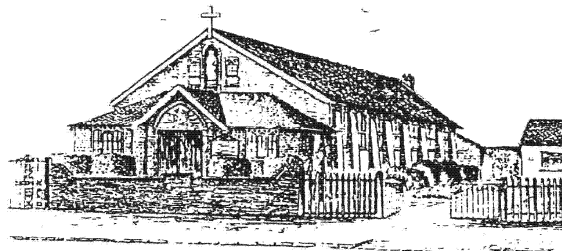


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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

**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 Maureen White & Fr John Dewar [Anniv]
Monday: 10.00am Mass – November Dead List *Feria*
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass – November Dead List *Feria*
Friday: 10.00am Mass – November Dead List *Feria*

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
Special Remembrance of Ronald Moore [Anniv]

Masses: November Dead List

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Maureen White**, Philomena Foley's sister, who died last week, aged 81. We also remember Phil and all her family who mourn for her that the Lord will be their comfort and strength at this time of grief. May she rest in peace.

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: Fr Waldo Judd, **Fr John Dewar (Parish Priest 1949-1991)**, Mgr Peter O'Dowd, Canon Cyril Gryce, Elizabeth Levevre, Joseph Regan, Ronald Joseph Moore, Margaret Pridmore, Tom O'Brien. **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes - £188.00. Loose - £78.56. Total - £266.56. Thank you!

PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION Envelopes - £127.00. Loose - £29.10. Total - £156.10. Thank you! The next Parish Quota will be taken on **Sunday 13th December** during the Communion hymn.

<u>PARISH MINISTRIES</u>	<u>22nd November</u>	<u>29th November</u>	<u>6th December</u>
Ministry of Welcome:	Margaret McCay	Nora Needham	Young People
Ministry of Reader:	Mary Teresa Gibbs	Elisabeth Gibbs	Catherine Gee Young
	Charles Sweeney	Tim Ward	Harry Jones
Offertory Collection & Offertory Procession	N Needham, M Wainwright	P Vaughan, M Parker	Young People
Church Cleaning	F O'Hara, C O'Donovan	K Moore, C Sweeney	
Tea/Coffee	Bridget & Mick Walsh	Bridget & Mick Walsh	M McCay & C O'Donovan
Flowers	Julie & Tony	Liz & Joanne	Charles & volunteer
	Fiona	Advent – No flowers	Advent – No flowers

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.

Check out our updated website with new links

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY "Witness to Hope"

This 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.ndcvs.com

CEMETERY VISIT

Next Sunday 29th November visit Saffron Hill at 3.00pm. "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.

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 NEXT SATURDAY

Our annual Autumn Fayre is **next Saturday 28th November 12noon – 4.00pm.** Please bring items for the various stalls and raffles – bottles for the bottle stall, gifts for the tombola stall, cakes, groceries etc.- to the church or presbytery during the week. **Please come and help set up the stalls on Friday evening at 7.00pm.** Helpers will also be needed after the Fayre on Saturday afternoon to help clear and tidy up ready for Sunday. The Autumn Fayre is our main fund raising event of the year but also a great social event for the parish. The proceeds go towards our School Quota which is **£1,900. Let's**

make every effort to raise as much as we can. It is also a great social event of the parish where we can meet and chat with each other. So please come along and enjoy the afternoon. Thank you.

PRIZE DRAW

The counterfoils and monies and any unsold tickets should be returned by Friday evening if possible. **So far only a few books of draw tickets have been returned and only a few prizes donated, with a little money towards the 1st prize. Please make every effort to buy and sell tickets as this brings in the most money usually.** Please put your name down if you can contribute cash towards the 1st prize of £100. Thank you.

ADVENT BOOKLET

The booklet "Walk with me" is a **journey of prayer for Advent and Christmas.** It can be used by the individual or by the family together or in a group. Each day follows the daily reading from Mass giving a theme, a meditation and a decade of the rosary. It will be a wonderful tool to use each day to prepare spiritually for the birth of Jesus at Christmas and afterwards. **There should be a free copy for every family if you would like one. Please take one to be ready for Advent beginning next Sunday.** Extra copies are for sale at £1.

ADVENT SERVICE

Churches Together in Aylestone are joining for an Advent service at St Andrew's church **next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, 29th Nov at 6.30pm.** All welcome.

FIND THE JOKER

Last Sunday's winner **Mary Montgomery** picked **F2 – 5 of Spades.** Tickets on sale after Mass and during coffee in the hall, when the ticket to turn over a card will be drawn. Tickets £1. Prize money **£13** Thanks to Angela and Keith for this fundraiser.

FINANCIAL YEAR 2008/2009

Some observations: 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 etc. 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 start 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. As you can see from last year's account we received **£3,400 from tax already paid.** 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.

THE WAVE – CLIMATE CHANGE

Come together to stop climate chaos on **5th December** when there is a human wave ready to flow through the streets of London. This is the weekend before world leaders meet in Copenhagen on 7th December for talks to take on the challenge of climate change with climate justice. **11am** – Christian service, including the Archbishop of Westminster, at Westminster Central Hall. **12pm** Activities for children & young people. **1pm** March starts at Grosvenor Square. **Blue Saturday** wear blue, bring blue banners, anything blue face, hands, hair etc... Information – www.cafod.org.uk/copenhagen *A suggestion - that stall holders at the Fayre could wear blue as an advert!*

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. **SOUVENIR MAGAZINE** The Relics of St Therese – a souvenir of recent visit to England & Wales. £3.50 **PIANO RECITAL FOR SPUC** **Next Saturday 28th Nov 7.30pm** – by Emma Willcox at Blackfriars Hall, Wellington Street, Leicester. £5 in support of Leicester SPUC. **Poster**

*God Bless you and yours
Fr Peter & Deacon John
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