

Mass Intentions

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4th February 2012

6.30pm: Bill Redmond RIP

Sunday 5th February 2012

8.30am: For the People

10.30am: Madeline Fox RIP

Monday 6th February 2012

9.15am: Rev. Edmund Carroll RIP

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

Tuesday 7th February 2012

No 9.15am Mass

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

Wednesday 8th February 2012

9.15am: Tom Flannagan RIP

11.30am at Shalom: Private Intention

Thursday 9th February 2012

9.15am: Holy Souls

Friday 10th February 2012

9.15am: Ken Brooks RIP

Saturday 11th February 2012

9.15am: Private Intention

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.30pm: Holy Souls

Sunday 12th February 2012

8.30am: For the people

10.30am: GE Jack & Winnie Conboy

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Anniversaries of Death: John Gavin, Henry Finch, Albert Cowdell, John Harrington, Peg Willis, Daniel Dunning, Robert Russell, Rev. Edmund Carroll, Thomas Coligan, Winifred Joyce, William Leahy, Patrick Leahy, Hildegard Bertram.✠

Offertory Collection Gift aid: £471 Cash: £104. **This Sunday** there will be a second collection for Catholic Education Service. This service is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education. It also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

Everybody is looking for Christ.

Christ gives meaning to our lives. Without him life would be no better than hired drudgery, but with his spirit in us all our

service of others is done for love of him. It is a service which brings us perfect freedom. The world needs Christ and it is our duty to bring him to everyone.

Bidding Prayers:

Reader: Who is the King of glory?

Response: **It is the Lord our God.**

Congratulations: Twelve Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers were commissioned last Saturday at the Cathedral. I thank them for their involvement and look forward to their distribution of Holy Communion in the future. Thanks also to those who trained them.

St Blaise: Last Friday we had the Blessing of throats during Mass. Who was St Blaise and why the blessing of throats. Blaise was a physician who later became a bishop. He died for the faith in the year 316. When in prison he healed a child who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. Due to this and other cures people pray to him as a helper in sickness. There are many customs associated with the blessing of St. Blaise and the most important is the one we do every year on February the third during Mass by holding crossed candles under the chin of each participant while a prayer of blessing is said. The blessing we receive is a gift of God through his church. We ask God to care for our safety and health. The blessing is worded as follows:

“May almighty God through the prayers of St Blaise keep you from all harm to your throat and from all other harm besides.”

Mass offerings: the early Christians made offerings of bread and wine for the Holy Sacrifice and other offerings for the use of the Sacred Ministers and the poor. There is no charge for a Mass but people give an offering to support the priest and apply the Mass for their intention. See fruits of the Mass. The usual offering given for a Mass is £10, but no one is bound to give it. The fruits of the Mass are limited as otherwise one Mass would be sufficient for the salvation of the entire world

and for the release of all the souls from purgatory. More next week.

Fruits of the Mass: The fruits of the Mass are usually divided in reference to the person whom they benefit. The general fruits which benefit all the faithful living and dead the special fruits received by the faithful who attend Mass. The personal fruits are received by the priest offering the Mass. The ministerial fruits which benefit those for whom the Mass is offered. So when we offer Mass for a deceased person or Holy Souls we are requesting that the fruits of the Mass will lessen their temporal punishment in purgatory. More next week on the offering of Mass.

Parish Forthcoming Social Events to be held in the social room:

Saturday 25th February 2012, Parish Charity Race Night. After mass buy a horse for £3, Sponsor a race. Make a point of seeing the people with the clip boards. Profit on the night to CAFOD and the Breast Cancer charity.

Saturday 17th March 2012 – St. Patricks Evening: Why not join other members of the parish to celebrate this evening, listening to the voice of Adrian Chapman.

Ministries during acts of worship of God. It is a part of our baptismal character to partake in worshipping God by various acts such as ie prayer, praise, thanksgiving, adoration, making reparation for our sins etc., as well as private participation there is public participation ie, extraordinary ministers of Eucharist, altar servers, reading, singing, playing musical instruments etc. There is a great tradition of music and singing during liturgical celebrations. The musical traditions of the Church is considered a treasure of inestimable value. Liturgical worship takes on a more dignified character when it is accompanied by music and song. We are fortunate in this Parish to have musicians who

help to uplift our participation in the Mass. Gratefulness is very much due to Francis Goodhind and folk group who help in this way. The folk group would appreciate more singers and instrument players. If you are willing to participate please speak to them after 10.30 Mass. Please give a thought so that our offering of the Mass may take on a more dignified nature.

Women's World Day of Prayer – This year's service has been prepared by the women of Malaysia. It takes place on Friday March 2nd at the Baptist Church @ 8pm. If any girl/lady in the parish would like to do a reading please phone me on 409194 before Feb. 7th. Thank you, Pat Dean.

Catholic medical conference - Saying yes and saying no: Medical and moral dilemmas faced by healthcare workers. 25-26th February 2012 Crucial questions such as how to offer care when others would advise ceasing care, how to advise someone in a crisis pregnancy and how to communicate good clinical decisions. There is a distinguished panel of speakers including several experienced consultants, a barrister, the head of nurses opposed to euthanasia and a priest who is a qualified physician. The conference is explicitly Catholic; there will be overnight adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a blessing for health care workers. There will be a conference banquet on the Saturday Evening. This will take place at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish DA15 8LW in South East London. For further details and a booking form please download from http://faithandfamily.org.uk/yes_no2012.pdf or email kentcma@gmail.com.

St Mary's Social Room: is open to relax with friends on Friday & Saturday evenings 7.30 -11.00pm and Sunday Lunchtimes 12.00-2.00pm. If you have a Family Events; Baptism; maybe a Funerals, why not speak to our Bar Manager Trish Henderson regarding the facilities available.