

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

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NOVEMBER 29th 2009 ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	6.30pm	John McEvoy RIP ann
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	Philip Orrell RIP ann At the Church on Oakwood For all Parishioners
Monday	7.00pm	FEAST OF ST. ANDREW Mary ~ Ann McDonagh RIP (Kearney)
Tuesday	8.30am 9am - 5pm	John Francis Buckley RIP (Anne, Mary, Terry) Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	9.15am 7.00pm	Cyril Ward RIP ann. Shared Evening Prayer at the Church on Oakwood
Thursday	7.00pm	Bridie Doran RIP
Friday	9.15am	Bridget Conley RIP ann.
Saturday	6.30pm	Giovanna & Michele Adinolfi RIP
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	For all Parishioners Frank Deacy RIP

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 and Jean Hester, who are in hospital and Mary McEvoy who is convalescing.

ADVENT ~ 2009

This year we shall, once again, be highlighting the Advent Wreath. It is made of leaves and branches from evergreens. They contrast starkly with the dead and decaying leaves we see blowing about everywhere in the wind. The greenery reminds us of God's faithfulness and permanence in times of transition and loss. Of course the wreath is lit up by the four candles. The first purple candle reminds us of Jesus' Coming at the end of time. It is a CANDLE OF HOPE. Its light helps us to hold our heads high ~ not be covered down in fear ~ and be ready. The Readers will light the candle at the beginning of each weekend mass and then lead us in some Penitential Prayers. Please respond "LORD SET US FREE"; to each of the prayers.

CAROL SERVICE ~ NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th

At 3pm in the Church followed by Tea in the Parish Centre. All the elderly are especially invited to come along. Please let us know if you are coming by returning the slips; ~ there is a basket in the porch; ~ by this Sunday evening.

"SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN DECEMBER"

Take a break from the shopping! On Saturday, December 5th 1.30pm - 4.30pm, at the Church on Oakwood. An ecumenical event, with ALISON ADAM, a well known Iona community and Wild Goose member. Look at the Family Tree of Jesus from Mathew's Gospel and learn some new Advent and Christmas songs. Contact Fr. Gerry or Rev. Jo Whitehead ☎ 703464. Adults £5, and concessions.

CONFIRMATION 2010

There are 17 young people who have expressed an interest in confirmation preparation. Thanks to them all. Sally and Jim Parlato have replied to them all and we have arranged a date for Friday, June 25th 2010 at 7.30pm. Any other adults or young adults wanting to help, please contact Sally ☎ 609207 or Fr. Gerry.

PLANNED GIVING REPORT

Steve Endsor writes "thank you all for your cooperation with the recent planned giving campaign. Anyone wanting to contact me about joining or gift aiding, please ☎ 661819. There are now 164 boxes of envelopes allocated.

102 of which are gift aided (62%)

9 new boxes taken 7 of which ticked for gift aid

6 new gift aid forms so far received

25 people contribute by standing order 24 of which gift aid

25 boxes of envelopes still not taken from church these will be reviewed at the end of November

DERBY IRISH CENTRE

Congratulations to all involved on the recent Extension and Refurbishment. It cost £300,000 approx! The Centre continues to host a variety of weekly events and is available for private hire on ☎ 01332 332842

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

Our thanks to Susanna Aitchinson who has made a cross with names of all those whose funerals have taken place from St. Alban's, November 2007 ~ November 2009. The cross is on the right hand side of Our Lady's statue.

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 second practice next Saturday, December 5th, at 10am in St. Alban's Church.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING AT OAKWOOD

Margaret Nix will be bringing Christmas Cards and other items from the Repository Stall and will be available before and after 5.30pm mass at the Church on Oakwood

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.

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.

CAFOD'S WORLD GIFTS

There is a catalogue inside each newsletter today. It is full of 24 practical and life changing gifts ~ like teaching someone to read, a pair of piglets and a health clinic for a community. Anything you buy from the World Gifts catalogue will be an inspirational gift, which will also help change the lives of people from the world's poorest communities.

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.

200 CLUB ~ DECEMBER DRAW

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

COLLECTIONS:

Last week £850.75, plus £172 standing orders.

Thank you all.

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK ~ Carl Mendonca and Dawn Kiddie

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEK: 6.30pm Jean & Mike Brown

10.00am Avril Mather & Sheila Caruth

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called:

The Lord-our-integrity.

This is the word of the Lord.

Response to Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-28.34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect; hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.