

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

A member of the Churches Together in Nunhead and Hatcham



NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 15 February 2009

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Confessions: Saturdays 10.00am to 11.00am

Mass Intentions 14 February – 22 February 2009

Sat	14	9.30am	Elizabeth Rowe RIP
		6.30pm	Katherine McElroy, Special Intention
Sun	15	9.00am	John Swords RIP, Pauline Priestley ANN
		10.30am	Mr & Mrs Dadzie and Family thanksgiving
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		6.30pm	Eileen Murphy sick
Mon	16	9.30am	George MacLean RIP
Tue	17	9.30am	George MacLean Wedding Ann RIP
Wed	18	9.30am	Kit Murphy RIP
Thur	19	9.30am	George Crown RIP
Fri	20	9.30am	John Lafferty RIP
Sat	21	9.30am	Tore Anderson RIP
		6.30pm	Kenny Holleran RIP, Alison May Norris RIP
Sun	22	9.00am	Elizabeth Rowe RIP
		10.30am	Ibemere's Family's int
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		6.30pm	Betty Horgan sick

Congratulations to Bishop Pat

Today is the third anniversary of the Ordination to Bishop of Bishop Pat. We wish him well in his ministry and it is hard to believe how quickly the time has passed. However at this time his mother is very ill in hospital in Cork so we keep her in our prayers.

Meeting of Priests in Merville

As you know both Fr Fergal and myself were at a meeting of Priests with Archbishop Kevin and Bishop Pat. We were trying to bring forward the process of coming up with a pastoral plan for the Diocese. This will include Priests, Deacons, and all of us. It is a very exciting time in the Diocese for us all, a time for many opportunities to become involved.

The week was begun on Monday and Tuesday with a spiritual retreat led by Bishop David Gough of Birmingham archdiocese then on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we had meetings with Bishop Pat and Archbishop Kevin looking at all aspects of our life and ministry. The outcome of all of these discussions and of all the meetings that we had in the Parishes last year will be formulated into a plan probably by the end of the year.

The atmosphere of the week was brilliant and it was good to spend some time in prayer and reflection with so many brother Priests. Keep the process in your prayers, as it is a heavy burden for our Bishops, we especially remember them.

Preparing for Lent

As you know Ash Wednesday is coming upon us, on 25 February and is the beginning of Lent. There are many things we can do to prepare for Lent. You may want to consider the following:

- Subscribe to "My Day by Day" with daily reflections for Lent 2009. (Note: there is a junior addition as well and samples of both can be found in the hall way with details of how to subscribe).
- Joining the mini Lenten Retreat which we are offering for the Thursdays of Lent. Entitled "Come to me all you who Labour and I will give you Rest" You can now sign up for this Lenten retreat with groups meeting after the morning Mass on Thursday, 5, 12, 19 and 26 March. If there are enough people who signed up for an evening session beginning at 7.30pm, we can run that too. Each session will last 1 hour and the Retreat master will be Fr. Chris McAneny.

- Joining in the Churches Together Lenten Reflection Groups, which will take place between here and St. Catherine's Church after the morning Mass on the Tuesdays of Lent. There will be more information about the Lenten groups soon. Look for details on the notice board in the hall way.

- You may like to consider as a family or in your school or with your work colleagues to take part in the CAFOD Lent Fast Day on the 6 March. You can pick up gift aid envelope in the hall way and there is lots more information in the CAFOD website www.cafod.org/fastday

Mid-term Break

We hope that all our teachers and pupils have a great mid term and a good rest.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts Sale

We have now booked the hall for the sale of your unwanted Christmas Gifts on 7/8 March after all Masses. Please bring along your unwanted Christmas Gifts.

Traidcraft

The Traidcraft stall which opens once a month here in the Parish is looking for helpers, particularly for the 6.30pm Mass. If you can help out, ring 0207 639 5045 and ask for Mary.

RCIA

RCIA meeting will return on Wednesday 19 February. To all members of the RCIA group, please remember the Rite of Election will take place on Saturday 28 February at St. George's Cathedral at 12.30pm. We must be there early if you want to be seated!!

Please Pray For

Please remember to pray for those people who have been bereaved and all who have died recently, including: Elise Alcoba-Perez, Helen Hayes, Alison May Norris, Carol Anne Mitchell, Prince Ajyapong RIP, Sr. Teresa's brother John, Joan Green, Frank Fancett, Peggy Simpson, Bailey Thomas Loader, Julie Shelton, (Breda's Niece), John Irmiger, Mary Horsnell, Anne (Nan) King, Margaret Dillon, Kit Murphy, Emma Reidy, Bartley Dean, Hudson Green, Frank Hayes.

Sick

Please remember to pray for all who are sick in our Parish, including: Mrs Angela Roberts, Betty McClain, George Kirby, Alma Fernandez, Margaret and Tom Wyse, Mary Rellis, Caroline Knight, Carline Onyekwere, Sarah Kayaga.

Anniversaries

Joan Southgate, Rhonda Parker, Baby Gary Rocke, Thomas Lydon, Margaret Woodley, Mary Coppinger, Beatrice Gray, Thomas Cronin, Bridie McDonagh, Leslie Brooks, Charles Sargent, Kathleen Ward, John Shine, Edward Coleman.

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