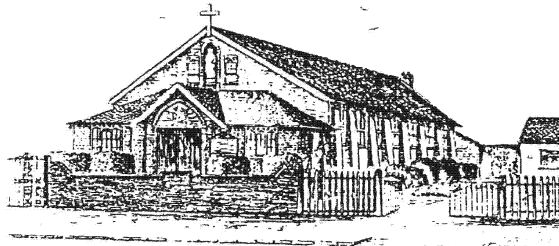


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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 31st JANUARY 2010 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]
EDUCATION SUNDAY

Sunday:	9.30am	Eileen Beck (welfare & intentions) People of the Parish	
Monday:	10.00am	Mass – Bridget Dignan (operation)	<i>Feria</i>
Wednesday:	10.00am	Mass – Patrick Murphy RIP	<i>St Blaise, Martyr</i>
Friday:	10.00am	Mass – Michael Hanley RIP	<i>St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i>

SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2010 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR [C]

Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish
 Special Remembrance of Honora Scarhill RIP

Masses: Sr Sam [ints], Special intention (CS), private intention.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

AD LIMINA: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales make their quinquennial report to the Holy Father in Rome. Bishop Malcolm will also be making his 5 yearly submissions to the Vatican. We pray for him and for all our bishops as they report on the state of the church in all the dioceses in England and Wales from 25th January to 4th February. We pray that there will be fruitful meetings with Pope Benedict and the various Commissions at the Vatican.

FAREWELL: After over 50 years in St Edward's Parish Mrs Eileen Beck will be leaving us next week to live nearer to two of her daughters and their families. Over the years she has been a great support to the priests and people of the parish. We will miss her presence and prayerful encouragement and hope and pray that she will soon settle in her new home. I am sure she will not forget us in her prayers and we will fondly remember her. She has agreed with a little pushing to join us in the hall after Mass so we can say goodbye and wish her well. Please come and join us.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time until Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on earth; Christian Unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed.

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: Fr Louis Drury, Fr Roger Birks, Mgr Edwin Henson, Bridget Cufflin, Lilian Smith, Mary Holyoake, James Darby, Beatrice Goldby, Fr Albert Basil IC, Brian Burrows, Norman Lovett, Kathleen Eales, **Bishop Edward Bagshawe, (3rd Bishop of Nottingham 1874-1901)**, Anne Burrows, Fr Stephen Hodkinson, Hilda Collymore, James Bird, William (Bill) Tyrrell.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes - £172.00. Loose - £85.97. Total - £257.97. Thank you!

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

PARISH MINISTRIES	31st January	7th February	14th February
Ministry of Welcome:	Margaret McCay	Young People	Nora Needham
Ministry of Reader:	Mary Teresa Gibbs Charles Sweeney	Anne Gee Won Harry Jones	Elisabeth Gibbs Tim Ward
Offertory Collection & Offertory Procession	M McCay, T Greene M Moore, H Bray	Young People	F O'Hara, M Wainwright N Needham, C O'Donovan
Church Cleaning	Angela & Liz	Margarets B & P	Margarets B & P
Tea/Coffee	Charles & Volunteer	Mary & Tony	Julie & Tony
Flowers	Margaret P	Margaret P	Maria

HAITI APPEAL

Clearly you have seen the utter devastation caused by this massive earthquake in Haiti and have been moved by the plight of the poor people there. Your response to the Earthquake Appeal has been immense and heart-felt. I was able to send to CAFOD cheques to the amount of £750. Amazingly survivors are still being found and saved well over a week since the earthquake destroyed so much and taken so many lives. Even yesterday after 15 days a young teenage girl was brought out of the rubble. With so much destruction and the threat of aftershocks, up to three million people are in urgent need of shelter, clean drinking water, food, clothing and medical supplies. The response of people and international governments and Aid Agencies has been overwhelming. So too has ours! Thank you very much for your generosity in these difficult times. We will continue to keep the people of Haiti in our prayers and all those who are helping them. Once again - Thank you very much.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

I am pleased to say Bishop Malcolm has agreed to come to the parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Autumn Term on **Monday 11th October**. He could not make the 13th October which would have been ideal as it is the feast day of St Edward the Confessor. Candidates should be aged 11 and at secondary school by the end of this year. We will begin to collect names during the summer term when any young person who is eligible and would like to be confirmed can get a form and register. Please keep our young people in your prayers during this time before the preparation begins. More details after Easter. Thank you.

