

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

1 May 2011

GRATITUDE

Thanks to all who made The Easter Triduum very special. All our services were moving and inspiring and that was due to the spirit and input of many people. The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning saw three different groups making the Way of the Cross separately – adults, teenagers and small children. Thanks to Paul Adams who came up with the idea. We had a very large congregation for the Friday afternoon service. The Collection for the Holy Places came to **£602.79**. The Easter Vigil was very special. It really got the atmosphere of anticipation and joy. We are blessed with the new members of our Parish. As always our Church was beautifully decked with flowers thanks to Elizabeth, Christine, Chandra, Tina and Sarah. We had very large congregations for both Easter Day Masses. The Garden Tomb was a special attraction - thanks to Christine Wilson and Sharon Gallagher.

A special word of thanks to all who helped in innumerable ways for Lent and the great Easter Celebrations – our liturgy team, choir, altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, catechists, flower arrangers, cleaners, hospitality, welcomers and many, many others. I must thank all those who gave me cards and also for the Easter Collection. Thanks to all.

Catholic Women's League Appeal

A brief appeal at all Masses this weekend for new members. CWL Cake Stall after all Masses this weekend. Cheese and Wine Party after the 6.00 pm Mass today 30th April.

BAPTISM

We welcome **Lucy Linda Macias** into God's Family and that of this Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism. We extend our congratulations to John and Laura.

"Pastoral Area Home Group Team"

Sunday evening 1 May from 7 pm till 9 pm. Thanksgiving Service (not Mass) followed by refreshments. Please bring something to share, including your thoughts and ideas.

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

Bishop Crispian hopes to retire later this year. Please collect a prayer card and pray for the appointment of a new bishop and also for Bishop Crispian who has been our Bishop for 23 years.

Mass intentions for the Week Beginning

Sunday 1 May

Sat'day	6.00pm	John Molloy RIP
Sunday	8.30am	Deceased of Robert Head's Family.
	10.30	Bro Robert OSB (Intention)
Monday	9.30	Peter Flack RIP.
Tuesday	9.30	Thanksgiving (Audrey Phoenix)
Thu'day	9.30	Kathy Raggett - family Intention.
Friday	11.00	Requiem for Fr Laurence Martin RIP
Sat'day	9.30	Albert Bailey RIP.

Third Sunday of Easter

Vigil Mass	6.00pm	John Howard RIP
Sunday	8.30am	Patricia Levanzin RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Second Week of Easter

Prayer of the Church – Psalms week 2	
Monday	Feast of St George, Patron of England.
Tuesday	Mass of Saints Philip and James.
Wednesday	Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Service.
Thursday	Mass of the Second Week of Easter Hall used all day for Elections.
Friday	11.00am Requiem Mass - Fr Laurence Martin RIP.
Saturday	Mass of the Easter weekday..
Collection on Weekend 14/15 May for Clergy Training Fund	
NOTE: First Communion Session on 14 May ends at 1pm.	

Dates for your Diary

May

- 10:** 10:15 Parish Finance Meeting
7.30 Nicky Stevens – Local Pastoral Leadership.
- 13:** Alverstoke weekend for Confirmation candidates.
- 14:** **OPEN MORNING** : 9.15 – 12.30 at Salesian College
- 15:** National Vocations Sunday.
- 17:** 7.00pm Confirmation at Our Lady and St Dominic.
- 22:** Salesian Cooperators Study Day at St Anne's Chertsey.
- 28:** Marriage Refresher day – 10 till 4, Our Lady, Fleet.

June

- 10-12** Marriage encounter Weekend at Wokefield Park, Reading

GIFTED BY GOD

A unique series of five talks and meditations for our Pastoral Area to help us reflect on how we have been gifted by God and how we are each called to respond as disciples. This important series is seen as an important milestone along our road towards stewardship and you are encouraged to be part of that journey. **[See poster and pick up a leaflet].**

Starting 8 pm Thursday, 12 May.

VENUE: Our Lady's Hall, junction of Kings Road and Connaught Road, Fleet, GU51 3RA. All Welcome.

Visitors from St Elizabeth Convent Belarus

Next weekend 7/8 May the Sisters of St Elizabeth Convent will set up a stall at each Mass to sell goods made in their convent workshops. Their ministry is to some of the most deprived people in Belarus. Please come prepared to buy some of their goods. **Please look at the Poster.**

GOODS: Pottery, birchbark boxes, hand-painted icons, wood-carved crosses, Russian Christmas tree decorations, etc.etc.

Let us pray for the Sick

Maria Fraser, Margharita Gosling, Nick Mills, Mary Mulligan, Debbie de Bono, 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 our deceased parishioners

John Lawlor, Kathleen Olcot, Gladys Brampton, Margaret Woods, Amy Olcot, Annie Grove, Robert Raggett, Doreen Reid, Mary Millar, Julia Vince, Victor Orchard, Alfred Walk, Phyllis Toccock, Fr James Pilling SDB.

May they Rest in Peace.