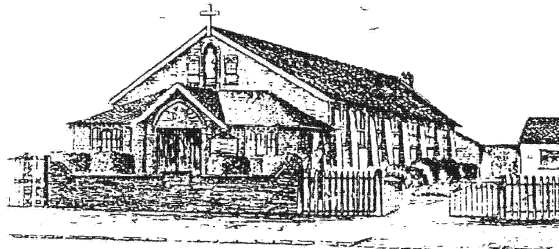


**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR  
633 AYLESTONE ROAD, AYLESTONE, LEICESTER LE2 8TF**

Priest: Revd Fr Peter Coyle  
Tel: (0116) 299 7231

[www.stewardtheconfessor.co.uk](http://www.stewardtheconfessor.co.uk)

Deacon: Revd Deacon John Parker  
Tel & Fax: (0116) 291 0281



**DIARY FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT [C]**

**Sunday:** 9.30am People of the Parish  
Special Remembrance of Ian Michael Moore  
**Monday:** 10.00am Mass – Fr David (welfare) *St David, Abbot, Patron of Wales*  
**Wednesday:** 10.00am Mass – Josephine Peacock *Lenten Feria*  
7.00pm **Station Mass – St Thomas More, Knighton**  
**Friday:** 10.00am Mass – Special intention [JD] *Lenten Feria*  
7.00-8.00pm **Lenten Holy Hour**

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT [C]**

**Sunday:** 9.30am People of the Parish  
Special Remembrance of Pauline Quinn RIP  
\*\*\*\*\*

Masses: Special Intention (AS), private intentions.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas McBrien, who died on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Thomas is the father of Fr Philip McBrien, Parish Priest at Oadby. We also remember in our prayers Fr Philip, his mother and family, that the Lord will be their comfort and strength at this time of sorrow and loss.

**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 MARCH: General:** That the role of women may be more appreciated and used to good advantage in every country in the world. **Mission:** That the Church in Africa may be a sign and instrument of reconciliation and justice in every part of that continent.

**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:** William O'Keeffe, Joanne O'Sullivan, Margaret Bryan, Dennis Nean, Gertrude Mullahy, Nora Cresswell, James McGuire, Winifred Middleton, Frederick Kerrenger, Nigel Sullivan, Fr Joseph Maguire **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 - £148.00. Loose - £52.46. Total - £200.46. Thank you!

**PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION** will be taken on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March** during the Communion hymn.

<b>PARISH MINISTRIES</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Ministry of Welcome:</b>	Fitzpatrick Family	Young People	Margaret McCay
<b>Ministry of Reader:</b>	Angela Fitzpatrick	Molly Jones	Mary Teresa Gibbs
	Helen Bray	Catherine Gee Young	Charles Sweeney
<b>Offertory Collection &amp; Offertory Procession</b>	M McCay, T Greene	Young People	F O'Hara M Wainwright
	M Moore, H Bray		N Needham C O'Donovan
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Margarets B & P	Geraldine & Joan	Geraldine & Joan
<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	Charles & volunteer	Mary & Tony	Julie & Tony

*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.*

## THE SEASON OF LENT

**Lent Booklet** - "Walk with me" is a journey of prayer for Lent. 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 5<sup>th</sup> March.** In the oratory, access by the bungalow front door.

**Lenten Station Masses** – on Wednesdays at 7.00pm. Next

**3<sup>rd</sup> March – St Thomas More**

10<sup>th</sup> March – Holy Cross, with Bishop Malcolm presiding.

17<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> Feb and ending 25<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and for 5 consecutive Tuesdays at St John Bosco's hall at 2.30pm for approx 90 minutes. Also on the same Tuesdays it is repeated in the evening at 7.30pm at St Hugh's hall.

## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

**22<sup>nd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

Last Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February was a Day of Special Prayer for the Hungry and Needy of the world. We were 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.

This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lent Fast Days and the theme this year is

## GIVE IT UP

We had the Lent Fast Day last Friday and today we give what we saved in the collection 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 **this 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](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

### CAFOD Reflection Day

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

## WELCOME

We welcome into our parish community **Alema Zewdi Asfaw**, 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 Angela Holohan picked B3 – 7 of Hearts.** Prize money now about **£171.00.** 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 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**AIR** from East Midlands direct to Tarbes/Lourdes. Prices from £580, full board – sharing, 5 nights in Lourdes **COACH including Nevers** departing from Newark & picking up at Leicester. Prices from £435 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> July, full board – sharing, 5 nights in Lourdes.

Fr Gregory Tobin, the new Director writes: To make this year's pilgrimage a success, we need the Bishop with a strong team of Priests, Deacons and Religious Sisters. We need Young People, Doctors, Nurses, Health

Professionals and both male and female Care Assistants. If you are caring and possess a good sense of humour we would love to have you as part of our team.

The VIP's of the pilgrimage are definitely the sick, and as long as your GP has signed your form, for you to go, and you are aged 95 or less we will get you on the plane to Lourdes.

Bursaries are available for the sick, health care professionals and young people where needed.

Further details are available from Tangney tours tel: 01732 886666. Email: [info@tangney-tours.com](mailto:info@tangney-tours.com). Web: [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com) or the Nottingham Diocesan pilgrimage office tel: 07540 239319. Email

[Young@nottingham-lourdes.org.uk](mailto:Young@nottingham-lourdes.org.uk)

## Young people's pilgrimage to

**Lourdes** - As part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, young people travel out with their Catholic schools and the youth service to spend time serving members of the whole diocesan family. If you are in, or have just left, school years 11, 12 and 13 in July 2010, are not in a Catholic school and want to come, the youth service runs a group just for you. We travel out with all the schools 18 – 25<sup>th</sup> July. For more details and forms, contact [fr.joe@ndcys.com](mailto:fr.joe@ndcys.com) or [tom@ndcys.com](mailto:tom@ndcys.com) or 01773 852044. Or look on the youth service website; [www.ndcys.com](http://www.ndcys.com)

## ST PATRICK'S FEAST

**Mass on St Patrick's Day – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am at St Patrick's Church.** Celebrant: Fr John-Joe

Maloney. After Mass refreshments & music in the parish centre 'til 2.30pm.

**St Patrick's Day Jubilee Dance** – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 8.00pm 'til late. St Patrick's Parish Centre, Beaumont Leys. Music – Cassidy Show Band. Tel: 235 3329. Admission by ticket only £7.

## RATCLIFFE COLLEGE OPEN MORNING

The College is not far from Leicester along the Fosse Way to Ratcliffe on the Wreake. Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 10-12noon. See poster [www.ratcliffecollege.com](http://www.ratcliffecollege.com)

## DIVINE MERCY DAY OF PRAYER

In Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am-4.30pm. See poster for full programme.

## DIACONATE ORDINATIONS

Bishop Malcolm will be ordaining new Deacons for the Diocese next Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham during Mass at 11.30am. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

*God Bless you and yours*

*Fr Peter & Deacon John*

*NRCOT a Registered Charity*