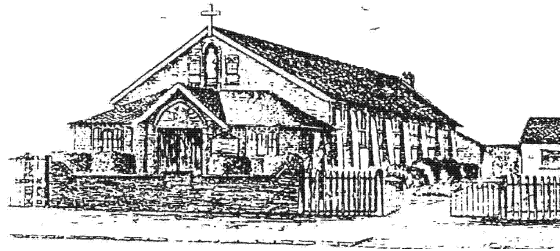


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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

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	
Monday:	10.00am	Mass – Joe & Angela Ward	<i>Chair of St Peter</i>
Wednesday:	10.00am	Mass – Kath Spencer (intentions)	<i>Lenten Feria</i>
	7.00pm	Station Mass – St Mary's, South Wigston	
Friday:	10.00am	Mass – Terry Chapman RIP	<i>Lenten Feria</i>
	7.00-8.00pm	Lenten Holy Hour	

SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2010 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [C]

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
 Special Remembrance of Ian Michael Moore

Masses: Special Intention (AS), private intentions.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

RITE OF ELECTION – takes place this afternoon at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. We pray for all those who will be called by Bishop Malcolm to prepare for baptism and reception into church at Easter. On this stage of their journey of faith we support them through our prayers that the Holy Spirit will come upon them and that they will be prepared to enter God's family here in the diocese of Nottingham.

SPECIAL PRAYER: Friday is a Day of Special Prayer for the needy and hungry of the world.

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: Russell Coates, Fr Christopher O'Brien, Mary O'Malley, Patrick Byrne, Fr Herbert Bowker, Kazimir Koloczeck, **Bishop Cyril Restieaux (Vicar General Nottingham, Bishop of Plymouth)**, Canon Leo Arendzen, Alice Kilduff, Fr William O'Dowd, **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 - £215.10. Loose - £63.90. Total - £279.00. Thank you!

PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION Envelopes - £109.00. Loose - £35.63. Total - £144.63. Thank you!

The next Parish Quota collection will be taken on **Sunday 14th March** during the Communion hymn.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Ministry of Welcome:
Ministry of Reader:

21st February

Payne Family
 Emma Asfaw
 Barbara Mackness
 P Vaughan, M Parker
 K Moore, C Sweeney
 Margarets B & P
 Joanne & Liz

28th February

Fitzpatrick Family
 Angela Fitzpatrick
 Helen Bray
 M McCay, T Greene
 M Moore, H Bray
 Margarets B & P
 Charles & volunteer

7th March

Young People
 Molly Jones
 Catherine Gee Young
 Young People
 Geraldine & Joan
 Mary & Tony

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

THE SEASON OF LENT

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. I am pleased to see that nearly all have gone. Please be sure to use it each day – it will be a great way to focus on Lent and to prepare for Easter.

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, this Friday 26th February.** In the oratory, access by the bungalow front door.

Lenten Station Masses – on Wednesdays at 7.00pm. Next **24th February – St Mary's, South Wigston**

3rd March – St Thomas Row

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.

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

CaFE Programme

Starting February 23rd and for 5 consecutive Tuesdays at St John Bosco's hall at 2.30pm for approx 90minutes. Also on the same Tuesday it is repeated in the evening at 7.30pm at St Hugh's hall.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 22nd February – 7th March

Fairtrade Fortnight aims to get more people talking about and buying Fairtrade produce. This year

everyone in the UK is encouraged to swap to Fairtrade products -your usual bananas for Fairtrade bananas or your usual tea for Fairtrade tea. Each and every swap proves that the people of the UK want producers in the developing world to get a fairer deal. Visit www.thebigswap.org.uk

to find out more, get inspired and register your swap. Nottingham is now officially a Fairtrade Diocese now that half the parishes in the Diocese have signed the Fairtrade Treaty. A certificate from the Fairtrade Foundation was to be presented to Bishop Malcolm two years ago at the "Handing on our Faith" day in Derby. This was an appropriate occasion because the certificate represents what we intend to do in the future as well as celebrating what we have already done. Could St Edward's become a Fairtrade Parish?

CAFOD - LENT FAST DAY

This Friday 26th February is a Day of Special Prayer for the Hungry and Needy of the world.

We are also asked to make some sacrifice in food or drink in solidarity with the hungry of the world and to donate the money we have saved. In thanking God for all that we have, we need also to be aware of all those millions who do not have such abundance or even have the basic necessities of every day life. We can help and show our concern by sharing what we have and giving generously to bring hope to people living in poverty. This year is the 50th anniversary of Lent Fast Days and the theme this year is

GIVE IT UP

We have the Lent Fast Day next Friday and give what we save in the collection next Sunday using the envelopes. But the idea this year is we give something up for the whole of Lent and what we would have spent we give to CAFOD. You will see from the envelopes some ideas how it works. For example we give up wine which can be turned into water, or biscuits into bicycles. So at the end of Lent you hand in your envelopes or whatever you have been saving in and we will send it to CAFOD for them to do the changing – magazines into shelter, meals into food!

Please return the CAFOD Lent Fast Day envelope with your donation in the special collection **next Sunday. If you pay tax please fill in the Gift Aid slip and put it in with your donation.** Since the Gift Aid scheme began in 2000 CAFOD has

been able to claim over £12 million from the tax man. Please be as generous as you can and sign the Gift Aid to increase your offering. **Thank you for your generosity.**

Check out CAFOD website - for specific items add /fairtrade www.cafod.org.uk

CAFOD Reflection Day

at the Diocesan Centre, Mackworth Saturday 6th March 11.00-4.00. Bring food for a shared table. See poster for details.

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.

WELCOME

We welcome into our parish community **Eva Clair Elizabeth Barratt**, who was baptized here in St Edward's last Sunday. We pray that she will feel part of our Eucharistic community and that through the prayers and example of her parents, godparents, family, friends and parishioners she will grow up strong in faith and love.

Find the Joker

Winner John Parker picked E3 – 7 of Diamonds. Prize money now about **£155.50.** 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. God Bless you and yours

Fr Peter & Deacon John

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