

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

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FEBRUARY 28th 2010 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	6.30pm	Jean Hester RIP (Doyle)
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	Les Brown RIP ann. At the Church on Oakwood For all Parishioners
Monday	7.00pm	Bertha Phillips RIP (Leach)
Tuesday	8.30am 9am ~ 5pm	Malachy Whyte RIP Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	9.15am 7.00pm	Josephine Reeson RIP (Caruth) Lent Group Meeting At the Church on Oakwood
Thursday	7.00pm	Deceased Appleby family
Friday	9.15am	Rosa Farthings' Intentions
Saturday	6.30pm	For all Parishioners
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	Patrick King RIP (Leach) Bena Mortimer RIP (Gardner)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: On Request

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Shaun Reid's' father, Jim, who died on Thursday, aged 103. Please remember Dick Ennis and Anne Donovan who are in hospital and all those receiving treatment at this time.

“GIVE IT UP FOR LENT”

This is the name of Cafods' Fast Day Campaign this Lent. This year is the 50th anniversary of launching the Fast Day Ritual. You'll receive a handout about it along with a FAST DAY ENVELOPE about how we can change wine into drinking water by whatever we give up this week. Someone will speak about it after communion at each mass. We won't collect the envelopes next weekend but rather on Psalm Sunday March 27 & 28th. There will be different envelopes available for the first four Sundays of Lent and hopefully they will each encourage us to “give something up this Lent”. If you prefer to put your money each week in a small box please collect one today. We also say the Prayer from the envelope at the Bidding Prayers each weekend.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL

The present Parish Council is coming to the end of its term of office on March 31st. On behalf of all of us I thank them for their work during the past 3 years. They have both helped me in the day to day running of the Parish and looked at the Parish Plan which we first wrote in 2005 and especially addressed the gap of “Spirituality”. Last year we had the “Knowing God Better” programme and this year we have a fortnightly Spirituality Group on “Different Ways of Praying”. So in your name I thank Martin Brown, Lorraine Collins, Sandra Endsor, Angela Fairbrother, Maggie Holmes, Anne Kearney, Sue Lewis, Maria Neads, Jim Parlato, Shaun Reid, Julie Softley, Walter Stone & Mark Booton who is an ex Officio member.

Eight of them are standing down and Maria, Lorraine, Shaun and Mark are willing, if nominated, to continue. Nomination slips are available this weekend. We need 8 new people – can you think of anyone who would be willing and available? Or maybe yourself? The nominations will close on Sunday March 7th, just 3 weeks time, so please put your thinking hat on now! The Group normally meet 10 times a year and help the parish live up to and develop the Parish Pastoral Plan.

ECUMENICAL LENT GROUP

Will take place this Wednesday, March 3rd, at the Church on Oakwood 7pm ~ 9pm. The title this year is “When I survey....Christ's cross and ours.” It has taped contributions by Bishop David Hope, General Dannatt, John Bell, Christina Baxton and Colin Morris. All are welcome to attend ~ come and try next Wednesday ~ our local ministers will be leading it.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Is taking place at the moment. It is focusing this year on tea. 165 million cups of tea are drunk in the UK every day. Tetley, PG Tips, Typhoo, Twinings and Yorkshire Tea account for 72% of the UK tea market. All of them have taken steps to improve practice in the tea sector but so far none

of them have become Fairtrade. If just one of these brands went Fairtrade it could make a real difference to the lives of thousands of small-scale farmers and workers. Fairtrade is the only scheme which guarantees tea producers a minimum price for their tea and gives an extra premium payment to invest in their community. You can send an email to the companies here: www.makeitfair.org.uk/take-action/

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

We welcome the children, once again, this Sunday at 10am Mass ~ they will meet in the Hall. There is a parents' session this Thursday, March 2nd, at 7.30pm in the Hall to help us prepare them for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

By Air Monday July 19th ~ Saturday July 24th. Led by Bishop Malcolm McMahon. For more details or booking phone 07540 239319 or e mail: admin@nottingham-lourdes.org.uk There are also booklets available in the porch.

OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Was signed by 100 people and bought these gifts from Cafod ~ 2 Bicycles, 2 Chickens, 1 Mother and Baby Care and Water for a Family. We raised £180. Thank you all.

200 CLUB ADMINISTRATOR

Our thanks to Julie Softley who is retiring from being administrator for the 200 Club. Would anyone be willing to take her place? The system is already set up on computer so just needs 30 minutes work each month. See Fr. Gerry, Clare Beech or Walter Stone if you're tempted!

The Draw for March takes place next Sunday, March 7th, at 11.15am in the Hall. Please send your cheques and monies beforehand.

PAPAL BLESSINGS

I have been asked to obtain a Papal Blessing for a couples' 25th Wedding Anniversary and wondered whether there is anyone else wanting a Blessing for a similar occasion. Please let me know soon!

COLLECTIONS: Last week £605.54; plus ~ £168 standing orders.

Thanks to everyone, especially those who braved the snow on Sunday morning!

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK ~ Rosaria & Renato Adinolfi

READERS NEXT WEEK OAKWOOD ~ Juraj & Katarina

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEK 6pm Dawn & Ryan Kiddie
10am Win & Walter Stone

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:5-12.17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. I am the Lord he said to him who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land. My Lord, the Lord, Abram replied, how am I to know that I shall inherit it? He said to him, Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon. He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSE TO PSALM: The Lord is my light and my help.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.