

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

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JANUARY 10th 2010 ~ FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Saturday	6.30pm	Tom Hardiman RIP (Kearney)
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	For all Parishioners At the Church on Oakwood John Kelly RIP (Beardsley)
Monday	12 noon <u>6.30pm</u>	Funeral Service for Bridie Pearce James Rath's Intentions
Tuesday	8.30am 9am ~ 5pm 7.30pm	Cornelius O'Regan RIP Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament Funeral Reception for Bill Stone
Wednesday	9.30am 7.00pm	Requiem Mass for Bill Stone Living God's Word - A reflection and discussion At the Church on Oakwood
Thursday	7.00pm	Bridie Doran RIP
Friday	9.15am	Terry Murphy RIP (Gilmour)
Saturday	6.30pm	Johnny Kelly RIP ann. (Susan)
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	Mary & Harry Little RIP (Boyle) For all Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On request.

PLEASE PRAY FOR; Anne Donovan who is in hospital and Doreen Blackwood who has recently come home. Please remember Doreen Pitman who has recently gone to Raynesway View Nursing Home. Jean Brown and all those who are sick and housebound.

WELCOME TO MARIE MOLLOY

Who is the Cafod Regional Organiser; she will speak briefly at the end of mass this weekend about the Cafod Free Will Writing 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

Obviously St. Alban's Parish would be very happy if you thought of remembering us in your will. It might be a sign of gratitude for blessings received in the past and a little bit of practical provision for the future. Our loan stands presently at £160,00 approx; so it would be welcome indeed!

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.

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.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

At the Church on Oakwood starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. The first in a series of 6 evenings every two weeks. This week is a reflection and discussion on a specially chosen reading from the bible. The evening will finish about 8.30pm with refreshments.

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

READERS AT MASS

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

200 CLUB JANUARY DRAW

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Congratulations to our 6 Altar Servers who we enrolled into the Guild of St. Stephen on Sunday, December 27th at 10am. Samju Sabn, Lucy & William Baldwin, Jacob Shanks, Jack Kissane and William Sutton all now proudly wear their medals! Our thanks to Simon Baldwin and Cheryl Shanks who prepared them and all their parents for their continuing support.

PREPARING FOR A NEW MISSEL

There will be a New Translation of the Mass by Advent 2010 or Easter 2011. Come and find out more about it ~ what is changing and why. At the Diocesan Centre, Mackworth on Saturday, January 23rd; 10am ~ 3.30pm, led by the Diocesan Liturgy Commission. To book, contact Janet Hornsby 293833 ext 820. See poster.

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK ~ Rosaria & Renato Adinolfi

READERS NEXT WEEK OALWOOD ~ Dawn & Allan

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEK 6pm Ellen Taylor & Alice White
10am Cecilia Lewis & Angela Fairbrother

First Reading: Is 40:1-5.9-11

'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

This is the word of the Lord.

Response to Psalm: bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God how great you are!

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-16.21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove, And a voice came from the heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests with you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.