school governing bodies and on parents. A list of such members will be maintained by the Commission and training will be provided during March and April to those appointed to the list.

Please contact the Commission for an application form and further information as soon as possible either by phone 01689 829331 or email office@rcsouthwark.org.uk. Completed forms should be sent back to Commission by **8 March 2010**

Sunday Mass: The 3rd Commandment of God is for us is to keep Holy the Sabbath day. Sadly in our modern world there is so little Holy about our Sabbath. Down through the centuries Sunday was kept Holy by Catholics by attending Mass as one of the most important ways of showing respect and loyalty to this Commandment. The duty to attend Mass was of the greatest importance to Catholics and still should be. This of course was due to their deep understanding of the nature of the Sabbath, the Mass and the need for God to have a Special Day. Sadly in our modern life this seems for so many Catholics a non conscious concept. I ask young, old, parents and children to reflect on this.

Family Fast Day is on Friday 26 February and offerings will be sent to CAFOD. Envelopes are available in the church which include a leaflet with more information about CAFOD. Please take a copy. Don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a taxpayer. There will be a second collection next week for our offerings and donations towards this worthy cause.

Social Room



Come and celebrate **ST PATRICK'S DAY** in the Social Room on Saturday 13th March and enjoy a traditional Irish meal of Cabbage and Bacon.

Meal tickets available at the bar: £3



Membership renewal now due £1 please.

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.