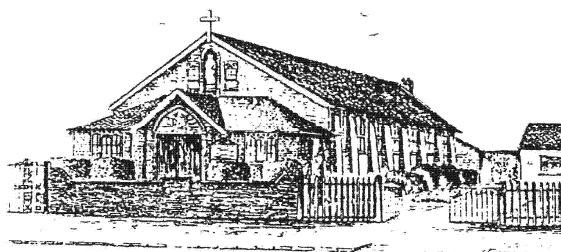


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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 24th MAY 2009 – ASCENSION OF OUR LORD [B]

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
 Special Remembrance of Edward Hope [Anniv]
Wednesday: 10.00am *St Augustine of Canterbury, Apostle of England*, Liturgy of the Word & Communion
Friday: 10.00am *Easter Feria* Liturgy of the Word & Communion

SUNDAY 31st MAY 2009 – PENTECOST SUNDAY [B]

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
 Special Remembrance of Sam Hourihan [Anniv]

Masses: Special Intention, Gerald Naan, Peggy Roche [sick], Fr John Lane (Brentwood), Private intention.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: Is this Sunday. The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide is designated as World Communications Day because we are fulfilling the command of Jesus before he ascended to the Father. He told the apostles to go out to the whole world and tell the Good News and to baptize those who believe. The Good News is that God loved us so much that he sent his only Son to be like us that he might overcome sin and death through his crucifixion and resurrection and offer us life. We should use all modern means of communication to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, who now intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father. We pray for all who work in the media that they will always promote truth and honesty in their communications.

RECENTLY DECEASED: I have just heard that **Fr Derl Daly** died today, Friday. Please keep him in your prayers. More details next week.

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 MAY: General: That the laity and the Christian communities may be responsible promoters of priestly and religious vocations. **Mission:** That recently founded may be ready and willing to share in the mission of the whole Church to the world.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Charlie Mulholland, Margaret Bowe, John Mullen, Mary Ginns, Mary Brown, Maureen Hobbs [hospital], Fran Kirk, Ivy Pritchard, Rose Gray, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Flynn, Joe Anderson, Teresa Taylor, Margaret Parker, Peggy Roche, Fr David and also Fr Peter. We are also asked to remember some priests in the diocese who are sick: Mgr Jonathan Moore, Canon Brendan O'Sullivan, Fr John Mack, and Fr Terence Makings.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Frances Bird, Niall McGrath, Fr William Walsh, Elizabeth Mullahy, Mary Clarke, Sylvester (Sam) Hourihan. **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS: This year there are 4 candidates – **Megan Horley, Ciara Warner, Alec Bastian, Uwam Paul Nduka-Ozegbe.** Please keep them and Angela Holohan in your prayers. (First Communion 7th June)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes - **£208.80.** Loose - **£74.20.** Total - **£283.00.** Thank you!

PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION will be taken on **Sunday 14th June** during the Communion hymn.

PARISH MINISTRIES	24th May	31st May	7th June
Ministry of Welcome:	Margaret McCay	Nora Needham	Young People
Ministry of Reader:	Helen Bray	Elizabeth Gibbs	First Communicant
	Peggy Irwin	Tim Ward	First Communicant
Offertory Collection	P Vaughan, M Parker	M McCay, T Greene	Young People
	K Moore, C. Sweeney	M Moore, H Bray	
Offertory Procession	P Vaughan, M Parker	M McCay, T Greene	First Communicants
	K Moore	M Moore	
Church Cleaning	Bridget & Mick Walsh	Bridget & Mick	Bridget & Mick
Tea/Coffee	Julie & Tony	Liz & Joanne	Team effort
Flowers	Wedding Flowers	Fiona	Margaret M

Year of Paul 25

So remarkable were the miracles worked at Paul's hands that handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick and they were cured of their illness or evil spirits came out of them. The sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, tried to exorcise evil spirits by saying; "I adjure you in the name of Jesus whose spokesman is Paul". The evil spirit replied: "Jesus I recognize and Paul I know, but who are you?" and the possessed man hurled himself at the men so violently that they fled, stripped of their clothes and badly mauled. Greeks and Jews came to hear of this and they were filled with awe and the name of Jesus came to be held in great honour and the word of the Lord spread more widely and successfully. When all this was over, Paul made up his mind to go back to Jerusalem. "After I have been there, I must go to Rome as well" he said. {Acts 19: 11-22}

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to **Andrew Kapadia and Susan Margaret Walker**, who were married here yesterday, Saturday. We pray that the Lord will deepen in them their love for each other and shower them with many joys and blessings in their married lives.

