

Our Lady Help of Christians

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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

TODAY IS A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE.

The White Flower Appeal

We didn't take up the White Flower Collection last weekend for The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children because of the weather conditions. I told them that we would take it up later in the year.

I was very pleasantly surprised at the number of parishioners who braved the weather conditions to come Mass last weekend. The Lord will reward you for the special effort you made.

COLLECTION FOR HAITI

Everyone is aware of the terrible disaster in Haiti. We can help with our prayers and money. We will take up a collection next weekend 23/24 for the Disaster Fund.

PARISH DIARIES

A number of people have been as requesting information on the Parish Diaries that we normally distribute at the beginning of the New Year. Normally the company that prints them seeks information on Business Sponsors (Advertisements) about June time. This year they didn't write until the beginning of December and said that they would be printed. We are still waiting, but hopefully, they may arrive in the near future.

THE PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We have decided to postpone the Parish Annual General Meeting until after we have had more information on the Diocesan fund-raising Campaign *Living our Faith*. The Meeting we were due to have on Wednesday 13 had to be postponed because of adverse weather conditions.

Mass Intentions for the week beginning

Sunday 17 January 2010

Saturday	6.00pm	David Clarkson, Mr Mrs Dante, Dante Family, and Tim RIP.
Sunday	8.30am	Margaret Reid's parents (RIP)
	10.30am	People of the Parish.
Monday	9.30am	Peter Cerins (Sick).
Tuesday	9.30am	Catholic Women's League.
Thursday	9.30am	Mrs Hurst RIP
Friday	9.30am	George Green RIP
Saturday	9.30am	No Services this morning

Saturday Vigil Mass:
6.00 pm: Peter McCormack RIP.

Sunday	8.30am	Diana Baker RIP
	10.30am	Liam Doyle RIP

Masses not celebrated in the Parish Church

The Searson Family, Diana Baker RIP

Mass and events beginning 18 January 2010

Prayer of the Church - Psalms Week 2.

Monday	18	Mass of the Second Week of Ordinary Time. Today is the beginning of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. RCIA Meeting: Theme – <i>Models of Church</i> .
Tuesday	19	Mass of the Second Week of Ordinary Time.
Wed'day	20	Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Service. 8.00 Meeting of Parents of First Communion Children.
Thursday	21	Mass of St Agnes Virgin and Martyr. 6.30pm Living our Faith. Planning Meeting

at Wash Common.

Friday 22 Mass of the Second Week of Ordinary Time.

Saturday 23 No Services this morning

Salesian Family Day at Chertsey (10am - 16.30pm)

Sunday 24 **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.**

Next Weekend 30/31 Collection (Obligatory) for Catholic Education Service

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2010

31: Feast of Saint John Bosco and Education Sunday.

February

5: Parish Quiz Night.

17: Ash Wednesday.

20: Rite of Election at Portsmouth Cathedral.

26: CAFOD Lenten Fast Day.

April

4: **Easter Sunday**

May

25: 7.00pm Confirmation in our Pastoral Area

June

20: First Communion Day.

Services on Saturday morning

9.15	Morning Prayer of the Church
9.30	Holy Mass
10.00 - 10.40	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions
10.00 - 11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Foundation Governor Vacancy at St Patrick's

Bishop Crispian is seeking applications from committed baptised Catholics who wish to be considered for this vacancy. The term of office is for four years.

Appropriate training is available during the period of service.

Lack of experience in education in a Catholic school should not deter anyone from applying if there is a genuine desire to serve the mission of the Church.

Application forms are available from the Parish Priest or the School Office or the Department for Schools (Governance) at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham PO17 5HA

Closing Date for applications is 5 February 2010.

OUR PARISH HAS TALENT

Let's get together and let it show on Saturday March 20.

[See the list in the Narthex]

Shake off those Blues and the White stuff and sign up for a Night of Entertainment!

QUIZ NIGHT

Due to weather conditions and other factors the **Quiz Night** which was due to take place on Friday 22 January has been postponed until **Friday 5 February**.

Information on this event will be put on the notice board shortly.

Let us pray for the Sick

Please keep Debbie de Bono in your prayers as she is facing another very serious operation.

Jim Curran, Debbie de Bono, Mary Brady, Val Ryan (in Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice) 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

Angela Kelly, Rose Connolly, Brian Alexander, Jessie Newson, Hilda Edwards, Robert Luther, Jim Lawrence, John Joyce, Mark Bartlett.

May they Rest in Peace