

DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 8th MAY 2011

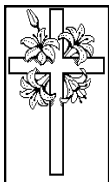
✠ THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER (A) ✠

Sun 8	Saturday	6.30pm	✠ Vigil Mass: Pro Populo
	Sunday	9.30am	✠ Mass: Antonio Pereira
		11.00am	✠ Mass: Antonio Vallejo RIP
		12.30pm	<i>Baptism of Summer Zoey Anderson</i>
Mon 9	Feria	9.30am	<i>Holy Rosary</i> (daily, 30mins before Mass)
		10.00am	✠ Mass: Michael Patrick Keating RIP
Tues 10	Feria	10.00am	✠ Mass: Mary Lane RIP
Wed 11	Feria	10.00am	✠ School at Mass: Holy Souls
Thu 12	Feria	7.00am	✠ Mass: Mairaid Mount RIP
Fri 13	Feria	10.00am	✠ Mass: Delcie Crack RIP
Sat 14	St Matthias	10.00am	✠ Mass: Maurice O'Regan
		10.30am	<i>Confessions</i>

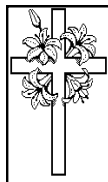
✠ FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER (A) ✠

Sun 15	Saturday	6.30pm	✠ Vigil Mass: Pro Populo
	Sunday	9.30am	✠ Mass: Anna Azavedo RIP
		11.00am	✠ Mass: William Cronin RIP
		4.00pm	<i>Syro Malabar Mass</i>

Please pray for Ada Baxter, Dorothy Gomez-Lee and Sheila Whyte, recently dead; and for the following whose anniversaries occur this week:



Antonio Vallejo, Maria Cassingena, Mary Lane,
Michael Keating, Ann Bevans, Hilda Staples, Henry Langfield,
Margaret Fountain, Vera Poppy, Delcie Crack,
Katherine Everitt, Philip Cleary, Eileen Salter,
Peter Flynn and Isabella Cooper.



*May their souls and the souls of all the ✠ faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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WORD of GOD

You killed Jesus the Nazarene,
but God raised him to life,
freeing him from the pangs of Hades;
for it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

(Acts 2:23-24)



WORD for TODAY

Boosted by the resurrection event and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, the apostles boldly proclaim that nothing can overcome Jesus, not even death. Today we are called to take that same unshakeable faith in the power of Jesus into the market places of our lives.

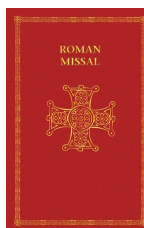
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

Psalm 15



Missal: New translation preparations moving forward

The Roman Missal in its new English translation will be published by the Catholic Truth Society in Autumn this year. This now means that the Catholic Bishops' Conference can confirm that the full text of the Missal will be used at Mass from the First Sunday of Advent. The full use of the published Missal from the beginning of Advent will be preceded from September by the use of just the Order of Mass in the new translation.

For these three months until November we will become familiar with those parts of the translations which are prayed at every Mass, and this will be accompanied by catechesis on the Mass and the new translation. There will be three sessions to help us prepare for the New Translation of the Missal: *Exploring the Context - Examining the Content - Experiencing the Celebration*. The local venue for these sessions will be St Francis' Primary School, Queen's Rd, Maidstone on **Monday 9th, 16th & 23rd May, 7.00 - 9.00pm**. There are also sessions at Canterbury. To book or for more details please contact the Christian Education Centre: office@cectootingbec.org.uk (020 8672 7684). Full details are on the diocesan website: http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/new_trans_home.html.

AROUND the PARISH

FURNITURE We have a parishioner in urgent need of furniture and white goods. The Legion of Mary are trying to help, so if you have anything that could be useful, please contact Mary Bishop on 234039.

PARISH HALLS A decision will soon need to be made on the future of our parish halls. In order that parishioners can be made aware of the options, and give an opinion on the way forward, there will be a parish meeting on Friday May 13th at 7.00pm in the McMahon Hall.

GIFT AID Thank you to those who use the envelopes each week enabling us to recover the income tax paid. The new envelope season will start in June and boxes of new envelopes will be distributed at Masses on 21st and 22nd May.

QUIZ NIGHT Come and have fun with the Knights of St Columba on Saturday 21st May at 7.30pm (7.45pm start) in the McMahon Hall. Admission £5.00 including a sausage and mash supper. Bring your own drink. Please leave your name and numbers on the sheet at the back of the church. All proceeds to go to the Building Fund.