ABORTION ADS ON TV

Abortion promoters want to advertise on TV and may be allowed to do so by the Advertising Standards Authority. They are proposing to advertise abortion and condoms to under-age children as young as ten years of age. They are doing this through recommending that advertising abortion clinics and use of condoms should be permitted during prime time television and radio when many children of ten and upwards could be watching and listening. We need to act so keep such ads off our TVs. The public consultation on abortion advertising ends on the 19th June. It is vital that we act now, so please take a leaflet to see what you can do.

NATIONAL PETITION to ASA Advertising Standards Agency – Please take the time this morning to sign the petition calling upon the ASA not to permit advertising to television and radio of abortion agencies, on the grounds that:

1. Abortion is a criminal offence in the UK against which a defence is provided in certain circumstances provided conditions have been met. Illegal activities should not be advertised on TV and radio.
2. Such advertising would be unlikely to give sufficient warnings about the damage which, as has now been documented, abortion can cause to individual's physical and mental health and for which LIFE is seeing increasing numbers of people coming to it for help.

Closing date Sunday 31st May.

MAY PROCESSION

We were certainly blessed with a window of fine weather for our May procession last Sunday. Shortly afterwards, there were very heavy rain showers. Special thanks to Mick Walsh who came every afternoon after work that week to prepare the garden and tidy it up. Unfortunately the rain stopped him from doing all he wanted to do. We thank Mick for keeping the gardens and surrounds to the Church so nice and tidy throughout the year.

EASTER DUTIES - reception of Holy Communion and confession where necessary - between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, 7th June.

National Family Week

The UK will celebrate its first ever National Family Week, 25-31 May. The Catholic Bishops' Conference joins many others in supporting the national week of celebration. The Marriage and Family Life Project Office has produced three leaflets to help families celebrate the week: Family Days In, Family Days Out and Celebrating Home is a Holy Place.

PARISH BARBECUE

We will be having a parish barbecue on Saturday 13th June starting at 5.00pm in the presbytery's back garden. Tickets £3 and Family of 4 £10. Tickets are on sale, be sure to get one so that we can get a good idea of attendance for catering.

SUMMER FAYRE

Our Summer Fayre this year will take place on Saturday 27th June. So make a note of the date in your diary. **Prize Draw tickets** are now available. Please take some to buy yourself and sell to your family and friends. Thank you.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

The Nottingham Diocese Parish & Schools Walsingham Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 21st June. Hopefully there will be transport going from our Deanery. Please put

your name on the list at the back of church if you are interested.

BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS

A series of 3 workshops to be held at St Thomas More on 3 consecutive Mondays from 8.00-9.30pm.

1. Monday 1st June – An introduction to the Old Testament – led by Joe Dawson
2. Monday 8th June – Introduction to the New Testament led by John Elliott.
3. Monday 15th June – An introduction to the Sunday readings led by Catherine Danaher.

Just come along and bring your Bible. Everyone welcome. Contact Chantal Spencer 2128175.

JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION

"Housing and the Changing Face of Britain" Thursday 4th June 7.30pm Cathedral Hall, Nottingham. Speaker Alastair Murray

"Catholic Social Teaching" – a Free training and Formation session by Brian Davies, who was Head of CAFOD Education Programme for many years. Saturday 13th June 10.00-3.30pm Diocesan Centre, Mackworth.. To book a place – Tel: 01332 293836

RATCLIFFE COLLEGE

Part-time Teacher of Religious Studies required for September 2009. Details including an application form are available from the College. Completed applications required by Friday 29th May. Tel: 01509 817006. Fax: 01509 815541. Email: cgovan@ratcliffe.leics.sch.uk
Fun Chaplaincy Morning - for years 5&6. Saturday 6th June 9.00-12 noon. To register contact the Registrar as above or Email registrar@ratcliffe.leics.sch.uk

BRIARS' 40TH BIRTHDAY

Briars Big Birthday Bash. The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre is 40 years old this year and we are celebrating on our Open Day on **Sunday 28th June**. Starting at 1.00 with Mass celebrated by Bishop Malcolm and former Directors, there are refreshments, stalls, attractions, entertainment and there will be photos from through the ages on display. A great chance to meet up with old friends and celebrate the past 40 years of the Briars. All are welcome.

A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGES 2009

Walsingham - Sunday 7th June.
Fatima – 10-18 July. 9 days/8 nights
Cost £575 mainly full board, flight..
Rome – 3rd – 11th September, 9 days/8nights £775 mainly full board, flights etc. See the poster for more details for both pilgrimages.

*God Bless you and yours
Fr Peter & Deacon John*

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