

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

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JANUARY 24th 2010 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday	6.30pm	For all Parishioners
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	Bill Stone RIP (Orrell) At the Church on Oakwood Rosaleen McManns RIP ann.
Monday	<u>6.30pm</u>	Thomas Ward RIP ann.
Tuesday	8.30am 9am ~ 5pm	Bruno Graca RIP Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	7.30pm	Spiritual Healing - An experience and opportunity At the Church on Oakwood
Friday	9.15am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday	6.30pm	Maria Aitchison's Intentions
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	Anne Devine RIP ann. For all Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Fr. John will be available next Saturday evening before mass, just ask him!

PLEASE PRAY FOR; Brian Pleace, Maria Neade's father, whose funeral will take place here on Thursday, February 4th at 11am. Pray for John Doe, Bridie Gallaher and Anne Donovan who are in hospital.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2010

The resurrection stories in the Gospel have immense power that touch upon so many different aspects of human experience - dashed hopes, disappointments, grief and loss. But they also speak of a difficulty to accept change and recognise new realities.

This year, the host nation for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is my own, Scotland, and they have chosen the vivid account of Jesus' Resurrection as the focus for our thought

and prayers about Christian unity. The unity in Christ that we seek and pray for implies that we are called to embrace something new, something that will change us and the church - from something disunited to a Church that is one in Christ. At the present time, some commentators have observed that the ecumenical movement is 'becalmed'. Recently, CTBI has been pondering that metaphor and have related it to another - the desert. In Christian spirituality the desert is not only a lonely, sometimes hostile place, but also a place of spiritual renewal and growth, a place where faith is strengthened and deepened. So if there is a sense that we are 'becalmed' in our ecumenical journey we might see this not as a cause for mourning but an opportunity for renewal and rekindled hope.

During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity I hope you will join with us to pray for that renewed passion for Christian Unity and see in particular the risen Christ in our midst.

Revd Bob Fyffe General Secretary Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

CAFOD FREE WILL WRITING OFFER

What did you make of Marie Molloy's talk last weekend? Did it ring any bells for you or touch on anything which attracted you? It had my name written all over it!

For 10 years now I have been putting off making a will! All clergy get Bishop's reminders of it every year and I have still managed to ignore it, I have kept putting it off because I was a bit afraid, a bit unprepared to face up to my own mortality. My father's death a year ago freed me a bit more to take more responsibility and a friend's recent sudden death has pushed me on again. So, I have sent off the "Next Step" return reply from the Cafod Information Sheet. So long as you do so by Friday, February 12th the will is free! See www.cafod.org.uk/legacy

BEGINNING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATIONS

This Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Catholic Year 3 Parents from St. Alban's School have been invited to this Introductory Evening. Parents with children at other schools are welcome to join us ~ please contact Anne Kearney ☎ [671629](tel:671629) beforehand. We shall outline some expectations at the meeting and the invitation to be part of the preparation.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

The Spring 2010 Newsletter can now be viewed on the Diocesan website - www.nottingham-diocese.org.uk - click on Commissions; Extraordinary Ministers - newsletter. Please note the date of the annual Renewal Day at St Mary's Church Derby is Saturday 6th March 2010. Further details will be available later.

BORN FOR THIS

A stunning Presentation of the Stations of the Cross. If you are a young person of Secondary Age in a Derby Parish and would like to be part of this production, read on. You will be asked to sing with a chorus and be part of a spectacular evening. First Rehearsal is Sunday, January 31st; 4pm ~ 7pm in the Parish Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mickleover. Check out details at www.ndcys.com.

SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE

At the Church on Oakwood starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. A chance to experience Spiritual Healing with the opportunity to ask questions. The evening will end about 8.30pm with refreshments.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK; FEBRUARY 7th ~ 14th 2010

Mass of Celebrato; Sunday, February 14th at 3pm in St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. Especially welcome those celebrating anniversaries of 10 years, 25, 40, 50years. Further information ~ susan.saderson@nrcdt.org.uk

CONFIRMATION PREPARATIONS

Fifteen young people began their preparations for confirmation in June, last Wednesday. They next meet on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7pm and there will be a Parents Meeting the following evening, Thursday, February 4th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. It's not too late to join the group.

Contact, Sally & Jim Parlato ☎ 609207 or myself.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Will take place on Wednesday, January 27th with an event at the Bridge Chapel at 2.30pm; a service at Derby Cathedral at 6pm and an event at the Quad in the Market Place at 7.45pm. There are various other events in Derby ~ see the poster or look at the website www.hmd.org.uk

NEXT WEEKEND

Fr. JOHN GARRY, a priest from St. Patrick's Missionary Society, (Kiltegan Fathers) will be presiding at mass and appealing on their behalf. He has worked in Sudan, Kenya and Uganda and will be speaking about their work. There will be a second collection.

COLLECTIONS: Last week £779.03; plus ~ £172 standing orders.

Thank you all.

SECOND COLLECTION

For Haiti; I shall send the proceeds to Cafod this Monday morning.

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK ~ John & Judith Davis

READERS NEXT WEEK OAKWOOD ~ Katarina & Juraj

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEK 6pm Cheryl Shanks

10am Avril Mather & Sheila Caruth

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold. **This is the word of the Lord.**

Response to Psalm: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

Second Reading1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor, to proclaim liberty to they captives. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.