

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

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JANUARY 31st 2010 ~ FORTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday	6.30pm	Maria Aitchison's Intentions
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	Anne Devine RIP ann. At the Church on Oakwood For all Parishioners
Tuesday	9am ~ 5pm	Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	9.15am 7.00pm	William Hogan RIP Service of the Word and Holy Communion At the Church on Oakwood
Thursday	11.00am 7.00pm	Requiem Mass for Brian Pleace RIP Jean & Michael Brown's Intentions (Taylor)
Friday	9.15am	Bill Stone RIP (Gilmour)
Saturday	6.30pm	Norah Adam's Intentions (Noonan)
Sunday	10.00am 5.30pm	Betty Stack's Intentions For all Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Please ask Fr. John personally if you would like to go to confession.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Brian Pleace, whose funeral takes place here this Thursday. Pray for John Doe, Bridie Gallagher and Anne Donovan who are in hospital. Mary Eaton who died in hospital on Tuesday 26th January, also remembering Eric her husband and all her family

WELCOME TO FR. JOHN GARRY

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.

Patrick Whitney founded the St. Patrick's Missionary Society on March 17th 1932. Originally it was intended to support the missionary work in Nigeria where people responded with unimaginable enthusiasm. By the 1950's Nigeria was producing its own professionals in every field. Today there are St. Patrick's Missionaries in Nigeria, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Sudan, S. Africa, Zimbabwe, Brazil and Canada! They concentrate on building up the local church by the establishment of small Christian communities. The focus is on the family, the training of lay leaders, the formation of young Christians and the mission to the marginalised and the poor.

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.

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

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

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

Are just starting their preparations and will be joining us for 10am, Sunday Mass regularly. The children will be meeting with their leaders next Sunday at 10.00am prompt in the Parish Centre. Their parents will be joining us for the whole mass and I know you will all make them feel welcome.

CONFIRMATION YOUNG PEOPLE

Are meeting this Wednesday, February 3rd at 7pm and their parents are meeting the following evening, Thursday, February 4th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. They, too, will be joining us at mass on Sundays over the coming months.

PARISH CAFOD GROUP

Will meet next Saturday, February 6th, at 10.30am in the Parish Centre, to prepare for Lent. Please have a look at their website beforehand, especially at the "Give it up" section. This is a change of date from the meeting previously arranged for February 9th.

CHURCH ON OAKWOOD UNDER FIVES

There are currently two groups running at **The Church on Oakwood** to cater for the under 5's and their carers:-

"Tots and Teddies" where the adults can meet for a chat while the children have some fun (1st Thursday in the month, 1.30 - 3pm)

"Pray and Play" where there is the opportunity to share in Story time, Prayers, Crafts, Songs and Games, (3rd Thursday in the month, 1.45- 2.45pm)

Both these groups are organized by Elizabeth Embly, who is hoping to pass the reins to a younger person in the near future and feels that this could be something that is part of our ecumenical partnership. So, if you are interested in helping with these groups I am sure Elizabeth would be delighted. (It doesn't matter whether you attend St. Alban's or Oakwood.) You can contact her on 01332 664080, mobile 07801066518 or email e.embley@btinternet.com

200 CLUB FEBRUARY DRAW

Will take place next Sunday, February 7th in the Parish Centre at 11.15am; monies and cheques beforehand please. Anyone wanting to join and have the chance to win £250, please see one of the committee.

HAITI SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Second Collection last weekend came to £1,330. Thank you all for your generosity. I have sent the money to Cafod.

COLLECTIONS: Last week £838.00; plus ~ £172 standing orders.

Thank you all.

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK ~ Renato and Rosaria Adinolfi

READERS NEXT WEEK OAKWOOD ~ Greg & Kieron

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEK 6pm Ellen Taylor & Alice White
10am Kath Leach & Family

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5.17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.

This is the word of the Lord.

Response to Psalm: My lips will tell of your help.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13 Second Reading

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.