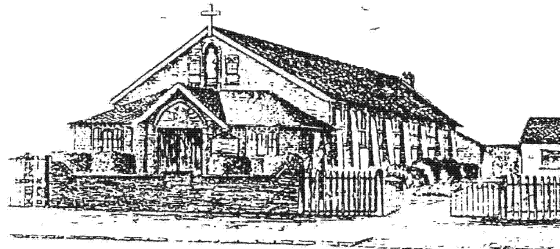


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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2010 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]

Sunday:	9.30am	People of the Parish Special Remembrance of Honora Scarhill RIP	
Monday:	10.00am	Mass – Fr Thomas Anglin RIP	<i>Feria</i>
Wednesday:	9.45am	Mass – Special intention (CC)	<i>St Scholastica, Virgin</i>
Friday:	10.00am	Mass – Sr Margaret (ints)	<i>Feria</i>

SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2010 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]

Sunday:	9.30am	People of the Parish Special Remembrance of Sean McQuaid
	4.00pm	Baptism – Eva Clair Elizabeth Barrett *****

Masses: Margaret Parker (operation), Special intention (AS), private intention.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

PRAYER FOR THE SICK - Thursday is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and a World Day of Special Prayer for the Sick. We pray for our sick family members, for the sick of the parish and for all who are sick that the Lord will be their healing and their strength and give them peace in their suffering. We also pray for those who care for them whether in hospitals or at home that they will treat the sick in their care with patience, kindness and compassion

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time until Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on earth; Christian Unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed.

INTENTION OF POPE BENEDICT XV1 FOR FEBRUARY: General: That the family may become more and more a place of training in charity, personal growth and transmission of the faith. **Missionary:** That the Church, missionary by its very nature, may strive to follow Christ faithfully and proclaim his Gospel to all peoples.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Charlie Mulholland, Margaret Bowe, John Mullen, Mary Brown, Fran Kirk, Ivy Pritchard, Rose Gray, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Flynn, Joe Anderson, Patricia O'Rourke, Denise Geary, Peggy Irwin, Fr David and also Fr Peter. Please also remember some priests in the diocese who are sick: Mgr Jonathan Moore, Fr Robert Routledge, and Fr Terence Makings.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: William (Bill) Tyrrell, Bernard Kenny, Fr Edward Carrick, Fr Finian O'Sullivan, Bernard (Brian) Heaney, Edward Kirby, Fr Patrick Kelly SMA, Bridget Silver, John Schari, Fr William O'Neill CSSp, Mgr John Hadican, Cecil Price, Thomas O'Callaghan, Sean McQuaid. **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**

YEAR FOR PRIESTS: 19 June 2009 - 19 June 2010. Pope Benedict XVI has called the whole Church to celebrate a Year for Priests beginning on 19th June 2009, the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Bishop Malcolm asks us to pray each day for priests. Please use the prayer card and keep priests in your prayers during this special year. We value your prayerful support and are strengthened and encouraged by it. Thank you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes - £203.30. Loose - £92.80. Total - £311.10. Thank you!

PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION will be taken on **Sunday 14th February** during the Communion hymn.

PARISH MINISTRIES	7th February	14th February	21st February
Ministry of Welcome:	Young People	Nora Needham	Payne Family
Ministry of Reader:	Anne Gee Won	Elisabeth Gibbs	Emma Asfaw
	Harry Jones	Tim Ward	Barbara Mackness
Offertory Collection & Offertory Procession	Young People	F O'Hara, M Wainwright	P Vaughan, M Parker
Church Cleaning	M Moore, H Bray	N Needham, C O'Donovan	K Moore, C Sweeney
Tea/Coffee	Margarets B & P	Margarets B & P	Margarets B & P
Flowers	Mary & Tony	Julie & Tony	Joanne & Liz
	Margaret P	Maria	Lent – No Flowers

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – THIS SUNDAY

Because of the emergency appeal for Haiti earthquake, this collection for the Sick and Retired Priests has been put back a week to this Sunday 7th February. Please be sure to get a copy of the leaflet. Bishop Malcolm in his report concerning this Fund expresses his deep thanks for the great generosity shown in response to his Pastoral Letter two years ago. He reminds us of the commitments the Diocese has in covering the costs in caring for our sick and retired priests. There are 33 retired priests and 4 younger priests who are unable to work in parishes because of ill health. Some are able to live independently and some, who need constant care, are in nursing homes. But they are all supported by the Fund. The care of our sick, old and retired priests is a duty for all of us in the diocese. Please be as generous as you can in the special collection this Sunday and remember our sick and retired priests in your daily prayers. This year there are special envelopes to make it easier for you to Gift Aid your donation by putting in your box number. If you have made out a Gift Aid for SRPF you can still do it that way but mark the envelope accordingly and cheques should be made out to SRPF. Thank you.

