

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

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February 22nd 2009 ~ 7th Sunday of the Year

Saturday	6.30pm	Mary Fletcher RIP
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	Bruno Graca RIP ann. For All Parishioners At the Church on Oakwood
Monday	7.00pm	Peter Littlefield RIP(Butterly)
Tuesday	8.30am 9am~5pm	Geoff & Margaret Skerrett RIP (Gilmour) Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament
<u>ASH</u>		Day of Fasting & Abstinence
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	9.35am	Liturgy of the Word and the Blessing & Distribution of Ashes. <u>At St. Albans School. All welcome!</u>
	7.00pm	Shared Ashes Service at the Church on Oakwood followed by Frugal Supper
	7.00pm	Mass at St. Alban's Bridie Doran RIP
Thursday	7.00pm	Patrick Murphy RIP
Friday	9.15am	The Conway family
Saturday	6.30pm	Earnest Adams RIP
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	Les Brown RIP ann. Frank Campbell RIP

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Request.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: -

John Doe, Joy Rath, Thelma Hawksworth, and all those who are housebound, in hospital or having treatment.

THE JOURNEY TO EASTER

will formally begin next Wednesday when we burn the previous years palms and sign our foreheads with their ashes. There are various prayers the priest or minister may say as she/he imposes the ashes ~ “Repent and believe the Gospel, Remember Man that you are dust and to dust you will return”. We normally make up something in the same vein for children. Another of the prayer is “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel”. The Gospel of Ash Wednesday is always the same from Matthew Chapter 5 on giving alms, fasting and praying, not in public display but in your secret room. This year we will change the format of the weekly bulletin so that there will be a suggestion for each day of the week about some small action that might bring new life to ourselves, those around us, and our world. Each week there will be a Cafod postcard inside the newsletter that you will be invited to take home and use for prayer and action. Each Friday evening there will be a Lenton Prayer Service in the weekday chapel at 7pm followed by a frugal supper. Two groups of people have already offered to lead, so I just have 3 evenings left ~ please see me or Sue Brown ☎ if you would be willing to lead.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are hoping to have our annual get together this Thursday, February 26th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. If you have any items for the agenda please see me or Loretta Hay ☎ 280511.

200 CLUB DRAW NEXT SUNDAY

in the Parish Centre at 11.15am; please send cheques and monies beforehand

FRUGAL SUPPER

The social group has organized a frugal supper for Ash Wednesday February 25th 2009 after Mass in the Parish Hall all donations to CAFOD.

Please sign the notice if you would like to come along, so we know how many to cater for.

CREDIT CRUNCH WORRIES?

Afraid of getting into debt? In debt? Not sure where your money is going? **Free** help is available for you to get in control of your income and outgoings. Please call or text Martin, Budget Coach on 07598 976965.

THE FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

Our children will begin to meet once again at Sunday 10am mass next weekend March 1st. Please arrive promptly in the hall so that the Children's Liturgy Group aren't disturbed.

FANNING THE FLAMES

The Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation (CASE) are running a day at the Diocesan Centre, Mackworth on Saturday March 7th. It is designed to unpack what Catholic evangelisation encompasses and to equip and resource us on how to do it in our parishes. I have already asked 6 people to come along with me ~ any one else interested, just ask me! See poster.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK £923.74 plus £163 standing orders. The collection for the work of the Columban Fathers was £332.04. Thank you all.

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK Anne Kearney & Peter Peek

WELCOMERS NEXT 6.30pm Jean & Mike Brown

WEEK 10 am Cecilia Lewis & Angela Fairbrother

READERS NEXT WEEK 6.30pm Ellen Taylor & Malc Taylor

10 am Mark Booton & Jane L. Sances

OAKWOOD READERS 5.30pm Dawn & Allan

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23

Thus says the Lord: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises. Jacob, you have not invoked me, you have not troubled yourself, Israel, on my behalf. Instead you have burdened me with your sins, troubled me with your iniquities. I it is, I it is, who must blot out everything and not remember your sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

Response to Psalm: Heal my soul for I have sinned against you.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 1:18-22

I swear by God's truth, there is no Yes and No about what we say to you. The Son of God, the Christ Jesus that we proclaimed among you - I mean Silvanus and Timothy and I - was never Yes and No: with him it was always Yes, and however many the promises God made, the Yes to them all is in him. That is why it is 'through him' that we answer Amen to the praise of God. Remember it is God himself who assures us all, and you, of our standing in Christ, and has anointed us, marking us with his seal and giving us the pledge, the Spirit, that we carry in our hearts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived amongst us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum, word went round that he was back; and so many people collected that there was no room left, even in front of the door. He was preaching the word to them when some people came bringing him a paralytic carried by four men, but as the crowd made it impossible to get the man to him, they stripped the roof over the place where Jesus was; and when they had made an opening, they lowered the stretcher on which the paralytic lay. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, 'My child, your sins are forgiven.' Now some scribes were sitting there, and they thought to themselves, 'How can this man talk like that? He is blaspheming. Who can forgive sins but God?' Jesus, inwardly aware that this was what they were thinking, said to them, 'Why do you have these thoughts in your hearts? Which of these is easier: to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven" or to say, "Get up, pick up your stretcher and walk"? But to prove to you that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,' - he said to the paralytic - 'I order you: get up, pick up your stretcher, and go off home.' And the man got up, picked up his stretcher at once and walked out in front of everyone, so that they were all astounded and praised God saying, 'We have never seen anything like this.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.