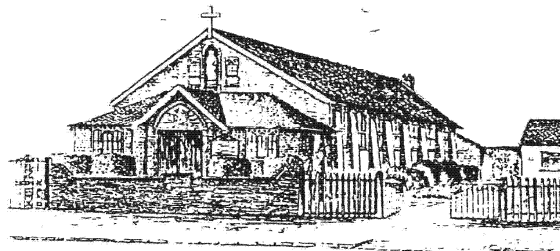


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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

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

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
 Special Remembrance of Josephine McCormack RIP
 4.00pm **Baptism – Eva Clair Elizabeth Barratt**

Monday: 10.00am Mass – Deceased Parishioners *Feria*

Wednesday: 10.00am Mass – Pauline Pritchard (Anniv)
 7.00pm **Mass – Private intention**

Friday: 10.00am Mass – Eileen Beck (welfare & intentions) *Lenten Feria*
 7.00-8.00pm **Lenten Holy Hour**

ASH WEDNESDAY – DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2010 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
 Special Remembrance of John O’Hanlon RIP
 4.00pm **Baptism – Alemay Zewdi Asfaw**

Masses: Parishioners of St Edward’s, private intentions.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

SPECIAL PRAYER: Today is a Day of Special Prayer for the unemployed. During this time of recession and economic difficulties we pray for those who have lost their jobs and are actively seeking employment that they do not feel a loss of dignity and give up hope but find work to support themselves and their families and dependents.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; the Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

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: Thomas O’Callaghan, Sean McQuaid, Teresa Smith, William Walsh, Fr Francis Brennan, Anne Mullahy, Don Woodfield, Dorothy Flynn, Canon Leo McReavy, Frederick Carter, Anna Maria Rose, **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 - £205.50. Loose - £61.50. Total - £267.00. Thank you!

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

PARISH MINISTRIES	14th February	21st February	28th February
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	F O’Hara, M Wainwright	P Vaughan, M Parker	M McCay, T Greene
Church Cleaning	N Needham, C O’Donovan	K Moore, C Sweeney	M Moore, H Bray
Tea/Coffee	Margarets B & P	Margarets B & P	Margarets B & P
Flowers	Julie & Tony Maria	Joanne & Liz Lent – No Flowers	Charles & volunteer Lent – No Flowers

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Thank you very much for your generosity. Last Sunday the special collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund came to £335. Each parish has a set target; ours is £400 based on our average attendance. The shortfall of £65 was made up from parish funds. The Gift Aid contributions came to £165.10. So that will bring in some extra. There are some envelopes at the back of church which you can use at any time during the year. So well done and thank you once again for responding so generously in these difficult times and especially after the terrific response to the Haiti Earthquake Emergency Appeal. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your daily prayers – some are not too well at all.

THE SEASON OF LENT

begins on Ash Wednesday – this Wednesday. During Lent we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter. In the Liturgy we follow the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem to his Passion and Death and on to the glory of his Resurrection. We prepare through our prayers and spiritual reading, our fasting and abstinence, our good works and almsgiving, our Eucharist and Reconciliation with God and with our neighbour. Our preparation ends with the renewal of our baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. It should be a season for assessing our spiritual life and our Christian living – a time of renewal, recollection and reconciliation.

Ash Wednesday – Ashes will be blessed and distributed at each Mass today. A good way to begin Lent is by coming to Mass and receiving the ashes, which means we recognize ourselves as sinners; we ask God's pardon for his Church and show our sincere desire to change our ways. Faith in the Lord's word makes us pass with him from death to life.

Fast and Abstinence – is also kept on Ash Wednesday. The age at which abstinence becomes binding is 14 years old. The obligation of fasting is restricted to those who have completed their 18th year and continues until they have begun their 60th year. For those who are sick there is no obligation to fast or abstain.

Easter Duties – reception of Holy Communion and confession where necessary – should be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (30th May).

Holy Hour with Lenten Reflection. Watching before the Blessed Sacrament with a short Lenten meditation as a focus for silent prayer. **Friday evening from 7.00-8.00, starting this Friday 19th February.** In the oratory, access by the bungalow front door.

Lent Booklet - "Walk with me" is a journey of prayer for Lent. It can be used by the individual or by the family together or in a group. Each day gives a meditation and a decade of the rosary. *In our daily reflections we are following the Message for Lent given by Pope Benedict. He takes us into a profound appreciation of the justice which God offers to us, which is seen and made effective in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, Our Lord. This is a justice which goes beyond every law, beyond every duty. This is justice shaped by love; a love which is perfect because it is of God.* The Holy Father's wish is that during this Lent we enter more deeply into the life-giving mystery of Christ. In order to do this we must undertake a review of our way of life, accepting Lent as a time of personal conversion or change of heart. That is the challenge of this season. It will be a wonderful tool to use each day to prepare spiritually for the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. There should be a free copy for every family, if you would like one. I have ordered more copies this year. Extra copies for sale at £1.

Lenten Station Masses – on Wednesdays at 7.00pm.
24th February – St John Bosco
3rd March – St Thomas More
10th March – Holy Cross, with Bishop Malcolm presiding.
17th March – St Patrick's at 11.00am
"The Death of the Messiah" – Reflections on the Passion narratives in the four Gospels. Led jointly by Fr Edward Jarosz, St Peter's RC and Rev Chris Oxley St Anne's et al Cof E, Every Thursday beginning 25th Feb and ending 25th March at St Anne's, Letchworth Road, Leicester 7.30-9.00pm. See poster.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – is Friday 26th February, which a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the world.

SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKES

Family social for 'Pancake Tuesday' beginning at **6.00pm**. Come along for a

tasty pancake. There will be a small raffle for our parish charity.

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.

Banns of Marriage

DAVID JOY

1, FOLVILLE STREET,
ASHBY FOLVILLE,
LEICESTERSHIRE.

and

KATHERINE PAWLEY
3, LORRIMER ROAD,
AYLESTONE,
LEICESTER

Intend with the blessing of God,
to be joined together in Holy
Matrimony on **20th March 2010**

If anyone knows of any
impediment of consanguinity,
affinity, or spiritual relationship, or
any other reason why these
persons should not be joined in
marriage, he is bound to declare
the same to the Parish Priest, as
soon as possible.

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.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The dates for this year's pilgrimage led by Bishop Malcolm are Monday 19th – Saturday 24th July. There should be more about this next week.

God Bless you and yours

Fr Peter & Deacon John

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