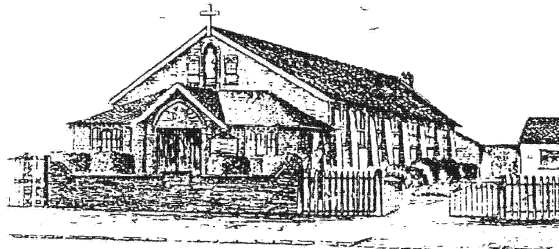


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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER – 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]
PRISONERS' SUNDAY

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
 Special Remembrance of Nora Bird
Monday: 10.00am Mass – November Dead List *St Margaret of Scotland*
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass – November Dead List *Feria*
Friday: 10.00am Mass – November Dead List *Feria*

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER – SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
34th & LAST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [B]
NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
 Special Remembrance of Fr John Dewar [Anniv]

Masses: November Dead List

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

CYCLE OF PRAYER During Ordinary Time from September we are asked to pray for these intentions: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work and the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners and their families.

INTENTIONS OF POPE BENEDICT XV1 FOR NOVEMBER: General: That all the men and women in the world, especially those who have responsibilities in the field of politics and economics, may never fail in their commitment to safeguard creation. **Mission:** That believers of all faiths may bear witness to the God of peace by the testimony of their lives and their spirit of dialogue.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Charlie Mulholland, Margaret Bowe, John Mullen, Mary Ginns, Mary Brown, Fran Kirk, Ivy Pritchard, Rose Gray, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Flynn, Joe Anderson, Patricia O'Rourke, Denise Geary, 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: Florence Kirby, Mgr Humphrey Wilson, Fr Alan Molyneux, Mary Taylor, Mgr William Purdy, Margaret Hall, Derek Dean, Trevor Nelson, Mary (Bridie) O'Hara, John Rossi, Jane Lindsay, Fr Joseph Neary, Christopher O'Donovan, Catherine Tipton, Peter Connell. **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes - £229.50. Loose - £55.10. Total - £284.60. Thank you!
PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION will be taken **this Sunday 15th November** during the Communion hymn.

PARISH MINISTRIES	15th November	22nd November	29th November
Ministry of Welcome:	Fitzpatrick Family	Margaret McCay	Nora Needham
Ministry of Reader:	Angela Fitzpatrick	Mary Teresa Gibbs	Elisabeth Gibbs
	Helen Bray	Charles Sweeney	Tim Ward
Offertory Collection & Offertory Procession	M McCay, T Greene	N Needham, M Wainwright	P Vaughan, M Parker
	Moore, H Bray	F O'Hara, C O'Donovan	K Moore, C Sweeney
Church Cleaning	Bridget & Mick Walsh	Bridget & Mick Walsh	Bridget & Mick Walsh
Tea/Coffee	Mary & Tony	Julie & Tony	Liz & Joanne
Flowers	Fiona	Fiona	Advent – No flowers

As you can see from the list there are many and varied ministries within the parish. But it is only by the good will of volunteers that these tasks are done. The more people we have helping the better, otherwise left to a few people only, what was a service willingly given can become an onerous chore. *We urgently need more people to be involved in all ministries. If you can help by doing a ministry, then please come forward. Thank you to those who volunteer for ministry already.*

PRISONERS' WEEK
9-15th November
PRISONERS' SUNDAY
This Sunday 15th November

A time when we pray for prisoners, ex-prisoners, their families, victims of offenders and all who care for them. We pray for all those affected by the Criminal Justice System. Also a time when we consider how best we can improve the way we, as a society, deal with offenders for their long-term good and for the long-term benefit of our society. **Prayer - "Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for all those who are in prison and for those affected by or involved in their imprisonment. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love: prisoners, their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen."**

CEMETERY VISITS

During November we are invited to join with other parishes in visiting our local cemeteries and praying for our deceased loved ones and all the faithful departed. All the visits will be on Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm.

