

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH CHADDESSEN DERBY AND THE CHURCH ON OAKWOOD

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DECEMBER 6th 2009 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	11.00am	Baptism of Joseph Power
	6.30pm	Giovanna & Michele Adinolfi RIP
Sunday	10.00am	For all Parishioners
	3.00pm	Advent Carol Service
	5.30pm	At the Church on Oakwood Frank Deacy RIP
Monday	7.00pm	Laurence Martin RIP
Tuesday		FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of OUR LADY
	8.30am	The Holy Souls RIP (Doyle)
	9am - 5pm	Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
	7.30pm	Spirituality Group
Wednesday	9.15am	Joan Stack RIP (Horgan)
	7.00pm	Service of the Word and Holy Communion at the Church on Oakwood
Thursday	7.00pm	Bridie Doran RIP
Friday	9.15am	Joe Burke RIP (Gallagher)
	7.30pm	DIOCESAN CAFOD ADVENT SERVICE Bishop Malcolm will preside. All welcome!
Saturday	6.30pm	Walentyna Sliminski
Sunday	10.00am	For all Parishioners
	5.30pm	Bridget Kilkelly RIP ann.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: there will be a Service of Reconciliation on Monday, December 21st at 7.30pm. I have invited 3 local priests to come and join us. There will be individual confessions on Saturday, December 19th at 10am ~ 11am and on request.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: ~ Pat Dawson, Brian Turner, Helen Booton, Doreen Pitman, Bill Stone and Lily More, who are in hospital. Anne Pollard and Mary McEvoy who are convalescing at home. Jean Hester who has just moved to Abbeyvale Nursing Home

on Duffield Road and Belper Road. Congratulations to Mary Eaton who is celebrating her 90th birthday this weekend!

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

This Sunday afternoon at 3pm. I have received 51 slips telling me people are coming and staying for tea. Thank you all! Everybody, both young ~ middle ~ and elderly are welcome to come and join us ~ pray and sing. Thanks to Cecelia Lewis and her team for organising the tea and Janice Wright for playing the music.

CAFOD ADVENT SERVICE

Will take place here this Friday evening, December 11th, at 7.30pm; Cafod supporters from all over the diocese will be joining us, as will Bishop Malcolm. It will be a more participative service, around the theme of caring for the environment and how climate change especially affects the poor countries of the world. There will be FAIRTRADE refreshments, goods, and Christmas cards available afterwards in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are welcome!

ALTAR SERVERS

Our Altar servers carry out a very important role assisting at our masses each week and also at our special masses. We will be carrying out some training soon on a number of Saturdays and I want to give the opportunity, for anyone else that would like to be considered for this role, to put themselves forward. We usually do things on a rota so it isn't every week that you would be expected to serve. Any young person who has received their first Holy Communion is old enough and no age is too old! So don't be shy, if you would like to come along to the training and then make your mind up that will be fine.

If you are interested have a word with me after mass or call Simon Baldwin on ☎678837 or Cheryl Shanks ☎679642. It would be particularly nice if we could get some help for Saturday masses or Sunday evening at Oakwood. Remember there are NO upper age limits!

We shall have our third practice next Saturday, December 12th, at 10am in St. Alban's Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

are, once again, leading the 4pm mass on Christmas Eve. We would very much welcome any children who want to take part in the mime and play, to let the Readers know soon. The first rehearsal will take place after 10am mass next Sunday, December 6th.

SPIRITUALITY GROUP

You are invited to come to an Advent Reflection Experience next Tuesday 8th December.

The evening will start at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre and end about 8.30pm with tea/coffee and cake.

Everyone is welcome.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS RETREAT DAY

At the Diocesan Centre, Mackworth on Saturday, December 12th, 10am ~ 3.30pm. £10 per person. Tea and coffee provided; bring a packed lunch. "Peace, hope, love, joy ~ a Christmas message..... But what does it mean?" ☎ 293833 ext 820 to book.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Is available in the porch today. Please write a message and your name, and give a donation and it will be used to buy items from the Cafod World Gift Catalogue.

A FAB DEAL IN COPENHAGEN!

One which is Fair, Ambitious and Binding! James Jones, the Bishop of Liverpool says, "We need to wave goodbye to our love of petrol consumption. We need releasing from the cult of believers enslaved to Growth (GDP). Then we need to adopt a style of living that is less wasteful and environmentally friendly. Millions of people in the global south are facing reduced crop yields, water shortages, coastal flooding and hunger, due to climate change ~ they too, are taking action"! Visit the European Christian Environmental Network website www.ecen.org

THANKS!

To all who did "something different in December" this Saturday with Alison Adam at the Church on Oakwood.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

By Deventio Choir ~ a programme of Christmas songs, old and new; with soloists, wind quintet, humour and audience participation. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8th at 8pm at the Church on Oakwood. Tickets £5 and concessions. ☎ 667803

200 CLUB ~ DECEMBER DRAW

Will take place this Sunday at 11.15am in the Parish Centre. Monies and cheques beforehand please.

COLLECTIONS:

Last week £903.13, plus £172 standing orders.

Thank you all.

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK ~ John & Judith Davis

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEK: 6.30pm Ellen Taylor & Alice White

10.00am Kath Leach & Family

First Reading Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

This is the word of the Lord.

Response to Psalm: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6.8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.