

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Obligatory Collection for Catholic Education Service this weekend 4/5 February.

Short Appeal after all Masses this weekend for new members for the Harvesters.

'CROSSING THE THRESHOLD'

For some time I have been reflecting on the number of non churchgoing Catholics in Farnborough. This was reinforced by the fact that a few have returned and are delighted to do so. My thoughts were directed towards a parish campaign to encourage the lapsed to return to practice. So often it is just a case of dropping a word in the ear of someone you know who is a Catholic but for their own good reasons have ceased coming to Church. Most people would like to do so but there is a fear of what people might think and the possible reception they might receive. We need to assure them that we are only too pleased when people return and so often they are just waiting for a little encouragement from us. For my part I am ever so pleased when those who have been away from Church return.

All this coincided with literature I received during the week regarding a **Resource Day** for parishes on this subject to be held on **Saturday 3 March 2012 at the Christian Education Centre, Crawley, West Sussex**. It is being organized by the Home Mission Desk of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales and both Bishop Kieran Conry and Archbishop Peter Smith of Southwark will attend.

It would be great if some parishioners made this a special Mission for Lent. I would be grateful if a few people volunteered to go to Crawley for the gathering and the parish would cover the expenses. Please look at the information on the notice board. We would need to book places as soon as possible.

Portsmouth People

The Diocesan Magazine, **The Portsmouth People**, is available this weekend. Please take a copy and find out what is happening in the rest of the Diocese.

Preparing for the Rite of Election 2012

Our Lady Help of Christians

Wednesday 8th February from 7.30 – 9.15

We host this special Meeting for those in the Pastoral Area who will be taking part in the Rite of Election at Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 25 February at 11.00 am. You are very welcome to attend the gathering in our Narthex next Wednesday.

Mass intentions for the Week Beginning

Sunday 5 February 2012

6.00pm Vigil Mass	Kenneth Wilson RIP.
Sunday 8.30am	People of the Parish.
10.30am	Frank and Maureen Panther.
Monday 9.30am	Margaret Josephine Galvin RIP.
Tuesday 9.30am	Jean Clarke and family.
Thu'day 9.30am	Sheila Kellett RIP
Friday 9.30am	Deceased family and friends of Sally Hall

Saturday 9.30am Molly Holcombe RIP.

6.00 pm Vigil Mass Dominic Clark (Healing).
Sunday 8.30am John Wintermeyer RIP
10.30am Bunny and Bernice Vaas.

Masses not celebrated in the parish church

John Molloy RIP

Week 4 of Ordinary Time

Prayer of the Church (Psalms Week 1)

Monday Mass St Paul Miki and Companions.
Tuesday Mass of 5th Week of Ordinary Time.
Wednesday 7.30 Rite of Election rehearsal in Narthex.
Thursday Mass of 5th Week of Ordinary Time.
Friday Mass of St Scholastica.
Saturday: Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes.
We extend our Greetings to Fr Tony and his parishioners.
Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Next weekend 18/19 February there will be an Optional Collection for Cabrini Children's Society.

Film and Tea Sunday afternoon

'Fatima, the 13th Day'

A remarkable re-telling of the story of Fatima will be shown on a big screen in Our Lady's Hall, Fleet on **Sunday 19th February at 3pm**. All welcome – there will be tea, coffee & cakes during the interval.

Flame!

On the 24th March 2012, Wembley Arena will be filled with 10,000 young Catholics from all over the country celebrating their faith. Speakers will include Fr Timothy Radcliffe, Barry and Margaret Mizen and Archbishop Vincent Nichols and there will be lots of activities. Tickets can be booked online at <http://cymfed.org/congress/flame/2012/default.aspx>.

Dates to remember

22 February	Ash Wednesday - Fast and abstinence
3 March	Enrolment of Confirmation Candidates.
7 March	PA Steering Group Meeting with PPC.
8 March	2 pm Mass for the Elderly.
8 April	Easter Sunday.
23 May	Pastoral Area Confirmations.
17 June	Celebration of First Holy Communion.

We remember the sick in our Prayers

Fr Bill Carroll (Abercorn House), Bridgette Timmins, Paddy Brennan, Maria Fraser, Dominic Clark, Nick Mills, Debbie de Bono, Matt Murphy, Elizabeth Pearce, Claire Hilder, Audrey Phoenix, Anthony Leakey, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O'Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the Petition Book.

We pray for the deceased members of our Parish

Thomas Fleming, Mary Rogers, Eva Melia, Nora Coppin, Molly Walk, Elizabeth Sheehan, Maurice Sugg, Antoni Rylak, ehel Strode, Hannah andi-Patin, Claire Stone, Louis Thompsen, Eva Ryan, Blanch Cairns, John Wintermeyer, Antoinette Sammut.

May they Rest in Peace.