

DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 19th JUNE 2011

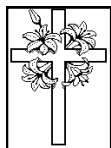
✕ The MOST HOLY TRINITY (A) ✕

Sun 19	Saturday	6.30pm	✕ Vigil Mass: Philomena Breach RIP
	Sunday	9.30am	✕ Mass: Eba Fantetti RIP
		11.00am	✕ Mass: Pro Populo <i>also Baptism of Ejemen Iredia</i>
		4.00pm	✕ <i>Syro Malabar Mass</i>
Mon 20	St Alban	9.30am	<i>Holy Rosary</i> (daily, 30mins before Mass)
		10.00am	✕ Mass: Robert Plummer RIP
Tues 21	St Aloysius Gonzaga	10.00am	✕ Mass: Tino Mosca RIP
Wed 22	SS John Fisher and Thomas More	10.00am	✕ School at Mass: Deceased members of the Smith Family
Thu 23	Feria	7.00am	✕ Mass: Patrick and Bridget McEvoy
Fri 24	The BIRTH of St JOHN the BAPTIST	10.00am	✕ Mass: Antonio Fantetti RIP
Sat 25	Our Lady	10.00am	✕ Mass: Joseph Hannon RIP
		10.30am	<i>Confessions</i>
		1.00pm	<i>Baptism of Aidan Bray</i>

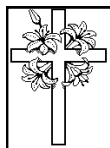
✕ CORPUS et SANGUIS CHRISTI (A) ✕

Sun 26	Saturday	6.30pm	✕ Vigil Mass: Pro Populo (1st H.C)
	Sunday	9.30am	✕ Mass: Denis Murphy RIP
		11.00am	✕ Mass: Eugenio Grosso RIP (1st H.C)
		12.15pm	<i>Baptism of Torres and Fabio Laws</i>

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries occur this week:



Charles Corr, Carmen Dow, Christopher Domican, Jose Rubio, Elsie Adams, Ellen Rowley, Katherine Mosely, Mary Jones, Vincent John, Violet O'Hare, Bernard Mason, Penelope D'Armenia, Bernard Hall, Patricia O'Hara, Mary Brooker and Anthony Cullen.



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

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(II Corinthians 13:13)



WORD for TODAY

We cannot solve God, because God is not a problem. What we can do is to acknowledge how infinitely fortunate we are to have been created by a God who is on our side, who loves us, forgives us, stoops to prevent us from falling and wants us to enjoy fullness of life for ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Daniel 3:52-56

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

FROM THE NEW MISSAL:

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The people rise and reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Priest, raising his hands, continues:

Lift up your hearts.

The people:

We lift them up to the Lord.

The Priest, with hands extended, adds:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The people:

It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The priest says: The mystery of faith. And the people continue, acclaiming:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Or:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

AROUND the PARISH CONFIRMATION GROUP, MASS of ENROLMENT takes place during 9.30am Mass today. Candidates will be leading the readings and prayers.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS The rotas for the next six-month period are now in your pigeon holes. As we are now moving into the holiday season, please check these carefully to ensure you are available. Please let me know of any changes that are required. Many thanks, Sue McIntyre (Office Admin).

St MARY'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE Next Saturday, 25th June from 1pm till 4pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS Our children are making their First Holy Communion at the evening Mass next Saturday and at the 11am Mass on Sunday (25th and 26th). Please pray for the children and their families on their special day. *Tip: come to the 9.30 Mass if you wish to avoid the crush.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY group will be breaking up on Sunday 17th July for the summer and a well earned rest. The Story-time group, however, will continue throughout the holiday period. Story-time is only for the very young children (aged 0-4years), who would find Mass very difficult to sit through. The Liturgy group will restart on Sunday 4th September, when the schools resume.

SUMMER is HERE! The annual outing to Joss Bay will take place on Sunday 24th July. To book your place, please telephone John Formosa on 01634 573378. The cost of the trip is £6 for adults and £4 for children. The coach leaves after 9.30am Mass.

KNIGHTS of St COLUMBA QUIZ NIGHT which took place on 21st May

are pleased to announce that £278 was raised, to go towards the Building Fund. Well done and thank you!

AROUND the DIOCESE and BEYOND

SCHOOL VACANCY St Benedict's Catholic School, Lambourn Way, Lordswood has a temporary teaching vacancy to cover maternity leave from 1st November to 31st August 2012. Please contact the school on 01634 669700 for an application form and job description. Closing date for applications is 1st July.

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 DAY of CELEBRATION sharing in the gifts of people of all abilities at Aylesford Priory, Sunday 10th July.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE Aylesford Priory, Saturday 16th July. The day of faith and fun for all the family will start at 11am and finish at 4.30pm. The gathering service will start at 11am with children's activities during the afternoon. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm, honouring St Joachim and St Anne, parents of Our Lady and grandparents of Jesus. We shall also pray in thanksgiving for all grandparents, who over the years have passed on the faith from generation to generation. Contact the Friars, Aylesford on 01622 717272 for further details or see the poster at the back of the church. There is also a Grandparents' Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham on Saturday 23rd

July. See poster for further details.

The DOWRY of MARY PILGRIMAGE to Walsingham, Sunday 11th September. There is a poster at the back of the church giving more details.

MISSIO is this year celebrating the 75th anniversary of the partnership between APF and Mill Hill Missionaries. A special Mass will be celebrated in every diocese in England and Wales in thanksgiving for the great harvest this unique partnership has produced. The Mass in our diocese takes place on 25th September 2011 at St George's Cathedral, Southwark at 11.30am.

FAITH IN FOCUS: FAMILY TRAITS Don't be scared of the Trinity. It doesn't have to be complicated even though in our heart of hearts we know we can never fully grasp what it's all about. The Trinity means that although there is only one God, that same godhead comprises three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Together they form a family. When St Paul used the name of the Trinity to bless people, he spoke of three broad activities that each one was responsible for. Of course, the Trinity is much more than these three things, and each person has a share in all of them. There are no demarcation disputes where the Trinity is concerned. The thing that sprang to Paul's mind for the Father was "love". This may seem old hat to us, but in a pagan world, where the gods controlled people's lives and demanded all sorts of sacrifices to ward off their wrath, the idea that God actually loves us seemed quite novel. God the Father not only loves us, he is love itself. And love cannot be kept to itself; it needs some sort of expression. The Father expressed his love by making men and women and giving them a wonderful

place to live. When we show love to anyone else, it is really God's love that we are passing on, since we can only love because we have God's ever-present love within us. "Grace" was the catch-all word that Paul used to describe Jesus. Grace is not a thing, even though our minds sometimes think of it in that way. Grace is the freely given state of favour that rests with us. God is on our side and provides us with the means to be fulfilled if only we ask for this favour. The ultimate sign of this was when Jesus set us right with God by atoning for our sinfulness through his death on the cross. And Paul speaks of the Holy Spirit in terms of "fellowship". The Holy Spirit is the bond of closeness and communion that completes the family of the Trinity. If we experience God's grace and love it is through the Holy Spirit and this same Holy Spirit unites us with all those who are also sustained and comforted by God. To live a life in the Trinity means to experience God's love, to enjoy God's favour and to be held together in a family of fellowship with God and with each other.

ATTENDANCE There were 437 people at Mass last week and the collection amounted to **£644.72**. ♦ There will be a retiring collection **this week** for Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW), formerly National Catholic Fund. This fund supplies the National Bishops of England and Wales with the revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country. ■ **The Diocesan Seminary Fund** organizer has written thanking the parish for their kind donation of **£268.85**. Also **CAFOD** wrote thanking us for our donation of **£124.35** to their recent Harvest Fast Day appeal.