

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for; Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O' Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Beverley Coughlan, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Adrian Van Twest.

Parish Events

Tuesday 11 February, 10am: Our Lady of Lourdes/World Day of the Sick, healing Mass.
Friday 14th February, 7pm: Junior Choir party
Tuesday 18 February, 10am: Funeral of Marie Hall RIP
Saturday/Sunday 22/23 February: Apostolate of Adoration visit.
Wednesday 26 February: Lent begins.
Friday 28 February, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
Saturday 29 February, 10.30am-4pm: Adoration and Confessions.
Monday 2 March, 8pm: Reading St Matthew's Passion.
Tuesday 3 March, 7.30pm: Praying Saint Matthew's Passion.
Sunday 8 March, after 10am/11.15am Mass: Cake Sale for stained glass appeal.
Tuesday 21 April, 8pm: Baptism course, Upper Room.
Friday 24 April, 8pm: Quiz Night for stained glass appeal.
Sunday 10 May, after 10am/11.15am Mass: Bring and Buy for stained glass appeal.
Tuesday 21 April, 8pm: Baptism course, Upper Room.

UCM: meeting in the hall 12 February at 7.30pm, this week its Cake and celebration games.

Social Dancing in the hall this Thursday. All are welcome!

Thursday mornings Scripture Reflection: 10am all welcome.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: 288. What is the meaning of the altar? The altar is the symbol of Christ himself who is present both as sacrificial victim (the altar of the sacrifice) and as food from heaven which is given to us (the table of the Lord).

289. When does the Church oblige her members to participate at Holy Mass? The Church obliges the faithful to participate at Holy Mass every Sunday and on holy days of obligation. She recommends participation at Holy Mass on other days as well.

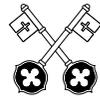
290. When must one receive Holy Communion? The Church recommends that the faithful, if they have the required dispositions, receive Holy Communion whenever they participate at Holy Mass. However, the Church obliges them to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season.

291. What is required to receive Holy Communion? To receive Holy Communion one must be fully incorporated into the Catholic Church and be in the state of grace, that is, not conscious of being in mortal sin. Anyone who is conscious of having committed a grave sin must first receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before going to Communion. Also important for those receiving Holy Communion are a spirit of recollection and prayer, observance of the fast prescribed by the Church, and an appropriate disposition of the body (gestures and dress) as a sign of respect for Christ.

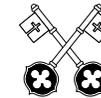
Collection Sunday 26 January, £1, 458.

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Fifth Sunday of the Year.

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Mass intentions this week:

Sat 9 February 6pm Mary Gallagher RIP
Sun 9 February 8.30am GE Family of Margo Brown.
Sun 9 February 10am For all parishioners
Sun 9 February 11.15am Murphy family intention
Mon 10 February 10am Nori Zorzan RIP
Tue 11 February 10am Michael Green RIP
Wed 12 February 10am Angela Fitzgerald RIP
Thurs 13 February No Mass
Fri 14 February 10am Paddy Hughes RIP
Sat 15 February 10am Mary Josephine Bannister RIP
Sat 15 February 6pm For benefactors
Sun 16 February 8.30am For all parishioners
Sun 16 February 10am Thomas Hunt RIP
Sun 16 February 11.15am Samantha West RIP

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of the Year. This Sunday is designated as Racial Justice Sunday by the Church. The Bishops write: "The theme of this year's Racial Justice Sunday is 'You are at the heart of the Church' and celebrates the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales. Historically, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers have experienced discrimination both in the wider society and, sadly, within the Church. The aim of this Racial Justice Sunday is to celebrate the contribution that the Travelling Communities make within our parishes and to encourage parishioners to be more welcoming towards fellow Catholics who come from a Traveller background." This worthy idea can also be seen in the context of the universal mission of the Church which is to welcome all people of all backgrounds. Jesus sent His disciples out to all nations, and He certainly did not envisage that some races should be more privileged than others. Inside the Catholic Church we are all equal.

In today's Gospel we are told that the followers of Jesus are to be salt of the earth, that is to say catalysts of change, and examples to others. This is, pretty obviously, quite a challenge, and one that, historically, the Church has often failed to live up to. Again, we are called to be light to the world, reflecting the light of Jesus to others. This should lead us to consider just how we evangelise others, how we spread the Good News, and how we welcome others into the Church. The first reading from the prophecy of Isaiah treats of our duties of charity to our fellow human beings, on which we will be judged.

Next Sunday is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. On this day we are holding a retiring collection for the

diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. This is to enable people who cannot afford it to join in the diocesan pilgrimage in the summer. If anyone is interested in going to Lourdes, please say so!

Congratulations to Paul and Felicité Sagna who this week celebrate 25 years of marriage! They will be present at the 11.15am Mass, so you can congratulate them in person.

