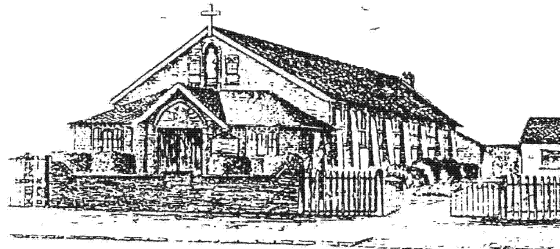


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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

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

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
 Special Remembrance of Ronald Moore [Anniv]
Monday: 10.00am Mass – November Dead List *St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland*
Wednesday: 10.00am Mass – Hilda Morris (RIP) *Advent Feria*
Friday: 10.00am Mass – Sheila Kingston (RIP) *Advent Feria*
 7.00pm **Holy Hour – Year of Priests**
Saturday: 11.00-11.30 *Confessions*

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT [C]

BIBLE SUNDAY

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
 Special Remembrance of Joseph & Vera Vaughan

Masses: Deceased Beck Family & Relatives, Bernard William Scattergood (*Johnson Fund Benefactor*)

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARY: We wish Deacon John a “Happy Anniversary” as he celebrates today the anniversary of his Ordination as a Deacon in 1997. We thank him for all he does for the parish, very much of it quietly and behind the scenes, besides his more public ministry on the sanctuary. On this anniversary day we pray that the Lord will be always at his side to give him health, strength and courage to continue in his ministry of word, liturgy and charity. We also thank Margaret for the love and support she gives him which he truly needs and values. Ad multos annos!

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

INTENTIONS OF POPE BENEDICT XV1 FOR DECEMBER: General: That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms. **Mission:** That at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize in Jesus the light of the world and that the Nations may open their doors to Christ, the Saviour of the world.

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: Ronald Moore, Margaret Pridmore, Tom O’Brien, Dorothy Murphy, Albert Crook, Ian Newman, **Ann Collins (6 months) entered into paradise, Canon Edward Neary (Parish Priest 1942-48),** Maura Twomey, Winifred Cunnold, Fr Con Dolan, Fr Anthony Kenny CSSp. **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes - £182.80. Loose - £53.45. Total - £236.25. Thank you!

PARISH QUOTA COLLECTION will be taken on **Sunday 13th December** during the Communion hymn.

PARISH MINISTRIES	29th November	6th December	13th December
Ministry of Welcome:	Nora Needham	Young People	Payne Family
Ministry of Reader:	Elisabeth Gibbs	Catherine Gee Young	Emma Asfaw
	Tim Ward	Harry Jones	Barbara Mackness
Offertory Collection & Offertory Procession	P Vaughan, M Parker	Young People	M McCay, T Greene
Church Cleaning	K Moore, C Sweeney		M Moore, H Bray
Tea/Coffee	Bridget & Mick Walsh	M McCay & Chris	M McCay & Chris
Flowers	Liz & Joanne	Charles & volunteer	Mary & Tony
	Advent – No flowers	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

SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent season begins today. During Advent we make our preparations to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. For us as Christians, Christ is not simply a person out of the past, someone we keep looking back to, but the Lord who returns today. He will reveal himself fully on the Last Day, and it is this expectation that gives the life of believers a need for urgency, for preparation. It is a time to live in hope, firmly awaiting that coming and revelation. We remind ourselves what exactly we are celebrating at Christmas – the Son of God being born and becoming man in order to save us and offer us eternal life. Let our preparation for Christmas during Advent recapture that moment when God intervened into our human history in a very special way through the birth of his Son. It is a time of grace and blessing for us all.

ADVENT BOOKLET

The booklet “Walk with me” is a journey of prayer for Advent and Christmas. There should be a free copy for every family if you would like one. So please take your free booklet. Any extra copies are for sale at £1. I am glad to see that nearly all the copies went. 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. You may find the “Word for the World” on Mondays and a blessing to share with others on Saturdays particularly inspiring and helpful.

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.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR

On Friday evenings in Advent we will hold a Holy Hour watching before the Blessed Sacrament in the oratory 7.00-8.00pm. Besides helping us to recollect ourselves for Christmas, in this Year for Priests it will be a good opportunity to support them in prayer.

YOUTH 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.ndcys.com

ADVENT RETREAT DAY

Theme: Peace, Hope, Love Joy – a Christmas message ...but what does it mean? Led by Paula Bailey & Fr Ken

O’Riordan on **12th December 10.00-3.30pm at the Diocesan Centre, Derby.** Cost £10. Bring packed lunch. Booking – Janet Hornsby 01332 293833 ext 820.

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)

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. So far just one candidate. Lessons will begin when schools go back in January.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES GIFT AID SCHEME

Now is a good time to join the Gift Aid scheme as the new envelopes are being prepared for January 2010

Gift Aid - This really is a wonderful way to make your weekly offering go further and help the parish. As you may have seen 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 in the New Year. 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 See the Statement from the Churches Together in Leicester on Climate Change on the notice board or on our own website.

CAROLS IN THE PARK

The Churches Together has organized this event at **Aylestone Hall Gardens,**

on Sunday 13th December at 4.30pm. Wrap up well and come with family and friends to join in carols by candlelight with Southfields Brass Band. Bring a torch. Hot drinks and mince pies will be on hand to keep us warm.

SING CHRISTMAS WITH BBC RADIO LEICESTER

In conjunction with Churches Together at the Black Horse Pub, Narrow Lane, on **Thursday 17th December at 8.00pm.** Come and sing along as part of Aylestone’s contribution to the largest ever carol service in Leicestershire joining Radio Leicester’s broadcast of live music, well known carols etc...

ADVENT/CAROL SERVICE

Next Sunday 20th December we will hold our own Carol Service at 4.00pm followed by a party for the children and refreshments for all. Come and join the children in telling the story of Christmas through readings and carols and a Nativity play, which will help to get us into the spirit of Christmas. It will be a shared table so bring some Christmas goodies!

REPOSITORY

Julie 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. St Edward’s Diaries 2010 and pens are now on sale - £1.20 per set
Pens - £1.00 Diaries -50p each.

FIND THE JOKER

Last Sunday’s winner **Angela Holohan picked C5 – 2 of Hearts.** 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 **£31** Thanks to Angela and Keith for this fundraiser.

FAITH IN FAMILIES

Faith in Families are looking for Catholic families to adopt Catholic children who remain in the care of the Local Authorities. See the poster for contact details. Please start to bring your collecting boxes for emptying and give to Margaret Parker.

SOUVENIR MAGAZINE

The Relics of St Therese – a souvenir of recent visit to England & Wales. £3.50

MUSIC EVENTS

Friday 18th Dec 7.30pm – A Family Christmas Spectacular at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham Tickets £5 **Poster Sunday 20th Dec 6.00pm** – English Martyrs Church, Alvaston, Derby. The Promise Christmas Concert by Boyce & Stanley. Tickets £8.50/£6 Poster

God Bless you and yours

Fr Peter & Deacon John

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