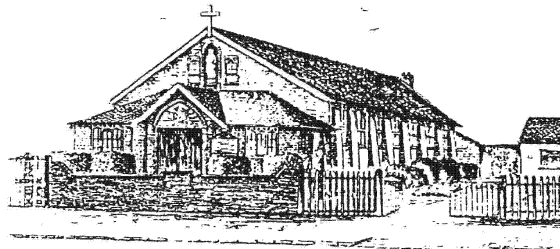


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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 18th APRIL 2010- THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE [C]

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
 Special Remembrance of Harry Beck [Anniv]
Monday: 10.00am Mass – Special intention [HH] *Easter Feria*
Wednesday: **No Service**
Friday: 10.00am Mass –Toni Tracey RIP *St George, Martyr, Patron of England*

SUNDAY 25th APRIL 2010- FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE [C]

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
 Special Remembrance of Denis Connolly [Month's Mind]

Mass intentions: Eileen Beck [90th Birthday], Alice Woods [ints], Mary Sullivan [Welfare], private intention.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

VOCATIONS: Next Sunday is a World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. We pray that the Lord of the harvest will call more men and women to serve him and his people as priests and religious. We pray that those who are called by God to this vocation in life will respond generously and with an open mind and heart.

We also pray for those who have responded and are preparing now for the priesthood and religious life

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Eastertide we are asked to pray for these intentions: New members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work

INTENTIONS OF POPE BENEDICT XVI FOR APRIL: General: That the Lord may bless the farmers with an abundant harvest and make the richer populations more responsive to the drama of hunger in the world. **Mission:** That Christians persecuted for the sake of the Gospel may, with the help of the Holy Spirit, witness faithfully to God's love for the entire human race.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Charlie Mulholland, Margaret Bowe, John Mullen, Mary Brown, Fran Kirk, Ivy Pritchard, Rose Gray, Jimmy Flynn, Joe Anderson, Patricia O'Rourke, Denise Geary, Peggy Irwin, Kathleen Logue (hospital), Joe LaMenza and also Fr Peter. Please also remember some priests in the diocese who are sick: Mgr Jonathan Moore, Fr Robert Routledge, Fr Neil McLaughlin, Fr John Abbot and Fr Hugh Doherty

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Roland Lewis, William Bryant, Agnes (Una) Kavanagh, Karl Mikunda, Harry Beck, Fr Tim McCarthy, Andrew Mills, Mgr Aleksander Murat (Polish Chaplain), Ellen Bolton, Canon Colin Mitchell. **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 - £158.00. Loose - £75.21. Total - £233.21. Thank you!

PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION - Envelopes - £74.50. Loose - £38.82. Total - £113.32. Thank you! The next PQ collection will be taken on **Sunday 9th May** during the Communion hymn.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Ministry of Welcome:
Ministry of Reader:

18th April

Margaret McCay
 Mary Teresa Gibbs
 Charles Sweeney
 P Vaughan, M Parker
 K Moore, C Sweeney
 Bridget & Mick Walsh
 Julie & Tony
 Maria

25th April

Nora Needham
 Elisabeth Gibbs
 Tim Ward
 M McCay, T Greene
 M Moore, H Bray
 Bridget & Mick Walsh
 Liz & Joanne
 Barbara

2nd May

Young People
 Catherine Gee Young
 Molly Jones
 Young People
 Margaret & Christopher
 Charles & Volunteer
 Barbara

**Offertory Collection &
 Offertory Procession
 Church Cleaning
 Tea/Coffee
 Flowers**

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

As already mentioned next Sunday of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. It is the fourth Sunday of Easter, and is known as Good Shepherd Sunday because in the Gospel we hear Jesus speak of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

Pope Benedict has written to us this on the theme- "*Witness Awakens Vocations*". He cites the prophets of the Old Testament dedicating their entire existence to bearing witness to God. Jesus, he says, is the "*supreme Witness to God and to his concern for the salvation of all.*" As we look forward to the visit of Pope Benedict to our shores, please continue to pray for those who may be considering a vocation to priesthood or religious life. **London Marathon Run**

