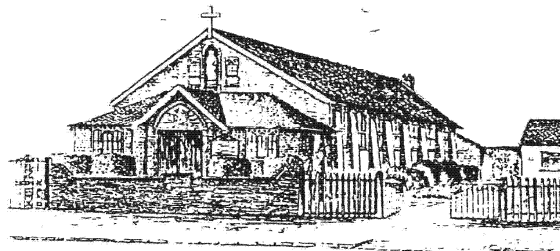


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**DIARY FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010 – THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD [C]**  
**FIRST WEEK OF THE YEAR**

**Sunday:** 9.30am People of the Parish  
 Special Remembrance of Ian Kirkpatrick [Anniv]  
**Monday:** 10.00am Mass – Anna May [ints] *Feria*  
**Wednesday:** 10.00am Mass – Eileen Beck (ints) *Feria*  
**Friday:** 10.00am Mass – Snee Family (ints) *Feria*

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010 – SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]**  
**Special day of Prayer for Peace on Earth.**

**Sunday:** 9.30am People of the Parish  
 Special Remembrance of Josephine Peacock [Anniv]  
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**Masses:** Special intention [KS], Sr Dolorosa (sick), private intention.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS**

**White Flower Appeal:** Along with this appeal today, we pray for SPUC's work in promoting the culture of Life in Government, Parliament and the people of Britain. We pray for all who have been and are being affected by an abortion experience.

**WORLD PEACE:** Next Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for Peace on earth. As we look around the world we can find many areas where war, terrorism, violence and conflict are the every day lot of many millions of people. We are all too well aware of the deaths of our own service personnel in Afghanistan, when their bodies are brought home. We pray that these conflicts can be brought to an end and that all people everywhere may be able to live their daily lives in peace and without fear but with dignity and respect.

**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 JANUARY: General:** That the family may become more and more a place of training in charity, personal growth and transmission of the faith. **Missionary:** That all Christian Churches give authentic witness to the Good News and move toward the full unity of all Christians.

**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:** Ian Kirkpatrick, Arthur Emmett, Josephine Peacock, Peter Brennan, Patrick MacDairmaid, Joseph Edwards, Francis O'Connell, Fr Peter Tierney, Bridget Henderson, John Graham. **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes - £176.00. Loose - £61.86. Total - £237.86. Thank you!

**PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION** will be taken on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January** during the Communion hymn.

<b>PARISH MINISTRIES</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Ministry of Welcome:	Nora Needham	Payne Family	Fitzpatrick Family
Ministry of Reader:	Elisabeth Gibbs Tim Ward	Emma Asfaw Barbara Mackness	Angela Fitzpatrick Helen Bray
Offertory Collection & Offertory Procession	M McCay, T Greene M Moore, H Bray	F O'Hara, M Wainwright N Needham, C O'Donovan	P Vaughan, M Parker K Moore, C. Sweeney
Church Cleaning	Angela & Liz	Angela & Liz	Angela & Liz
Tea/Coffee	Mary & Tony	Julie & Tony	Liz & Joanne
Flowers	Margaret M	Julie	Julie

### WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual White Flower Appeal **this Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January**. In common with the Catholic Church SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society opposes laws and public policies that violate innocent human life such as abortion, euthanasia, research on human embryos and anti-life sex education. SPUC also provides trained speakers for its educational work to promote the pro-life message in schools and colleges across Britain and Northern Ireland, plus a range of pro-life support services for those in need. Please give generously to this very worthy cause. Thank you.

### FEAST OF THE SANTO NINO

All are invited to the celebration of the Feast of the Santo Nino (Divine Infant) on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Braunstone**. There will be a shared table party afterwards. All are also welcome to join the 9 day novena beginning Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January. See poster for more details.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**This Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.00pm** in the presbytery. As always the meeting is open to all. At this meeting we hope to plan a diary of events for this year. Please come and give us your support and ideas.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

As there was only one candidate for this year, he with his parents has decided to wait until next year when there should be a larger group reaching the required age. We thank Angela for offering to prepare our first communicants and hope that she will be able to do so next year. In the meantime we keep our children in our prayers and encourage our parents to guide and nourish them in our faith both at home and at Mass on Sundays.

