

Our Lady Help of Christians

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Feast of the Ascension

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

At the 10.30 Mass today we welcome the young people going forward for Confirmation through the Rite of Election.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Ben Adams	Hayley Allingham	Tarryn Attfield
Gemma Crean	Kieran Egan	Joshua Hatt
Ellen Howard	Ayshea Kaa	Therese Page-Tickell
Louise Raggett	Louis Staniland	Benjamin Stone
Tom Vickers	Ruth Webster.	

This Weekend 15/16 Collection (Obligatory) for World Communications.

POPE BENEDICT'S VISIT TO BRITAIN

There will be a second collection in all the Churches in our Diocese next **Sunday 23 May (Pentecost) 2010** to defray some of the costs of Our Holy Father's visit.

Mass Intentions for the week beginning

Sunday 16 May 2010

Saturday	6.00pm	People of the Parish.
Sunday	8.30am	Patsy Levanzin RIP
	10.30am	Deceased of the Byrne and O'Connell families.
Monday	9.30am	Deceased of Clark, Coakley and Quirk families.
Tuesday	9.30am	Catholic Women's League.
Thursday	9.30am	Deceased Family and Friends of John and Eileen Loader.
Friday	9.30am	Henrietta and Joe Panther, Molly and Paddy Judge RIP.
Saturday	9.30am	Special Intention.
	6.00 Vigil Mass	Mr Stroud RIP
Sunday	8.30am	Ann Linsley (Intention)
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Masses not celebrated in the Parish Church.
Isabella Hall (Intention).

SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

Prayer of the Church - Psalms Week 3

Monday	17	Mass of the Seventh Week of Easter.
Tuesday	18	Mass of the Seventh Week of Easter.
Wed'day	19	Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Service. 8.00 Cooperators meet at St John Bosco House.
Thursday	20	Mass of the Seventh Week of Easter.
Friday	21	Mass of the Seventh Week of Easter Adoration at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm.
Saturday	22	Mass of the Seventh Week of Easter. Day for new Catholics at Portsmouth Cathedral. CWL Day in Honour of Our Lady in Church 7.00 Parish Variety Evening.
Sunday	23	Feast of Pentecost.

This Weekend **22/23 May** a Second Collection will be taken up to defray some of the costs of Pope Benedict's visit to Britain.

Proclaiming the Word

Would Readers please collect their invitation to Commissioning - on Pentecost Sunday - from the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

Services on Saturday Morning

9.15	Morning Prayer of the Church
9.30	Holy Mass
10 - 11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10 - 10.45	Confessions/Reconciliation

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

23: Pentecost Sunday. Reception of Jane Mumford and Children into the Church and Commissioning Readers of the Word.

25: 7.00pm Confirmation in our Pastoral Area at Cove.

29/30: Rearranged [from 9/10th January] White Flower Appeal.

30: **10.30 'Go forth'** Mass for the Confirmed children.

June

9: 8.00pm Meeting of Parents of First Communion Children.

10: 2.30 Mass for the Senior Parishioners.

12: 10am ISA Roadshow (Independent Safeguarding Authority) at Our Lady and Dominic, Cove.

12: Special Mass at St Bede's for Wedding Jubilarians.

12/13: Appeal and Collection on behalf of **Survive Miva.**

17: 8.00pm Pastoral Area House Groups Mass at St Swithun's.

20: First Holy Communion. Two sessions - 10.30 and 2.30pm.

July

24/25: Annual Mission Appeal for the Sacred Heart Fathers.

Pilgrimage to Aylesford

SUNDAY 13 JUNE 2010

The **Knights of St Columba** are running a coach to Aylesford on Sunday 13th June and welcome anyone who would like to join them on this Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady.

Any queries please phone **Ray Harden on 545742 or Ray Cookson on 543291.**

PARISH VARIETY EVENING

Next Saturday May 22 : 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

Application forms are on the table in the Narthex. Tickets for the audience will be on sale shortly. Come and enjoy yourself!

The Ascension

The Acts of the Apostles is addressed to Theophilus – which means *'lover of God'* and so is addressed to us. It is generally agreed that Luke wrote both the Acts and the Gospel. We may ask why Luke ends his Gospel with the Ascension and begins the Acts with the same event. The ending of Luke's Gospel is joyful whilst the beginning of the Acts finds the Apostles baffled and needing the reassurance of the men dressed in white. The reason may be that the disciples having shared their life with Jesus are full of joy, but now they have to face the world without him and spread his message to all peoples. This is a daunting task. Like the Apostles we, too, have to share the Gospel with others and that can give us cause for concern.

PARISH COMMUNAL MEAL - PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday 23RD May 2010

Last Year on Pentecost Sunday we had a Communal Meal in the Hall after the 10.30 Mass. We hope to do the same again this year.

All parishioners are warmly invited to share lunch together. It has been suggested that you bring whatever food and drink you like and we will have a shared buffet table. It would be wonderful if we came together as a worshipping community to celebrate Pentecost in this way. Anne-Marie Maher-Williams in our contact: **01252 511066.**

Let us pray for the Sick

Jim Curran, Nick Mills, Muriel Carver, Catherine McGrath, Debbie de Bono, Dominic Clark, Elizabeth Pearce, Joan Schieder, Claire Hilder, Anthony Leakey, Julie Hall, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Nora O'Connor, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O'Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the **Petition Book.**

We pray for our deceased parishioners

Ellen Meehan, Lewis Burke, Nora Mullins, Peter Murphy, Louise Weeding, Albert Budgen, Ted Dance, Joseph Scharpze, Rose Matheson, Alfred Maddocks, Ethel Raynor, Fr Vincent Power SDB, Victor Gardner, Bill O'Donoghue.

May they Rest in Peace.