

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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Third Sunday of Ordinary time

Parish Annual General Meeting

As already announced the Parish Annual General Meeting will take place after the 10.30 Mass today. Please make a big effort to attend. It should last no longer than an hour, but it is very important in the life of the Parish. I would like to see more initiatives coming from and being implemented by the parishioners. Our present Holy Father has expressed a deep desire for more devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and it would be wonderful if someone organized another session apart from that on Saturday morning. I would welcome a Catechetical team to prepare parents for the Baptism of their children. We can provide very useful materials for it. I make a special appeal for new members for the choir. Judging by the volume of music we get at the two Masses when we don't have an organist, one is led to believe that there are many talented singers in our midst. When you sing you pray twice over! What about it?

CAKE SALE

The Catholic Women's League will hold a cake sale after the 6.00pm and 8.30am this weekend.

Proclaiming the word

Can those who proclaim the word at the weekend please make sure that there are **TWO** readers. We no longer say 'This is the word of the Lord' - instead 'The word of the Lord'.

CAFOD'S LENT FAST DAY

Friday 2 March.

This year, parish donations to CAFOD will be **doubled** at no extra cost to parishioners. Under the **UK Aid Match** initiative, the UK Government will match pound for pound all parish and individual donations towards CAFOD'S Lenten Appeal, including funds raised for Fast Day.

UK Aid Match is a scheme that allows UK public to have a say in how some of the government's international aid budget is spent.

All donations made, as a result of Lent fundraising activities that happen from **mid-February 2012 to mid-May 2012** will qualify. This would be a wonderful opportunity for those of you who have an organizing and entrepreneurial spirit to do something big for Lent. What about it? Ad astra per ardua!

Charity trek to Santiago for the Fountain Centre

Marion Dante (known to many parishioners) has decided to walk the St James' Way to Santiago de Compostelo (Spain) on behalf of The Fountain Centre in the Royal Surrey Hospital. The centre is designated to the care of those suffering from cancer and its after effects. People in this area who have cancer usually attend the Royal Surrey for treatment.

Marion is looking for sponsors and will make a short appeal at the Masses on 11/12 February. I will remind you again nearer the date. Many of us are appreciative of the treatment given at St Luke's (Surrey Hospital) and we can show our appreciation by sponsoring Marion's pilgrimage.

There is some information on the notice board.

MUSIC AND THE NEW LITURGICAL CHANGES

Fr Gerard Bradley who leads the music at St John's Seminary Womersley, has kindly offered to come and give his advice on new musical settings at **7.30 on Thursday 26 January in Church.**

There is an open invitation and we encourage as many of you as possible to come even if you are not in the choir. We really need

some new blood in the choir. Most of us can sing. Why not try and build up our choir and give yourselves and a parish a welcome boost on Sunday morning! **Choir Practices are on Thursdays between 7.30 and 9.00pm.**

Mass intentions for the Week Beginning

Sunday 22 January 2012

6.00pm Vigil Mass	Martin Brooks RIP
Sunday 8.30am	Gary Mabbley RIP
10.30am	Mary Lyng RIP.
Monday 9.30am	Sick people.
Tuesday 9.30am	Bunny and Bernice Vaas.
Thu'day 9.30am	Dec. of Bridget Timmins fam.
Friday 9.30am	Paul Byrne & deceased of Byrne and O'Connell Family.
Saturday 9.30am	Douglas Vaas RIP.
6.00 pm Vigil Mass	Patrick Mahoney RIP
Sunday 8.30am	Paul Byrne RIP
10.30am	Roy Phoenix RIP.

Masses not celebrated in the parish church

Audrey Phoenix (Intention)

Week 3 of Ordinary Time

Prayer of the Church (Psalms Week 2)

Monday	Mass of the Third Week of Ordinary Time
Tuesday	Feast of St Francis de Sales
Wednesday	Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Service?
Thursday	Memorial of St Timothy and St Titus
Friday	Mass of Third Week of Ordinary Time.
Saturday:	Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas.
Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

We are holding Education Sunday on 29 January but the Obligatory Collection for Catholic Education Service will be on the Weekend 4/5 February.

Dates to remember

29 January	Education Sunday – School Mass.
31 January	Feast of St John Bosco.
5 February	Harvesters' Appeal – Mission/Members.
8 February	7.30 – 9.15 Rite of Election in Narthex
22 February	Ash Wednesday.
3 March	Enrolment of Confirmation Candidates.
7 March	PA Steering Group Meeting with PPC.
15 March	2 pm Mass for the Elderly.
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, 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.

We pray for the deceased members of our Parish

Fr John Bourn SDB, Harold Glew, Esther Fannon, Michael Joyce, Edna Gardner, Angela Kelly, Rose Connolly, Brian Alexander, Val Ryan, Jessie Newson, Hilda Edwards, Robert Luther.

May they Rest in Peace.