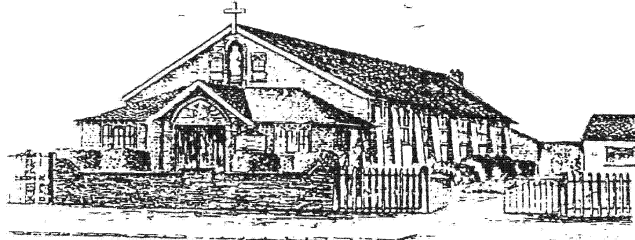


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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER 2009 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
Special Remembrance of Margaret Berkeley [Anniv]
Monday: 10.00am Mass – Paddy Mason RIP *Advent Feria*
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass - Anne Leonard RIP *Advent feria*
Friday: **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD –CHRISTMAS DAY**
9.30am People of the Parish
Special Remembrance of Mary & Thomas Coyle

SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER 2009 – THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
Special Remembrance of Maureen Hobbs

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

Masses: Patrick Ryan RIP, Connor Family living and dead, private intention.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

INTENTIONS OF POPE BENEDICT XV1 FOR DECEMBER: General: That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms. **Mission:** That at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize in Jesus the light of the world and that the Nations may open their doors to Christ, the Saviour of the world.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Charlie Mulholland, Margaret Bowe, John Mullen, Mary Brown, Fran Kirk, Ivy Pritchard, Rose Gray, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Flynn, Joe

**WISHING YOU CHRISTMAS
PEACE AND JOY
AND MANY BLESSINGS IN THE
NEW YEAR 2010**



*May the Peace and Joy of the Christ-Child's
Birth fill your Hearts and your Homes this
Christmas and throughout the New Year*

Father Peter & Deacon John

Anderson, Patricia O'Rourke, Denise Geary, Peggy Irwin (Hospital) Fr David and also Fr Peter. Please also remember some priests in the diocese who are sick: Mgr Jonathan Moore, Fr Robert Routledge, Fr Terence Makings, Fr Con Moynihan, who is critically ill in hospital.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Joseph Edwin Bradshaw [baby entered into paradise 1996], Canon Patrick Balfe, Esther Butler, Fr Robert Sharp OP, Canon David Ryan, Edith Read, Margaret (Meg) Berkeley, Fr Douglas Walford
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes - **£202.86.** Loose - **£43.60. Total - £246.46. Thank you!**

PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION Envelopes - **£102.86.** Loose - **£37.33. Total - £140.19. Thank you!** The next collection will be taken on **Sunday 17th January** during the Communion hymn.

Special Collection for flowers for Christmas will be taken today during the communion hymn. Offerings can be gift aided by using a brown envelope from the back of church and putting your name or number on it.

ADVENT/CAROL SERVICE - will be held **this Sunday 20th December at 4.00pm.** Followed by a party for the children and refreshments for all. Come and join the children in telling the story of Christmas through readings and carols and get us in the spirit of Christmas. **It will be shared table so bring some Christmas goodies!**

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS - Flower arranging and Christmas decorations will be on Wednesday from after the Mass at 10.00am. Any volunteers are more than welcome, just come along. If you have in your garden or allotment seasonal greenery especially with berries, please bring to church before then or phone for collection. Thank you.

Christmas Spring Clean: Please will as many people as possible come on Monday evening at 7.00pm. to clean the church and prepare the crib and decorations for Christmas. I know it is a busy time for everyone but the more who come and help get the church ready for our Christmas celebrations the quicker everything will be done. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Would parents of children, who will be **eight years old** during this present school year, and who wish to make their First Holy Communion next June, please collect a form from Angela or me as soon as possible. Classes will begin in January when school restarts..

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES - GIFT AID SCHEME: The new Offertory envelopes for 2010 are on the table at the back of church. Please collect your box today. Gift Aiding your offerings really does increase our parish funds. Thank you to all those who contribute to the Gift Aid Scheme, which costs nothing extra but is of tremendous value to the parish. There is still time to join the Gift Aid scheme with new envelopes for January 2010

Gift Aid - This really is a wonderful way to make your weekly offering go further and help the parish. As you may have seen from last year's account we received **£3,400 from tax already paid.** If you pay tax on your income or savings, why not Gift Aid your donations. For every £1 you give the taxman pays the parish an extra 28p. Sign up today and get your box of envelopes for the New Year. Keith and Frank will be around after Mass to explain and encourage you to join the Gift Aid scheme. Don't put it off, do it today. **Those who already have envelopes, please use them each week so that we can keep a record and reclaim the tax, if not we cannot claim. Thank you.**

USED POSTAGE STAMPS - Please bring the used postage stamps, leaving about a half-inch border of paper, and put them in the box in the porch. They can be used for the missions and our charity.

FAITH IN FAMILIES' BOXES - These are due for emptying in time for Christmas. Please bring your box and give to Margaret Parker or leave in the sacristy in the next few weeks. Please note that the contents of your children's box can also be Gift Aided. Ask Margaret for a form. Faith in Families is looking for Catholic families to adopt Catholic children who remain in the care of the Local Authorities. See the poster for contact details.

FIND THE JOKER: The last winner was **Barbara Horley who picked G7 – 4 of Diamonds.** Tickets on sale after Mass and during coffee in the hall, when the ticket to turn over a card will be drawn. Tickets £1. Prize money £60. Thank you to Angela and Keith for this fundraiser.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS for SHELTER (Caring for the Homeless)

PARISH MINISTRIES **20th December**
Ministry of Welcome: Fitzpatrick Family
Ministry of Reader: Angela Fitzpatrick
Helen Bray
Offertory Collection & Offertory Procession F O'Hara, Maria W
Church Cleaning Nora, Christopher
Tea/Coffee M McCay & Chris
Flowers Julie & Tony
No flowers

27th December
Margaret McCay
Mary Teresa Gibbs
Charles Sweeney
P Vaughan, M Parker
K Moore, C Sweeney
Margaret Mc & Chris
Liz & Joanne
Not needed

If you are away or unable to do your ministry over the Christmas time, please try and swap with someone else. **PARISH MINISTRIES:** Thank you to those who have volunteered for ministry. If you feel you can help by doing a ministry, then please come forward at any time. Volunteers are needed in all ministries. ***Can you help, please? Thank you***

Christmas Day – Blessing of the Crib and Mass at 9.30am.
Christmas Day offertory collection is the Christmas Offerings for Fr Peter.