

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

A member of the Churches Together in Nunhead and Hatcham



NEWSLETTER

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Confessions: Saturdays 10.00am to 11.00am

Mass Intentions 31 January – 8 February 2009

Sat	31	9.30am	Paddy Curtin sick
		6.30pm	Katherine McElroy RIP
Sun	01	9.00am	Tom Riley RIP, Michael Crotty ANN Winifred Sing Lai RIP
		10.30am	Joseph Umukoro ANN, Sheila McLoughlin RIP
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		6.30pm	Sam Tomey 7th ANN
Mon	02	9.30am	Kit O'Keefe RIP
Tue	03	9.30am	Deceased members of the Curtin Family
Wed	04	9.30am	Olive Morris ANN
Thur	05	9.30am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady
Fri	06	9.30am	Mary Sheehan RIP
Sat	07	9.30am	Paddy Campbell RIP
		6.30pm	Tommy Lydon ANN
Sun	08	9.00am	Bartley Dean RIP
		10.30am	Marta Priddin RIP
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		6.30pm	Paraic Patten RIP

Prayer for Christian Unity

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world; forgive us the sins that tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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:

- You may like to 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).
- You may want to think about 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.
- Another option to consider could be 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 more details on the notice board in the hall way.

Vision for the Diocese

Archbishop Kevin has called a meeting of all the Priests of the Diocese to discuss the work done in all the Parishes last year with regard to a vision for the future. The meeting that the Priests of this area are called to participate in will take place from Monday 9 to Friday 13 February. Both Eddie and I will be participating in this meeting. The Parish office will be open from 10.00am-1.00pm each day, and we are still working on having an afternoon or evening opening during

this week. There will be a morning mass on Wednesday 11 February and Communion services on the other days in this week. If you need a Priest in the event of an emergency, you can call Our Lady of Sorrows Peckham or St. Thomas More East Dulwich. Both Kings College and Lewisham hospital chaplaincies will be running as normal during this time. Please pray for the success of this meeting and the future of the Diocese.

Prayers for the People of Gaza

It is hoped to organise a candlelit Vigil in solidarity with the people of Gaza on 14 February. Keep your eyes open for further information in the Newsletter next week.

Vocations Retreat for WOMEN

There will be a Vocations Retreat for women considering the Religious life from Friday 13 February until Sunday 15 February. It will take place in St. Josephs Priory, Lymington and is open to anyone from 18- 30 years of age. For more information contact the diocesan vocations office at info@southwarkvocations.com

Traidcraft

The Traidcraft stall will be open this weekend after the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday and after the 9.00am and 10.30am Masses on Sunday. We are unable to open after the 6.30pm Mass on Sunday due to lack of helpers. Are there any offers of help? If so please call Mary on 02076395045.

AAPT

The next meeting of the AAPT group will take place on Tuesday 10 February 7.30 pm in the Presbytery. All welcome.

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.

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

Peter Keehan, Ruby Bell, James Peters, Lesli Maule, John Harvey, Gerard Hayes, Sidney Scott, Christopher Aherne, Holgar Andersen, William O'Brien, Sandra Augustin, Agnes Willane.

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