

Our Lady Help of Christians

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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This weekend **13/14 February** there is an optional Collection for the Cabrini Children's Society.

BAPTISM

This afternoon we welcome **Filip Dominik Bogusz** into the family of God and this Community through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate his parents Dominik and Magdalena and assure the family of our prayers and good wishes.

Boscós and Mojos Youth Club

We wish to thank the Youth Club and their leaders for the wonderful celebration we had last Sunday. Their presentation of the Liturgy and singing were excellent and the repast afterwards – pancakes, waffles, cream and strawberries - were mouth-watering! Thank you very much and we look forward to the next occasion. A special word of thanks to Mrs Kate Licence, Mrs Vivienne Dodd and Alex Dodd. Thank you again for this very successful initiative.

Mass Intentions for the week beginning

Sunday 14 February 2010

Saturday	6.00pm	6.00 pm: Elizabeth Madden RIP.
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish.
	10.30am	Kay Marley RIP
Monday	9.00am	Paul Byrne RIP and deceased family and friends of Carole Byrne.
Tuesday	9.30am	Catholic Women's League.
Wednesday	9.30am	Elizabeth May Taylor RIP.
	8.00pm	Vocations
Thursday	9.30am	Mary Sandeman
Friday	9.30am	Diana Baker RIP.
Saturday	9.30am	Benefactors of Priests' Retirement Fund.
Saturday Vigil Mass:	6.00	Bill Brooks RIP
Sunday	8.30am	Mrs Lidia Troianescu (Intention)
	10.30am	Anne-Marie Murphy RIP

Masses not celebrated in the Parish Church

Vocations.

Mass and events beginning 15 February 2010

Prayer of the Church - Psalms Week 2.

Monday	15	Mass of the Sixth Week in Ordinary time. 10.30 Priests meet at St Lucy's Medstead to discuss the changes to the Mass. 7.30 Rite of Election Meeting in the Narthex. 8.00 SVP Meeting in the Parish House
Tuesday	16	Mass of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time. 7.15 CWL Meeting in the Narthex
Wed'day	17	ASH WEDNESDAY. Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Mass, Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 9.30am and 8.00pm
Thursday	18	Mass of the Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Friday	19	Mass of the Friday after Ash Wednesday 7.30 Stations of the Cross.
Saturday	20	Mass of the Saturday after Ash Wednesday.

Sunday 21 First Sunday in Lent..

Next Friday 26 February is "LENTEN FAST DAY". There will be a **Collection (optional)** on the weekend of **27/28 February**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2010

- 20:** Rite of Election at Portsmouth Cathedral.
22: 7.30 Lenten Talk on John Paul II given by Fr John Dickson SDB.
26: CAFOD Lenten Fast Day. (50 Anniversary of the Fast Day).
March
8: Women's World Day of Prayer.
11: 2.00pm Mass for the Senior Parishioners.
22: 7.30 Meeting of the Liturgy Leaders in the Pastoral Area at St Swithun's Yateley.
24: 7.30 pm Parish Seder Meal in the Hall.
30: 11.00 The Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral.
April
4: Easter Sunday
May
25: 7.00pm Confirmation in our Pastoral Area.
June
20: First Holy Communion. Two sessions - 10.30 and 2.30pm.
July
24/25: Annual Mission Appeal for the Sacred Heart Fathers and the Brothers of Betharram.

Lenten Talk given by Fr John Dickson SDB

Monday 22nd February at 7.30 pm

Fr John Dickson has given us wonderful Talks in the past during Advent and Lent. This time he wishes to speak about the impact that Pope John Paul II made on society. Please put the above date in your Diary and come along for a talk which lasts about one hour.

Fast and Abstinence

Abstinence refers to refraining from eating meat or meat products on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. Those are the two mandatory days but it doesn't mean that one is not encouraged to abstain on other days. Catholics bound by this rule are individuals **between the age of fourteen and the end of their life**. The law of **fasting** (namely partaking of one full meal and two smaller meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) starts at the age of **18 until the beginning of their sixtieth year**. Consideration of health should be an aspect of all this.

Of course those not covered by these prescriptions are encouraged to practise some other form of penance.

HOME GROUPS

Would those interested in joining the Home Groups please contact Deacon Paul or Rebecca on **01252 519061**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is a well-established Catholic devotion. During the season of Lent we will do the Stations of the Cross after the **9.30 Mass on Tuesdays** and at **7.30 on Friday** evening. Please try to attend one or both of these.

THE BEST YEARS

We are told that the last years of the Hubble telescope will be it's best. The same often holds true for people. The elderly have so much to offer. Never think that you are useless. The **doing** may be less urgent, varied or demanding, but **being** becomes more important than ever. Paul reminds us of that in the second Reading.

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

Let us pray for the Sick

Debbie de Bono, Mary Brady, 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

Fr Piersé Byrne SDB, Martin Baker, Rosanna Raison, Emily Kennedy, Elizabeth May Taylor, Eleanor Fowler, Ted Tocock, Joe Whittingham, Frederick Wyett.

May they Rest in Peace