### REPOSITORY

After Mass every Sunday Julie opens the Repository at the back of the church. Also in the Hall during coffee she has plenty of cards for all occasions which Julie herself has made. They are beautifully hand crafted and very professional. Well worth having a look and a great help for the parish.

### FAITH IN FAMILIES BOXES

Please bring your box for emptying and give to Margaret Parker or leave in the

sacristy - all the boxes in by **this Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January**.

### CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

for **SHELTER** [Caring for the Homeless.] The Crib will be taken down this Sunday at the end of Christmastide.

### THE NEW MISSAL

It is likely that the new translation into English of the Roman Missal will be introduced into parishes before the end of 2010. Each Episcopal Area of the Diocese will be running various days for exploring Liturgy and preparing for the New Missal. The first session for Leicestershire will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am-3.30pm at St Patrick's Parish Hall, Beaumont Leys (LE4 2BD). A packed lunch will be needed. The day is open to all, both clergy and laity, especially those involved in the preparation of the liturgy and catechesis. If you would like to attend, please give your name to Deacon John or me by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Poster.

### PEACE SUNDAY

A day of special prayer for peace on earth will be held next **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January**. The theme for this year's Peace Sunday is **"To Sow Peace – Protect the Earth"**. On Peace Sunday Pope Benedict asks us to pray for our world for peace among ourselves, nations and the earth. He invites us to reflect on this year's theme and reminds us that **"If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation."** Today we are much more aware of how essential it is that Christians work to safeguard the natural world and re-make our own lifestyles, so that we might **"tread lightly on the earth"**. We are having to learn that we belong to nature, and not the other way round. We live here for a while, as tenants and stewards, not owners. But we are also learning that nature gives us the means for healing the wounds we have made, both in the living world and in our own spirits. We are to discover in our own Christian tradition a forgotten wisdom, voices such as St Francis of Assisi, who praised God for Brother Sun and Sister Moon and every other aspect of creation, including Sister Death. These voices, together with Pope Benedict, call us now to live in harmony with each other and with our wonderful planet.

### CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is from the 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January.

This year we at St Edward's church will be hosting a Christian Unity Service at **4.00pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January**. Let us make a big effort to be here to give a warm welcome to the members of the other local churches. After the service there will be light refreshments.

### PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 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, Hinckley Road, Leicester. – Tel: 251 9802

### Find the Joker

**Karen Ludlam's ticket was drawn and she picked Grid E7 – King of Clubs** Prize money now stands at £88.50. 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.

### IRISH CEILI & SET DANCE

Learn to dance. No dance experience required. All are welcome. Sunday at St Patrick's Parish Centre, Beaumont Leys Lane, LE4 2BD. 7.30-10.00pm Cost £2. Thursday – Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Gooding Avenue, LE3 1JS. 8.00-10.00pm. Cost £1. Further details. Tel: Anne 2415887 or Jo 07977 351901.

### Set Dance Weekend

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sun 24<sup>th</sup> January at St Patrick's Parish Centre. Set Dance Workshops Saturday 10.30-1.00pm & 2.00-5.00pm. Sunday 12noon-2.00pm. Saturday evening Ceile 8.30pm until late. See poster for more details. Contacts as above.

### CaFE Retreat Day

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 10am-4pm**. Theme – **"Life to the Full"** at Good Shepherd Parish Hall, Woodthorpe, Nottingham NG5 4HT, Suggested donation £10. Bring a packed lunch. To reserve places please call Tom Dillon 01623 79582. See poster and fliers.

*God Bless you and yours*

*Fr Peter & Deacon John*

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