EDUCATION SUNDAY – THIS SUNDAY

On Education Sunday each year, the Christian community celebrates its mission in education. This mission of hope helps children, young people and adults appreciate and know of

God's love for them. God's love transforms and brings about personal change that is not skin deep but life changing. We pray for all who are involved in education at all levels.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – NEXT Sunday

Because of the emergency appeal for Haiti earthquake, this collection for the Sick and Retired Priests has been put back a week to next Sunday 7th February. Please be sure to get a copy of the leaflet. Bishop Malcolm in his report concerning this Fund expresses his deep thanks for the great generosity shown in response to his Pastoral Letter two years ago. He reminds us of the commitments the Diocese has in covering the costs in caring for our sick and retired priests. There are 33 retired priests and 4 younger priests who are unable to work in parishes because of ill health. Some are able to live independently and some, who need constant care, are in nursing homes. But they are all supported by the Fund. The care of our sick, old and retired priests is a duty for all of us in the diocese. Please be as generous as you can in the special collection next Sunday and remember our sick and retired priests in your daily prayers. This year there are special envelopes to make it easier for you to Gift Aid your donation by putting in your box number. If you have made out a Gift Aid for SRPF you can still do it that way but mark the envelope accordingly and cheques should be made out to SRPF. Thank you.

Bishop Malcolm writes "Since January 2009 several of our brethren have died, Canon Paddy Snee, Canon Brendan O'Sullivan, Frs Philip O'Dowd, Derl Daly, John Mack, Brian Welsh, and most recently, Fr Con Moynihan. As well as Diocesan Clergy several members of Religious Orders have died during this past year, Fr Barney Brady OPraem, Fr Denis Hough AA, Fr John Gilroy CSSp, and Fr Peter Logue OCSO. Whilst many were retired or were in poor health, all continued to contribute, serve and give of themselves generously to the work of the Church here in the Diocese. Their presence will be sadly missed. May they rest in peace!

At the outset of the year, I would be grateful if you would remind your people of those priests who have died this past year, and in this Year For The Priest to ask your people to remember all Diocesan and Religious Clergy in their prayers, and to continue to pray for, and encourage vocations to the Priesthood."

LITURGY & MUSIC DAY

This will take place on Saturday 6th February at Our Lady of Victories Parish

Centre, Market Harborough from 11.00am ending with the Vigil Mass at 6.30pm. The day will be led by **CJM Music**, based in Birmingham Archdiocese, but work all over the country in parishes and schools giving concerts and radio programmes. Although the day is primarily for those whose ministries contribute to the liturgy it is also open to **ANYONE** who is interested in how we celebrate liturgies in our parishes and schools. Attend for part or the whole day [bring a packed lunch]. Contact numbers for those hoping to attend 01858 462359 email olvicparish22@btopenworld.com

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 7th - 14th FEBRUARY

Bishop Malcolm will be presiding at the annual Mass of Celebration during National Marriage Week in **St. Barnabas Cathedral on Sunday 14th February at 3pm**. A welcome is extended to all who have ever received the sacrament but a special welcome is extended to those celebrating anniversaries of ten years, Silver, Ruby, Golden and Diamond anniversaries as well as to engaged couples and those experiencing difficulties in their marriage. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. Representatives of Catholic organisations concerned with marriage and family life in the diocese will be in attendance. For further information please contact Sue Sanderson susan.sanderson@nrctd.org.uk or Fr John Sherrington, family.nottingham@googlemail.com

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND 17th – 21st OCTOBER 2010

Fr Eddy Jarosz will be leading a Pilgrimage to Poland between the above dates. Flying from Stansted Airport to Krakow and staying 4 nights half board in a 3 star hotel in the centre of the city. Full pilgrimage programme including daily Mass and visits to Chestochowa, Auschwitz, city tour of Krakow, Lagiewniki (Basilica of the Divine Mercy) and other places of interest. The cost will be approximately £500 (depends on price of flight at the time of booking). Single supplement £100. Further details and a booking form, please contact Fr Eddy at St Peter's, Leicester. – Tel: 251 9802.

Find the Joker

Winner Georgina Hanley picked Grid C7 – 7 of Clubs. Prize money now stands at **£127.50**. 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.

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

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