LOST PROPERTY A watch has been found in the church. Please come to the sacristy or office to collect.

CONFIRMATION this year will be on Friday 11th November at 7.30pm. Registration forms are now available and there will be a meeting on Monday 16th May at 7.30pm in the church hall.

AROUND the DIOCESE and BEYOND

EASTERTIDE (*From the Directory*) In the Easter season each ferial day has its own Mass, without Gloria. There are four seasonal prefaces (the first Easter

preface being proper to the Octave). On a memorial the preface may be of the saint or of the season. *Alleluia* is added to the Entrance and Communion antiphons and to the antiphons in the Divine Office unless the sense precludes it. The Sundays of Easter are of first class rank and have precedence over all other celebrations.

EASTER DUTIES The last day for fulfilling the precept of Easter Communion is, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, 19th June. Canon **2042** of *The Catechism* states: The third precept ('You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season') guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and centre of the Christian liturgy.

A DAY WITH MARY is to be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham on Sunday 29th May.

DAY of REFLECTION A special day entitled, "The Sacredness of the Human Heart" is to be held at Aylesford Priory on Saturday 11th June (10am-4pm) for carers of those suffering from dementia. An opportunity to reflect quietly and pray with others who have a similar ministry. Booking is essential as places are limited. Cost £15 including a buffet lunch. Contact Rev Ray or Mrs Elizabeth Partridge: email e.partridge@hotmail.com or ring 01303 873835.

DAY in HONOUR of OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Simon Stock, Aylesford on 25th June. The theme of the pilgrimage is Humility, Holiness, Conversion of Heart, Silence and Reconciliation. Parishioners are invited to join for a day

of prayer (11.00am-5.00pm). For further details please contact Anne Pass, Shrine Secretary, The Friars on 01622 717272 (email: shrine@friars.org.uk).

YOUTH FESTIVAL at AYLESFORD PRIORY Sunday 26th June, 10am-8pm. Young people currently in school years 8-11 are invited to a day of varied activities, music and celebration of Mass. For further information, contact Southwark Catholic Youth Service on 01227 272900.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE to LOURDES See the poster giving details of this year's pilgrimage from 19th-26th August. For details: http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/lourdes_2011.html.

FAITH IN FOCUS: DAY TRIP TO EMMAUS We're all on our way to Emmaus like the two disciples in today's gospel. We're all busy going somewhere, doing something important, our days filled with chores and charms, with pleasure and pain. And when the journey gets long and tiresome we become dejected. We end up thinking that it all depends on us, that things are going to the dogs, that the effort isn't worth it, that other people we thought we could rely on have let us down. Just like the disciples. They'd put great stock in Jesus, but now he was dead and the whole thing was over. And like them we fail to see Jesus approaching and walking by our side, bothered about what bothers us, encouraging us when courage falters. And it takes the story of the scriptures to give us new heart, to remind us that God has promised to be with us to the end of time, through thick and thin, to speak the words which make life bearable, worthwhile, liveable. It takes God's word to warm our hearts once

more, to make us burn with gratitude. Then when we reach Emmaus, like the disciples, it is in the breaking of the bread that our whole lives make sense. We take the bread and wine and with it we present all our hopes and fears, our joys and tears, that God may redeem and renew us at our very core. We bless God for the indescribable tenacity with which he surrounds us with his loving care, with his never ending offer of forgiveness and new start. As we break the bread and pour the wine, we ask God to break us and use us for his purposes that we may speak the word to others. And in sharing the food of life we become one body in Christ; in fact, we become the very thing that we eat: the Body of Christ. And all of this wonder is repeated every time we consciously set out on the journey to Emmaus. Wherever it may be, we go there daily.

ATTENDANCE There were 436 people at Mass last week and the collection amounted to **£574.43**. Thank you. **Next Week** there will be a retiring collection for Ecclesiastical Education. This collection helps to meet the costs involved in training students for both the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy. s The Cardinal Secretary of State has written to the Archbishop to express the gratitude of the Holy Father for the 2010 **Peter's Pence** collection which totalled **£31,305.34**. "*His Holiness is deeply grateful for this gift, which reflects your people's devotion to the See of Peter.*"

EASTER EGG BASKET SALE held on Easter Sunday raised £20.00 which will go towards the annual trip to Joss Bay. Thank you.