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# NEWSLETTER

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2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010

## *Mass Times & Intentions*

### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> February

8.30 am People of the Parish  
10.00 am John Moore RIP (Anniversary)  
6.00 pm Private intention (GW)

Mon: 9.30 am Francis Brasington RIP  
Tues: 9.30 am George and Irene Faires RIP (L)  
Wed: 9.30 am Dorothy Hollis RIP (CP)  
Thurs: 9.30 am Holy Souls  
Friday: 9.30 am Patrick Lukeman RIP (I & M D)  
Sat: **7.00 pm** Private Intention  
10.00 am In thanksgiving (PH)

### SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March

8.30 am People of the Parish  
10.00 am James Cooney RIP  
6.00 pm James and Margaret Doran RIP (Anniversary)

## PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

**Prayer:** Without prayer, fasting and almsgiving are merely actions we do out of tradition without much meaning. Prayer is our conversation with God. It is through prayer that we find the strength to fast. It is through prayer that we develop a closer, more intimate relationship with God. This relationship makes us so grateful for the blessings he has bestowed upon us that we eagerly give to those less fortunate than us. The Church, in its wisdom, understands that prayer is essential to any action we Christians may undertake.

**Fasting:** Fasting is one of the most ancient actions linked to Lent. Fasting rules have changed through the ages, but throughout Church history fasting has been considered sacred. The prophet Isaiah insists that fasting without changing our behaviour is not pleasing to God. Therefore, the goal of fasting is linked with prayer. The pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God, and prayer and fasting together brings us to what Lent is about - a deeper conversion.

**Almsgiving:** It should be obvious by now, that almsgiving is simply a response by us to God, a response that we have come to through prayer and fasting. It is an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us, and a realisation that in the Body of Christ, it is never just "me and God." Through prayer and fasting we come to a deeper understanding that the needs of all are the responsibility of all in the Body of Christ. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptised.

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturdays 10.30 am and 5.00 – 5.45 pm.  
After all Masses on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.  
Also at call.

## **THE DIVINE OFFICE**

On weekdays (except Holy Days of Obligation and funerals) **Morning Prayer** will normally take place 20 minutes before Mass. On those days when we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). **Evening Prayer** will be at 6.00 pm. You are most welcome to join us.

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## LENTEN DEVOTIONS

There will be Rosary and Benediction at 4 pm every Sunday during Lent, today for the sick. Stations of the Cross will be at 6.45 pm every Monday after Serving Practice.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Please remember the following parishioners, friends of parishioners, or members of parishioners' families for whom we have been asked to pray: John Charles Beeby, Jim O'Sullivan, Patrick Hennessy, Cecilia Ellis, Phil Turner, Gordon Paterson, Sandra McKenna, Sister Cartage Power, Catherine King, Rebecca Dunn, Patricia Butler, Sharon Smith, Patricia Brown, James McKenna, Anne Cowley, Rex Northover, Kieran O'Sullivan, Irene Robbins, Michael Duffy, Peter Mulhern, Jacqui von Gerard, Cesina Pace, Fr Ken Freeman and Margaret Lester. May our prayers gain for them Christ's comfort and support.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

This weekend: Confirmation Group  
Next weekend: Children of the Parish

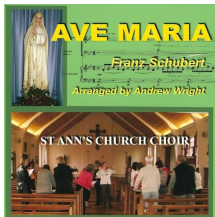
## MUSIC FOR TODAY'S 10 am MASS

**Entrance:** L 720                      **Offertory:** L 725  
**Communion:** L 660                      **Recess:** L 970

## ADDITIONAL EVENING MASS DURING LENT

There will be an additional evening Mass at 7 pm every Friday during Lent. I hope this will enable those who are usually at work during the day, to attend an extra Mass during the week.

### AVE MARIA CDs-AN UPDATE:



We are still working on the production of the CDs requested and will advise when they are available. Many thanks for the fantastic response.

### SVP - TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION

The dates of our next meetings are Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Would members kindly note that meetings will be at the earlier time of **6 pm** during Lent.

### CAFOD

Date for your diary – Saturday **20<sup>th</sup>** March for a Frugal Lunch and Bring and Buy Sale in the parish hall. More information nearer the day.

