

# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### ASH WEDNESDAY

The first reading today sets the tone for the rest of the Holy season of Lent. The prophet Joel tells us that the citizens of Jerusalem are despairing. A terrifying black cloud of locusts has marched across the countryside like an enormous army, devouring everything in its path, even blotting out the sun, and now has entered the city. In this hour of darkness the Lord calls the entire people to sincere repentance. External actions, must become expressions of a deep change of heart. The emphasis is not on the people's sinfulness but on the graciousness of God, who hears their cry. During this Lent may we discover God's graciousness.

#### Walk with Me

To help you on your Lenten journey please buy a copy of the beautiful little booklet *Walk with Me*. [Price £1].

#### Welcome to Fr Martin Coyle SDB

This weekend we welcome Fr Martin Coyle SDB to the Parish. Fr Martin, as you may know, is the Salesian Provincial of the English Province. He will preside at the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday and at the 8.30 on Sunday morning. He will visit Fr Tony's parish for the 10.00am Mass on Sunday. I am sure you will make him very welcome. No more than one complaint per person, please!

#### Optional Collection for Cabrini Children's Society.

Cabrini is a charity providing wide ranging services to vulnerable children, young people, families and to adults with learning disabilities. The Society was established in 1887. The name Cabrini is inspired by Francesca Xavier Cabrini the Patron Saint of immigrants, who in the early 1900's dedicated her life to helping children.

The money collected this weekend will be used run two centres in Peckham and Vauxhall. It is also directed to Schools, families in need, Residential Care and The Fountains Centre (funded by the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton). Gift Aid envelopes are available

#### The Collection for Catholic Education last weekend amounted to £418.02. Thank you for your generosity.

#### 'CROSSING THE THRESHOLD'

There is a **Resource Day** for parishes 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 for the purpose of encouraging the lapsed to return to the practice of their faith. Bishop Kieran Conry of Arundel and Brighton and Archbishop Peter Smith of Southwark will attend. Would anyone like to go?

#### Masses not celebrated in the Parish Church

Audrey Phoenix (Intention)

#### Preparing for Lent and Easter

During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings. On Wednesday mornings at 10.15 we will have a DVD with discussions on SIX Saints: St Therese, Benedict, Francis of Assisi, Patrick, Ignatius of Loyola and Catherine of Siena. Each session should last no longer than an hour.

#### Mass intentions for the Week Beginning

##### Sunday 19 February 2012

6.00pm Vigil Mass	Eleanor Fowler RIP.
Sunday 8.30am	Mary Simms RIP
10.30am	Luigi Tavernini RIP.
Monday 9.30am	James Merdell RIP.

Tuesday 9.30am	Catholic Women's League.
Ash Wed. 9.00am	Audrey Phoenix.
8.00pm	Patrick Quigg
Thu'day 9.30am	Gerard Mulholland RIP.
Friday 9.30am	Peter Foley RIP.
Saturday 9.30am	Alan Morris RIP.
6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Mary Davies (Intention)
Sunday 8.30am	Audrey Phoenix (Intention)
10.30am	Caitheleen Mathoka's family.

#### To love and serve the Lord

There are a number of Ministries/Roles to be filled in the Parish and we are appealing to your generosity to fill them. Please take a copy of the Ministry descriptors/or read them and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you to put yourself forward. The areas are:

- Liturgy/choir members
- Catechesis (First Holy Communion)
- Community Pastoral Team.

#### Week 7 of Ordinary Time

##### Prayer of the Church (Psalms Week 3 – from Wed. Week 4)

Monday	Mass of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time
Tuesday	Mass of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time 7.15 CWL Meeting in the Narthex.
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday. Mass at 9am & 8.00pm.
Thursday	Mass of Thursday after Ash Wednesday.
Friday	Mass of Friday after Ash Wednesday. 12.30 – 2.00pm Frugal lunch 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday:	Mass of Saturday after Ash Wednesday.
Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent.

#### Gift Aid Envelopes

There are 2 envelopes in use for which John Power has no 'owners' name. **The numbers are 65 and 78.** Could the owners please contact John Power (01252 546888) or leave a note with your names with Fr Dan. Thank you.

#### Dates to remember

3 March	Enrolment of Confirmation Candidates.
7 March	PA Steering Group Meeting with PPC.
8 March	2 pm Mass for the Elderly.
26 March	7.30pm Parish Reconciliation Service.
30 March	7.30pm Parish Seder Meal.
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.

#### Ken Gallagher RIP

Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 10.00 in Our Lady and St Dominic.

#### We pray for the deceased members of our Parish

Ted Tocock, Frederick Wyatt, Elizabeth Wesley, David Conlon, Hannah Dawson, William Walsh, Dorothy Tottle, Eileen Woodward., Mrs McLoughlin, Harry Kane, Eileen Kane, Joseph Burgess. **May they Rest in Peace.**