• **29th Saffron Hill**

"To pray for the dead is a fine and noble action, taking full account of the resurrection." (2 Maccabees 12)

VOCATION DISCERNMENT
AFTERNOON

Young Women - wondering about God's call for you? You are welcome to join others in finding out what religious life is. It will be on 28th November and the last Saturday of each month 2.30pm - 5pm, at St Clare's Convent, Clay Cross. Contact fmsisters@googlemail.com. See poster for details.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY
"Witness to Hope"

Next Sunday, the Feast of Christ our King is National Youth Sunday. We celebrate youth, including young adults, and their importance in the Church family. We pray that they may be guided in their vocation and choices for life recognizing the individual calling given to each of us from God and seeking to find and fulfil it. We pray that the gift of faith and life of grace received at Baptism will grow ever stronger in their hearts. May they be guided in what they say and do so that they may play a meaningful and productive part both in society and the Church. May we as a parish encourage our young people and give them a good example of Christian

living. We ask God to bless them and guide them through his Holy Spirit in what can be very difficult and confusing times for young people. **ADVENT RETREAT** – at the Briars for those in Year 11 or older [up to 25] 11th-13th December. £62 for the weekend. A great chance to meet other young people and prepare well for Christmas. Booking: www.ndcys.com

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 year, please collect a form from me or Angela Holohan as soon as possible. Lessons will begin when schools go back in January.

AUTUMN FAYRE
Saturday 28th November

Our annual Autumn Fayre will soon be upon us. Please start sorting out items for the various stalls and raffles – bottles for the bottle stall, gifts for the tombola stall, cakes, groceries etc. Please bring any items to the church or presbytery over the next few weeks. The Autumn Fayre is our main fund raising event of the year but also a great social event for the parish.

PRIZE DRAW

The Prize Draw tickets are available please take some books then either to buy yourself or sell to family and friends. The first prize is £100. There is a list of prizes on the notice board. Please put your name down if you can donate a prize or contribute cash towards the first prize. Thank you.

FIND THE JOKER

This Sunday we will start a new "Find the Joker". Tickets on sale after Mass and during coffee in the hall, when the ticket to turn over a card will be drawn. Tickets £1. The takings are split 50/50 between the Parish & Prize money. Thanks to Angela and Keith for this.

FINANCIAL YEAR 2008/2009

Please see the notice board for the statement of accounts of the Parish for the Financial Year just ended. The financial accounts were presented to the Parish council on Tuesday 10th November after having been presented to the Parish Finance Committee two weeks ago. The accounts have been duly audited and sent to the Diocesan Finance Office.

Some observations:

Thank you to those who responded to appeals to look at your weekly giving and to Gift Aid your donations. The offertory collection at Mass was up by £413.56 on the previous year (£7.93 per week). Most of this was in the Gift Aid envelopes as a result Gift Aid Tax rebate was £3,400. The loose collection was

£3,188.70. Perhaps some of this could be gift aided and so bring in extra money? As you know from your own shopping and outlays food and energy costs have gone up, so too for the church expenses. Please look each year at your giving so that we do not drop back to previous problems. Our Parish Quota for this year is £2,916.00. Even with an increase of £16 above last year, we would still have again a big shortfall of £1,193. We really need to try to improve on this, particularly the amount given in the loose collection. Our fundraising was down by £64 even with Find the Joker. The Hall has brought in good income this year but the playgroup no longer uses it so we will not have that extra money coming in. Many thanks to Donal Fitzpatrick, with Angela's help, for caring for the Hall and taking the bookings.

In the final analysis we have managed to pay our way and fulfil our obligations to the diocese through the various quotas. I know that these are difficult times with the recession and economy and we are all affected. Since the beginning of this financial year in April the average weekly offertory collection is £233. Thank you very much for your continued support.

GIFT AID - This really is a wonderful way to make your weekly offering go further and help the parish. 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. Now is a good time as the new envelopes are being prepared for January 2010 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.

REPOSITORY

Thank you to Peggy for doing the Repository for many years. Julie has now taken on the job and invites you to see what is in the Repository at the back of the church. Also in the Hall during coffee she has plenty of cards for all occasions which she herself has made. They are beautifully hand crafted and very professional. Well worth having a look and a great help for the parish.

MUSIC EVENTS

22nd November 7.30pm – St Cecilia's Day Concert, also at the Cathedral. Free admission

28th November 7.30pm – Piano Recital by Emma Willcox. Venue Blackfriars Hall, Wellington Street, Leicester. £5 in support of Leicester SPUC. See Posters

God Bless you and yours

Fr Peter & Deacon John

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