This Sunday our confirmation group meets at 7pm in the Hall, please keep them in your prayers. Their recent retreat was a great success.

Confessions are heard every Saturday morning, from 10.30 to 11.15am

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Hall, who died on Sunday 26 January in Regent House, The Drive, at the age of 88, having received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon the day before. She used to live in Hangleton Valley Drive, and was for many years an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist in this parish. Her Requiem Mass will take place here on Tuesday 18 February at 10am. Please note the date.

The next baptism course is going to be after Easter and will take place on Tuesday 21 April in the Upper Room. (Note the change of venue.) Parents who have a child to baptise need to see Fr Alexander in advance, so he can come round and see you at home beforehand.

Liturgical notes: Monday is the feast of Saint Scholastica, virgin, the sister of Saint Benedict. Tuesday is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This day is designated World Day of the Sick, a day of prayer for all those who are unwell. At the 10am Mass we will be praying for the sick, and celebrating the Anointing of the

Sick. Anyone who is unwell is invited to come along, and you are invited to make this known to anyone you know who is in need of healing. Needless to say, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated at other times too on request.

Friday is the feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of Europe.

February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family. On days when there is no feast, we shall be saying the Mass for the Sick.

Our Social Club meets in the Hall this Friday at 1.30pm. We will be hearing from Annie, who is a retired police officer, who will be sharing various experiences about “the job”, which should be interesting. On Friday 21, it will be bingo, and on Friday 28 we will be hoping to show a suitable film, namely The Inn of the Sixth Happiness, the fictionalised account of the life of the missionary in China, Gladys Aylward. This wonderful film stars Ingrid Bergman. (It is quite long, and with a suitable break, the showing will last to 4.30pm. The title of the film has been corrected since last week.)

The Junior Choir party is this Friday, which is Saint Valentine’s day, and will start at 7pm in the Hall are run until 8.30pm. There will be food, drink and games! Adult helpers are welcome! The stained glass debt stands at £13, 210, after a superb benefaction by one of our parishioners of £1,000. Let us remember her in our prayers. Please note that the Saturday evening Mass is for benefactors, which gives us the opportunity to pray for her, and other benefactors too. The debt is falling rapidly! Please note in the forthcoming

events section the fundraising initiatives that we have planned.

Hall news: in a few weeks we should have sight of the initial plans for the refurbishment of our Hall. Please give this some thought in the meantime, and if you have any suggestions, please make them known.

We seem to be getting more and more requests for counter-signatures to passport forms, and other types of document which need the parish stamp and the signature of a priest. From now on you are kindly asked to submit all these forms to Aisling, our parish secretary, who will collate and prepare them for Fr Alexander to sign, and will advise you when they are ready for collection. Please note Aisling’s working hours and her email, both of which appear at the head of this newsletter.

Lent is coming! On the last Sunday in February, a representative of the Apostolate of Adoration is coming to speak at all Masses, and to tell us of the spiritual benefits that can flow from having regular Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. We propose to hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday in Lent, from after Mass until 4pm, with Confessions available, inviting a different priest each Saturday to fill a slot, so parishioners can have a choice about who they confess to. The best possible way to deepen our devotion to Our Blessed Lord is by adoring Him present in the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar. Why? Because the Host, which is consecrated at Mass, is the Body of Christ, and in coming before the Host we come before Christ’s Real Presence. This prayer before the Sacrament is prayer in the presence of the Lord who loves us and who has given us His Body to eat and

His Blood to drink, a mystery which sums up the love of God and the whole Christian religion. So, do please resolve if you can to visit the Church on Saturdays in lent and keep company with Our Lord!

Don’t forget our Scriptural initiative this Lent. This is supposed to be the year in which Catholics get to grips with the Bible, and so we shall be reading and praying with Saint Matthew’s account of the Passion. (We are in year A for the readings at Mass, and St Matthew’s gospel is the one we are hearing on Sundays). The Monday session is a reading group, a consideration of the text, led by Fr Alexander, and the Tuesday session is a praying session of lectio divina, led by Kate Williamson. You are all invited!

Evening of prayer for the separated, divorced & remarried: The diocese is holding an afternoon of welcome, listening, conversation & afternoon tea for the Separated, Divorced and Remarried. This event will be held at St John the Evangelist parish in Horsham on Sunday 23 February at 3pm and will conclude with the celebration of Evening Prayer. Please respond to Katherine Bergin on Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk to assist with catering.

200 Club Winners:
September draw: £50, Sheila Coldicott, £90 Susan Cashman, £200 Jennifer Smith. October draw: £50 Caroline Riley, £90 Mary Foord, £200 Mary Bradley. Congratulations to all of you.

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