Bishop Malcolm writes "Since January 2009 several of our brethren have died, Canon Paddy Snee, Canon Brendan O'Sullivan, Frs Philip O'Dowd, Derl Daly, John Mack, Brian Welsh, and most recently, Fr Con Moynihan. As well as Diocesan Clergy several members of Religious Orders have died during this past year, Fr Barney Brady OPraem, Fr Denis Hough AA, Fr John Gilroy CSSp, and Fr Peter Logue OCSO. Whilst many were retired or were in poor health, all continued to contribute, serve and give of themselves generously to the work of the Church here in the Diocese. Their presence will be sadly missed. May they rest in peace!

At the outset of the year, I would be grateful if you would remind your people of those priests who have died this past year, and in this Year For The Priest to ask your people to remember all Diocesan and Religious Clergy in their prayers, and to continue to pray for, and encourage vocations to the Priesthood."

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 7th -14th FEBRUARY

Bishop Malcolm will be presiding at the annual Mass of Celebration during National Marriage Week in **St. Barnabas Cathedral next Sunday 14th February**

at 3pm. A welcome is extended to all who have ever received the sacrament but a special welcome is extended to those celebrating anniversaries of ten years, Silver, Ruby, Golden and Diamond anniversaries as well as to engaged couples and those experiencing difficulties in their marriage. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. Representatives of Catholic organisations concerned with marriage and family life in the diocese will be in attendance. For further information please contact Sue Sanderson susan.sanderson@nrcdt.org.uk or Fr John Sherrington, family.nottingham@googlemail.com

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This Tuesday 9th February at 7.00pm in the presbytery. As always the meeting is open to all. Please come along to give your support and ideas.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

I am pleased to say Bishop Malcolm has agreed to come to the parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Autumn Term on **Monday 11th October**. He could not make the 13th October which would have been ideal as it is the feast day of St Edward the Confessor. Candidates should be aged 11 and at secondary school by the end of this year. We will begin to collect names during the summer term when any young person who is eligible and would like to be confirmed can get a form and register. Please keep our young people in your prayers during this time before the preparation begins. More details after Easter. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND 17th – 21st OCTOBER 2010

Fr Eddy Jarosz will be leading a Pilgrimage to Poland between the above dates. Flying from Stansted Airport to Krakow and staying 4 nights half board in a 3 star hotel in the centre of the city. Full pilgrimage programme including daily Mass and visits to Chestochowa, Auschwitz, city tour of Krakow, Lagiewniki (Basilica of the Divine Mercy) and other places of interest. The cost will be approximately £500 (depends on price of flight at the time of booking). Single supplement £100. Further details and a booking form, please contact Fr Eddy at St Peter's, Leicester. – Tel: 251 9802.

FIND THE JOKER

Winner Bridget Hourihan picked E3 – 7 of Clubs. Prize money now stands at **£142.50**. Tickets £1 are on sale after Mass and in the Hall during coffee when the draw is made for the winning ticket to turn over a playing card in search of the winning Joker. Thanks to Angela and Keith for running this fundraiser.

STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE:

By order of the Bishop, the following statement is to be read/published on the weekends of the First Sundays in February and October:

Marriage is a life long vocation of a man and a woman to a community of life and love open to children, and - between the Baptized - it is a Sacrament. Aware of the many pressures today, which can endanger family life, the Church is constantly concerned to make sure that those of you planning to marry are prepared as well as possible. We would like to remind those who wish to marry of the following:

- 1 - It is important that a couple go to see their priest in good time before their wedding - normally at least six months notice should be given.
- 2 - Marriage Preparation is carried out by the Priest, perhaps assisted by a group from the Parish. Courses arranged by the Catholic Marriage Care and Engaged Encounter are recommended. Natural Family Planning training is also available.
- 3 - Catholics are reminded of their obligation to preserve their faith and to do all they can within the unity of their partnership to have all the children baptized and brought up as Catholics.
- 4 - Non-Catholic partners will be informed of this promise but are not asked to make any similar promise.
- 5 - Dispensation for a marriage between a Catholic and a Baptized non-Catholic to take place outside the Catholic Church can only be granted where there is a serious reason, and the permission for marriage has been granted.

All couples marrying today need the support of the local Church. In this way they will be strengthened in the preparation, celebration, and living out of their covenant with one another. We wish to thank all those married people who show such constancy and fidelity to their vocation of marriage. May their example inspire those planning to marry in the Church.

God Bless you and yours

Fr Peter & Deacon John

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