### BANSTEAD FIVE LENTEN SERVICES

As in previous years there will be a special Lenten service in each of the Banstead Five Churches each Wednesday during Lent. The theme this year comes from Bishop Stephen Cottrell's book "*The Things He Carried*". Services will take place at 8 pm as follows:

3rd March:	Banstead Methodist Church
10th March:	The United Reformed Church
17th March:	All Saints, Banstead
24th March:	St Paul's, Nork

I do hope many of you will be able to come along to some, if not all of the Wednesday evening services

### VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD EVENTS

There will be "Vocations Retreat" at St. Johns Seminary Womersley from **Friday 5th March** until Sunday 7th for adult men considering the priesthood. There is a "Discovering Priesthood Day" for young men aged between 14 –18 years on **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> March** at Our Lady of Consolation in West Grinstead (near Horsham) . If you would like to attend one of the vocation events please speak to your parish priest or contact Fr Paul Turner (Vocations Director) on 01203 603773 or [pdturner39@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pdturner39@yahoo.co.uk)

### EPSOM DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St Michael's, Ashted:	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00 pm
St Ann's, Banstead:	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	7.30 pm
St Joseph's, Dorking:	To be advised	
St Joseph's, Epsom:	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00 pm
St Clement's, Ewell:	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00 pm
Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham:	To be advised	
The Holy Spirit, Fetcham	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30 pm
Our Lady & St Peter, Leatherhead	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30 pm
St John's, Tadworth	To be advised	

### WHAT DOES THE CHURCH MEAN BY 'EASTER DUTIES'?

Because of the central importance of Easter to the Christian faith, the Catholic Church requires that all Catholics who have made their First Communion receive the Holy Eucharist sometime during the Easter season, which lasts until Pentecost Sunday, 50 days after Easter. (They should also take part in the Sacrament of Confession before receiving this Easter communion.) This reception of the Eucharist is a visible sign of our faith and our participation in the Kingdom of God. Of course, we should receive Communion as frequently as possible; this "Easter Duty" is simply the minimum requirement set by the Church.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2010

The next meeting for parents will be in the hall on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7.45 pm Coffee, 8.00** Start. Please note this is a change to the original programme. The next children's class will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March as planned.

### THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND SCIENCE

A talk by Rev Dr Andrew Pinsent on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 4.00 – 5.30 pm at St Joseph's Church, St Margaret Drive, Epsom. Fr Andrew is Assistant Priest at Epsom, Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at the University of Oxford and formerly a particle physicist at CERN. All are most welcome.

### ADVANCED NOTICE – CONCERT IN AID OF CAFOD

A Concert with The Surrey Youth Choir and the Surrey Youth Jazz Orchestra, in aid of CAFOD, to be held at St Joseph's Church, Epsom on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May. More details nearer the event.

### CHARITIES BAZAAR

At St Mark's Church, Great Tattenhams.  
On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm – 4 pm.  
Please come along and support your favourite charity.

### CHARITY ART EXHIBITION

An Exhibition of Paintings by disabled artist Richard Bridger. At Bourne Hall, Ewell Village from 9am to 5pm . From 29<sup>th</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> April (excluding Good Friday). All proceeds from the sale of pictures to Conquest Art and the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign.

### OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER

You might be able to imagine the number of requests for publicity in our newsletter received every day via post, email, telephone and personal callers. Due to the pressure on space, it is impossible to publish every single item that we are asked to include. We must naturally give priority to parish announcements, deanery and diocesan events, and B5 notices. Usually, after 'all the above', there is hardly room for a single sentence more. Please don't be offended if regretfully, we are not able to include your item due to lack of space.

A reminder too that all items for inclusion in the newsletter should reach the parish office by midday on Thursday. Thank you. Any items received after this deadline will have to be deferred until the following week's newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Grateful thanks for your generous contributions:

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### **Offertory Collection**

Cash:	£ 417.91
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£ 595.00
Standing Orders:	£ <b>349.90</b>
Total:	<b>£1,362.81</b>

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: St Anne's School Building Fund (Gift Aid)**

Total: £180.11

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#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

Today (28<sup>th</sup> February): CAFOD Lent Fast Day  
Next Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> March): NONE

#### **LENTEN ALMS** (Offerings left in the box)

The Lenten Alms are sent to the Contemplative Orders of women in the Diocese.