

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 28 February – 8 March 2009

Sat	28	9.30am	Betty McGarry RIP
		6.30pm	John Joseph Cronin RIP Kathleen Naughton ANN (Bridie Connollys
Mother)			
Sun	01	9.00am	Dara Molloy ANN
		10.30am	Fabian Ilo RI P, Samuel Edward Essel RIP Cynthia thanksgiving
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		6.30pm	Barbara McCann RIP
Mon	02	9.30am	Bridget & Mary Connell's int
Tue	03	9.30am	Michael Dignam RIP
Wed	04	9.30am	David Carter RIP
Thur	05	9.30am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady
Fri	06	9.30am	Marta Priddin RIP
Sat	07	9.30am	Joan Greene RIP
		6.30pm	Bridget Lewis get well, Joan &* Paul Doherty's int
Sun	08	9.00am	Thomas O'Shea ANN
		10.30am	Ghanaian Independence Day
		1.30pm	Misa en Espanol
		6.30pm	Bartley Deane RIP

Canonisation of Fr. Damien

The Canonization of Fr. Damien the Leper priest of Molokai has finally been announced by Pope Benedict. It will take place in Rome on the 11 October 2009. It is a great celebration for our community, the Sacred Hearts. Damien is a great example to us as a man who truly lived his calling in showing the compassion of Christ to the poorest of the poor. We hope as many people as possible will be able to join in our pilgrimage to Rome for this wonderful and unique occasion. We hope to have the final details and costs for this pilgrimage very soon. Please do take one of the purple sheets with brief history of Fr. Damien's life and work.

Having looked at the prices for Fr Damian's canonisation, the trip to Rome will be £569 which includes hotel half board in Rome for 5 nights with all flights and transfers. Please tell Fr Eddie or Fr Fergal if you are interested in going. Details of when a deposit is needed will be available next week. Sorry about the lack of further details as we just got the information last minute before the newsletter was published.

Lenten Retreat

Fr Chris McAneny will be leading a mini Parish Retreat during Lent starting this Thursday 5 March and continue on Thursday 12, 19 and 26 March. Sessions last for one hour and will be held after the 9.30am Mass. Fr. Chris has kindly agreed to repeat the Retreat for those who can't be present at the morning sessions, on Thursday evenings from 7.30-pm to 8.30pm. The title is "Come to me all who labour and I will give you rest".

Stations of the Cross during Lent

There will be Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 9.00am and 7.30pm. We are looking for Parish groups to take responsibility for leading the reflections on one Friday evening during Lent. So far the Catholic Woman's League and the Ghanaian Choir have volunteered to lead us in the stations, if there are any other committees or associations who would like to volunteer please give you details to one of the priests or sign up on the sheet in the hallway. Many thanks.

RCIA:

Please remember in your payers all those who are preparing for Baptism and reception into the Church this Easter. They have all participated in the rite of election on Saturday and are now in the final and more intense preparation during these weeks of Lent. Please keep them in your prayers.

Childrens' Mass – 10.30am Sunday 15 March

Children aged 7+ who are interested in joining the junior choir for this Mass, please contact John after Mass.

Musicians and Singers needed for 10.30am Mass

Contact Peter or Jim after Mass.

Safeguarding Children (Child Protection)

The Child protection officers of the Parish will be available on Saturday Morning between 10.00 and 10.45 am this coming Wednesday 4 March from 7.00-8.00pm for those people who have still to return their CRB forms. Margaret and Angie are very willing to help anybody with filling in their forms during these time. I cannot stress the importance of this issue for our Parish community and I ask you if you have not returned your form please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks for you co-operation in this crucial matter.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day - Friday 6 March

You can pick up gift aid envelopes in the hallway for your contribution to CAFOD. Please give generously to CAFOD's Lent Fast day and bring hope to people living in poverty.

Churches Together Lenten Reflection Groups

The Lenten groups will meet 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.

Baptism Classes - Classes on Wednesdays 4 and 11 March

7.00pm. At least one parent of children for Baptism must be Catholic, Baptism or Confirmation Certificate is required.

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.

Bishop Challoner Catholic School

228 Bromley Road, Shortlands Kent.

Open mornings 2009 Saturday 7 March, between 9.00am – 12.00 noon. Saturday 10 October 2009 9.00am – 12 noon.

Anniversaries

Mary Ellen McDonagh, Patrick McKay, Arnold Charles, Abayomi Obafunwa, Stanley Lebon, James McManus, Marie Athaide, Rita Miller, Jessica carter, Bartley Deane, James Coffey, Margaret Nicholson, Kevin Taylor.

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