

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

A member of the Churches Together in Nunhead and Hatcham



# NEWSLETTER

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**MASS TIMES:** (Vigil Saturday 6.30pm) - Sundays - 9.00am, 10.30am, 6.30pm  
Weekdays - 9.30am Every Sunday - 1.30pm: Mass in Spanish

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**Sunday 29 March 2009**

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**Confessions:** Saturdays 10.00am to 11.00am

**Mass Intentions 28 March – 5 April 2009**

Sat	28	9.30am	Ben McCaffrey RIP
		6.30pm	Geoff Sullivan RIP
Sun	29	9.00am	Cecil Power RIP
			Mrs Joyce Greene & Kim Greene ANN
		10.30am	Nora McKeown 4th ANN
			Joseph Sarpong Addai RIP
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		6.30pm	Jack O'Flaherty RIP
Mon	30	9.30am	Mr & Mrs J O'Sullivan's int
Tue	31	9.30am	Madonna's birthday thanksgiving
Wed	01	9.30am	Sarah's int
Thur	02	9.30am	Teresa Burkes int
Fri	03	9.30am	Barbara McCann RIP
Sat	04	9.30am	Joseph McGarvey RIP
		6.30pm	Paul & Joan Doherty's in

**PALM SUNDAY**

Sun	05	9.00am	Bartley Deane RIP
		10.30am	Marta Priddin RIP
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		6.30pm	Mrs Eithne Egan RIP

## Farewell

*It seems strange to be writing this in the Newsletter after being in the Parish for such a long time, but the time to say Goodbye has come. As I have said to so many Parishioners over the last few weeks, it is difficult to believe that I have been in the Parish for 6 years as a Priest. However I have known the Parish since I came here as a student in 1996. The last few days packing boxes has given me time to look back at the time I have been here and I am very grateful for all that I have experienced and learned here among all of you. This is a wonderful Parish with such goodness and generosity and I will miss you all and the great schools in the Parish too. I am sure I will be back in the future to see how things are. In the meantime, send all the young people to Christ the King college where I am the Priest Chaplain. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers and I wish you and Fr Fergal every blessing in the future. Love, Fr Eddie*

## Canonisation of Fr. Damien

The Canonisation of Fr. Damien the Leper Priest of Molokai will take place in Rome on 11 October 2009. The ceremony will be celebrated by Pope Benedict in the Vatican on Sunday 11th. The congregation of the Sacred Hearts will also be hosting events on Saturday 10 and Monday 12 October. The Pilgrimage we are arranging will leave London on 8 October for Rome and return on Tuesday 13. The hotel offers half board accommodation, due to the high demand for accommodation in Rome at this time we could not get a hotel at a central location, transfers to and from airport to hotel are included. The total cost of the trip is £525. There are a limited number of spaces so early booking is strongly advised. If you are interested please do take a sign up sheet from the back of the Church and return with your deposit as soon as possible. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis.

## Lenten Retreat

Many thanks to Fr. Chris who is leading us in our Lenten Retreat which has been enjoyed by many over the last few weeks. This Thursday the Retreat will continue and all are welcome. There is an opportunity to attend directly after the 9.30am Mass or again in the evening at 7.30pm. Even if you haven't been other weeks you are most welcome to come along.

## Camberwell Deanery Day for Ministers of the Eucharist

There will be a Day of Reflection for all the Ministers of the Eucharist in the Camberwell Deanery, which will take place at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Bird in the Bush Road, Peckham on Saturday 4 April starting with 10.30am Mass, ending 3.20pm

## Stations of the Cross during Lent

There will be Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 9.00am and 7.30pm. Groups wishing to lead the Reflections on one Friday evening in Lent, sign up or see one of the Priests.

## Deanery Penitential Service

Due to the success of the Deanery Penitential Service held in East Dulwich for Advent, it has been decided to do the same for Lent. Just to give more people the opportunity and to make travelling easier, we will be holding two services; one in Camberwell Sacred Heart Parish at 7.30pm and at St. Thomas More East Dulwich on Sunday 5 April (Palm Sunday) at 3.00pm.

## Churches Together

Following the great success of the Passover Service last year, it has been decided that we will repeat it this year. It will take place at St. Catherine's this time at 7.45pm on Tuesday, 7 April. Numbers are strictly limited and if you are interested in taking part, you are strongly advised to sign, with your name and telephone number, on the sheet on the notice board opposite the Holy Shop as soon as possible. We suggest a minimum donation of £1 per head, payable on the night, to cover expenses.

## Churches Together Lenten Reflection Groups

On the Tuesdays of Lent starting in St. Catherine's on Tuesday 3 March at around 10.15am or so, just after the morning Mass in St. Thomas the Apostle. This meeting will alternate each week between St. Catherine's and St. Thomas the Apostle. Evening group at St. Catherine's 7.00pm.

## Holy Shop Closed for holidays from 4 April to 25 April

If Masses or Mass Cards required call at the Presbytery.

## Please Pray For

Please remember to pray for those people who have been bereaved and all who have died recently, including: Olga Proust mother of Michel Proust, Elise Alcoba-Perez, Helen Hayes, Alison May, Norris, Carol Anne Mitchell, Prince Ajyapong RIP, Sr. Teresa's brother John, Joan Green, 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: Wilma Power, Agatha St. Clair, Mrs Angela Roberts, Betty McClain, George Kirby, Alma Fernandez, Margaret and Tom Wyse, Mary Rellis, Caroline Knight, Carline Onyekwere, Sarah Kayaga.

## Anniversaries

James Torpey, Nora McKeown, Philomena Rothery, Marie Mooney, Carmel Ricca, Francis Stupple, Margaret O'Sullivan, Sydney Payne, Thomas Kelly, Mary Mannix, James Regan, Rosina Darkin.

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