

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

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JANUARY 3RD 2010 ~ FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday	6.30pm	Pasquale Baldi RIP
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	Deceased Members of the Murphy Family RIP At the Church on Oakwood For all Parishioners
Tuesday	9am ~ 5pm	Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament Newcomers are always welcome.
Wednesday	7.00pm	Service of the Word and Holy Communion At the Church on Oakwood led by Sue Lewis
Saturday	6.30pm	Tom Hardiman RIP (Kearney)
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	For all Parishioners John Kelly RIP (Beardsley)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On request. My thanks to Sue Brown who planned the Service of Reconciliation with me, and all those who took part in it.

FUNERALS

Please pray for Bridie Pearce, whose funeral will take place here on Monday, January 11th at 12noon and Bill Stone, whose funeral reception will take place here on Tuesday, January 12th at 7.30pm and Requiem Mass on Wednesday, January 13th at 9.30am. Please pray too, for my friend Fr. Con Moynihan, parish priest of Alfreton, who died just before Christmas.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: ~ all those who are sick or housebound.

Norah Adams, Ken & Peggy Baines, Sally Baughan, Doreen Blackwood, Helen Booton, Amanda Buckett, Rose Buxton, Shirley Cave, Isabel Clegg, Nora

Creedon, Mary Connolly, Pat Dawson, John Doe, Anne Donovan, Joan Eastwood, Mary & Eric Eaton, Lena & George Endsor, Rosa Farthing, Mary Goodwin, Thelma Hawksworth, Jean Hester, Doreen Kitchin, Min Lebeter, Paddy Malone, Nellie Martin, Betty Mazurkiewicz, Mary McEvoy, Elizabeth McCord, Joe & Mary Murphy, Michael & Gerry Murphy, Anne Pearce, Doreen Pitman, Frank Powell, Susan Preecy, James Rath, Joy Rath, Brian Turner, Patrick Walsh.

A BIG THANK YOU!

To all parishioners who have made the Advent and Christmas Season this year, truly memorable. So many people work in front of house and behind the scenes ~ church cleaners, counters, decorators, Bidding Prayer Composers, welcomers, ushers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, children's Liturgy Leaders, altar servers, tea makers, ~ these are just the people I can think of straight away and there are many more!

Thanks to all of you for your generous Christmas Offerings to me and for your cards and gifts ~ they are much appreciated.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2010

I shall be writing this week to all the Parents of Year 3 children at St. Alban's School inviting them to an Introductory Evening on Tuesday, January 26th in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. If you have any children of year 3 or above at any other schools and would like to join the programme, you would be very welcome ~ please contact Anne Kearney ☎ 671629 or myself.

CONFIRMATION JUNE 2010

We are hoping to begin the preparations on Wednesday, January 20th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We already have 16 young people in year 9 or above interested. Are there any more? Please contact Sally & Jim Parlato ☎ 609207 or myself.

CAFOD'S FREE WILL OFFER

Updating or writing your will is a New Year's resolution that will make a lasting difference to your family, friends and the causes you care most about. Marie Molloy from CAFOD will be speaking after all masses January 9th/10th to explain how CAFOD is working with other national charities to create the National Free Wills Network. You could benefit by having a simple will written or updated free of charge, and there is no obligation to leave a legacy to CAFOD or anyone else. If your will is more complicated, for example, if it includes business interests, you will still be able to benefit from a reduced fee.

If you are interested, please talk to Marie when she visits or contact Beth or Maria in the CAFOD Legacy team on tel: 020 7095 5525 or 020 7095 5367 or email: legacy@cafod.org.uk

ECUMENISM ~ A CATHOLIC RESPONSE

On Monday, January 11th at 7.30pm in St. Alban's Church Hall; Fr. Ken O'Riordan and Monica Purdue from the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission will be leading the evening. All interested in learning more about Ecumenism are welcome!
See Notice.

READERS AT MASS

The Guide for Readers January ~ March 2010 is now available in the porch.

200 CLUB JANUARY DRAW

Will take place next Sunday, January 10th, at 11.15am in the Parish Centre. All monies and cheques beforehand please. Thanks for your continuing support!

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Thanks to all who signed it; it is still on the main notice board! Your donations totalled £176.52, which will be given to Cafod World Gifts.

LIFE TO THE FULL

A Cafe Retreat Day with David Payne, Jenny Baker and Steve Murray (mime artist) on Saturday, January 23rd, 10.30am ~ 4.00pm at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall, Woodthorpe, Nottingham. £10 Donation. To Book call Tom Dillon ~ 01623 795825

COLLECTIONS: December 19th & 20th £813.65, plus £172 standing orders.
December 26th & 27th £745.65, plus £172 standing orders.

Thank you all for your generous Christmas Offerings.

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK ~ Frank Holmes & Mike Allsopp

NEXT WEEKEND

Marie Molloy, the Cafod Regional Organiser, will speak briefly about the Free Will writing offer.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord. This is the word of the Lord.

Response to Psalm: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel. This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.'

Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.