

Our Lady Help of Christians

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Third Sunday of Lent

URGENT

Pope Benedict will be visiting Britain in the Autumn. Already the Secular Society of Great Britain is asking people to sign a petition against his visit. They have already attracted 20,000 signatures. We need to make our voices heard by signing our own approval of the visit. You are asked to visit the website and sign the supporting petition as we welcome the Holy Father to our country. You can do this by logging on to:

www.petitiononline.com/PopeinUK/petition.html

Mass Intentions for the week beginning

Sunday 7 March 2010

Saturday	6.00pm	Jackie Kelly (Birthday).
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish.
	10.30am	Joan Brooks (Intention).
Monday	9.30am	Richard Mulcahy (Sick)
Tuesday	9.30am	Anne-Marie Murphy RIP
Thursday	2.00pm	Julia Ustupka RIP
Friday	9.30am	Deceased family and friends of Theresa and Cliff Everest.
Saturday	9.30am	Sally Hall (Intention).
Saturday Vigil Mass:	6.00	Julia Dolan RIP
Sunday	8.30am	Grace May (Intention)
	10.30am	Carmel Murphy (Intention).

Masses not celebrated in the Parish Church.

Fr Bob Coupe (Intention), and Private Intention.

Mass and events beginning 8 March 2010

Prayer of the Church - Psalms Week 3.

Monday	8	Mass of the Third Week of Lent. Fr Dan: Reconciliation at All Hallows. 7.30 RCIA Meeting in the Narthex. Theme: <i>Marriage and Holy Orders</i> . SVP Meeting in the Parish House
Tuesday	9	Mass of the Third Week of Lent. Stations of the Cross after Morning Mass 6.30 – 8.30 Confirmation session in Narthex. Theme: <i>What is a Sacrament?</i>
Wed'day	10	Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Service.
Thursday	11	2.00pm Mass for Senior Parishioners followed by buffet tea.
Friday	12	Mass of Third Week of Lent. 6.30am – 4.30pm: All Day Breakfast at St Peter's Parish Centre for Cancer Research. 12.00 noon: Frugal lunch in the Hall. 7.30pm Stations of the Cross.
Saturday	13	Mass of the Third Week in Lent.
Sunday	14	Fourth Sunday in Lent.

There will be a **Collection (obligatory)** on the weekend of **13/14 March for the Clergy Assistance Fund.**

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

The Optional Collection last Weekend for **CAFOD** amounted to **£373.62**. Once more may I thank you for your unstinting generosity.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

- 15: 7.30 Parish Service of Reconciliation and Confessions.
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

- 2: Good Friday 3.15: The Passion of Jesus in Trafalgar Square
4: Easter Sunday

May

- 25: 7.00pm Confirmation in our Pastoral Area.
29/30: Rearranged [from 9/10th January] White Flower Appeal.

June

- 20: First Holy Communion. Two sessions - 10.30 and 2.30pm.

July

- 24/25: Annual Mission Appeal for the Sacred Heart Fathers.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 20-27 AUGUST

The annual Lourdes Pilgrimage with Bishop Crispian takes place from 20-27 August this year. Travel by Euro-star (via Paris), Coach or Plane (Stansted) direct to Lourdes. Brochures, application forms, and medical forms available from Mgr Vincent Harvey, St Edmund's Presbytery, 14 Rockstone Place, Southampton, Hampshire SO15 2EQ; or from vincent.harvey@gsy.org.uk or on the diocesan web site. The overall leader of the pilgrimage this year will be Bishop Peter Doyle (Northampton)

ALTON CONVENT OPEN DAY

Friday 19 March 2010 from 9.30am – 12.00 noon

Nursery, Prep and Senior School Open Morning for parents and pupils.

- Scholarships and bursaries are available at 7+ 11+ and 16+
- Before and after school care available.

If you are unable to attend any of these events but would like further information please contact Mrs Pigott on 01420 82070.

PARISH AND PASTORAL AREA HOUSE GROUPS

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"I have been coming to look for fruit..." (Luke 13:7)

With the right amount of pruning, feeding and tender loving care we can all blossom and bear fruit. Let us not waste the opportunities we are given to bring this about in ourselves and others, lest one day it will be too late. [For more information visit:

www.preparingtheground.org.uk/lent2010.html

PREMIER CHRISTIAN RADIO

Premier Christian Radio does a wonderful work in promoting Christian values in this country. We can support them in their various initiatives. At the moment they would like us to fill in a form and send it to the Speaker and Members of the House of Commons. I am placing copies of **My Promise to Vote** on the table in the Narthex. It takes only a few minutes to fill one in. If you wish to post them yourself please do so. However, you could place them in the box on the table and I will post them.

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**.

Kevin Irwin RIP

Please pray for Kevin who died during the week RIP. The funeral arrangements have not yet been finalized..

We pray for our deceased parishioners

Catherine Cooke, Alexander Callaghan, Agnes Kelleher, Charles Quinn, Molly Taylor, Helene Whiteside, Michael Forrest, John Albert Wisdom, Christopher Mitchell.

May they Rest in Peace