Fr David Cain, the Diocesan Vocation Director, is taking part in this on Vocations Sunday 25th April. He has asked us to advertise it in our bulletins. **Sponsorship is for LOROS** (Leicestershire & Rutland Hospice) You can make donations via a cheque made payable to **LOROS** to St Peter's, 21 Hinckley Road, LE3 0TA or VIA

www.justgiving.com/david-cain

AWAKENING – 50 DAYS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

This is a joint venture of Jesus Youth UK and Mother of God Parish. Jesus Youth is a catholic youth missionary movement at the service of the Church. This year 2010 is a Jubilee year marking 25 years since its inception. As part of the Jubilee celebrations, Jesus Youth UK with the Mother of God Parish invite you to Awakening, a 50 Day perpetual Eucharistic Adoration and Intercession campaign. It started on Easter Monday 5th April at 6.00pm and ends on Pentecost Sunday May 23rd at 3.00pm. See the poster and covering letter with the intercessions and a list for watching.

BOYCE & STANLEY

In concert at St Peter's Church, Hinckley on Sunday 25th April at 6.00pm. Tickets Adults £7.50. Concessions £5. Tickets & details Tel: 01455 634443 and 01675 466254. See poster.

SPUC PRO-LIFE CHAINS

Saturday 24th April 11.00am – 1.00pm. Located at – B4114 St Johns Nr Narborough between Foxhunter roundabout and police station. Contact Mrs Teresa van Koonenburg 2888986

HEADTEACHER VACANCY

Bishop Ellis Catholic Primary School, Barkby Thorpe Lane, Thurmaston, Leicestershire, LE4 8GP Tel: 0116 2695510 Fax: 0116 2697479. **email: admin@bishopellis.leics.sch.uk**
Headteacher [Group 3 L14-20 NOR 320] required for September 2010 or Jan 2011. See poster
Closing date: 4th May 2010
Interviews: 20th / 21st May 2010.
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A TASTE OF THE WORLD

Over the last few weeks we have featured information about our first international food evening which is to be held on Saturday, 1st May from 6pm. This will be a marvellous opportunity to sample homemade food from many different parts of the world. In addition to the delicious food on offer there will also be a raffle and a food quiz. You are welcome to bring your own tippie but tea, coffee and squash will also be available. There will be no charge for this event but we hope that those people not providing dishes will be able to make a donation to our Parish Charity. We would like everyone intending to come to get a ticket so that we can set out the right number of tables and ensure there is sufficient food for everyone. Adult and child tickets will be available on 18th & 25th April after Mass from Charles Sweeney and Tim Ward. We do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to support this event and enjoy the delicious range of food that has been promised.

PARISH AGM

With this week's newsletter there is a nomination form for officers to the Parish Council. Officers will be elected from the approved list of nominees at the **Parish AGM on Tuesday 4th May at 7.00pm.** Remember that all parishioners are members of the parish council and are invited to every meeting and as such you have the right to nominate those you would like to serve as officials. **Nomination forms must be returned by Sunday 2nd May. There are still some forms available at the back of church.**

GENERAL ELECTION QUESTION TIME

On Wednesday 28th April 7.00pm at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Aylestone. Quiz your candidates on issues that matter to you. Parliamentary candidates for Leicester South will be taking questions about their

priorities and policies in this election forum, organized by Spirit of Aylestone and chaired by broadcaster, Sandra Herbert. See the poster and flyers on how to submit a question.

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

Find the Joker

Winner Geraldine Ludlum picked B6 – Ace of Clubs. Prize money now about **£242.50.** 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.

Fr David

I am just back from Fr Dave's funeral. What a celebration of prayer and praise, of joy and sadness, of thanksgiving and faith, of hope and love! The Reception and Mass last evening and today's Requiem Mass were so uplifting that those attending will have memories of how beautiful and extensive the family of the Church is, and how it enfolds us in the peace and love of God in the funeral liturgies. We were enthralled by the singing and music of the Leicester Zimbabwean Choir and the singing and liturgy of St Joseph's. I was delighted to see so many of you from St Edward's Parish at one or other or even both of the Masses. Not only did you show your love and appreciation of Fr Dave but I also felt your love and support for me. I am humbled and grateful – thank you all very much. May he rest in peace.

God Bless you and yours

Fr Peter & Deacon John

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PS Many congratulations and best wishes to Eileen Beck who celebrates her 90th birthday on Monday.