

Catholic Parish of Our Lady & St Teresa of Lisieux, Wirksworth

Parish Newsletter

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Sunday - Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday - Service of the Word and Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

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17th January 2010

24th January 2010

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Collections: 3rd January: £133.50 10th January: £128.40 Thank you

Who is doing what

Sunday	17th January	24th January	31st January
Liturgy	Marian & Tony	Krystina & Family	Anne Holmes
Flowers (by Sat before)	Ulla	Veronica	Ann Lises
Tellers	Audrie & John	Julie & Stuart	Theresa & Mervyn
Tea/Coffee	Ged & Ulla	Julia & Zoë	Anne H
Cleaning (by Sat before)	Ged & Ulla	—	Audrie & John
E. Minister - Sunday	Thuy	Sr. Frederica	Eileen
Following Wednesday	Eileen	Eileen	Tony

Next newsletter: Sunday 31st January. Contributions by Thursday, 28th January, please, to Ged Pakes, Tel: [01629 824572](tel:01629824572) Email: gedpakes@w3z.co.uk

Anyone wishing to start, or stop, receiving the newsletter by e-mail, please contact the above.

Haiti earthquake - Christian Aid Appeal for Emergency Help

Thousands of people are feared dead and countless more made homeless after the devastating earthquake in Haiti. This small country is one of the poorest places on earth, and this disaster will create untold suffering and hardship to already vulnerable communities. The infrastructure was already fragile and there has been widespread destruction of homes and schools, as well as major damage to water and electricity supplies and road systems. *Vatican Catholic News Service* reports: 'Pope Benedict XVI prayed for victims of the massive earthquake in Haiti and urged the international community to provide generous assistance to the stricken population of the Caribbean nation. The victims included Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot of Port-au-Prince, whose body was found on Wednesday morning under the rubble of the archbishop's residence.' (For the full story, go to: www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/1000130.htm)

CAFOD has immediately pledged £100,000 to its Caritas partners in the region, to assist with the relief effort.

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Haiti earthquake - Christian Aid Appeal (Continued)

Christian Aid has released £100,000 to their partners in Haiti, and hope to send more. These partner organisations are experienced in emergency response and rehabilitation. We need your support so that they can continue to help the people of Haiti. Even a small amount of money will help to save lives. A collecting tin will be available at the back of church for the next two weeks. Please respond generously and remember the victims and survivors in Haiti in your prayers. Thank you. (AH/PW)

National Marriage Week 7-14 February 2010

Bishop Malcolm will be presiding at the annual Mass of Celebration during National Marriage Week in St. Barnabas Cathedral on Sunday 14th February 2010 at 3 pm. A welcome is extended to all who have ever received the sacrament but a special welcome is extended to those celebrating anniversaries of ten years; Silver, Ruby, Golden and Diamond Weddings, as well as to engaged couples and those experiencing difficulties in their marriage. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. Representatives of Catholic organisations concerned with marriage and family life in the diocese will be in attendance. For further information please contact Laurence & Eileen Udall on 540383. (L&EU)

First Holy Communion Candidates

If there are any parents, whose children don't go to a Catholic school, and want their children to prepare for their first holy communion this year please contact Krystina Johnson Tel. 01629 823591. Children need to be 8 years and over this year. (KJ)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Unity Octave begins on Monday (18th). This year marks the centenary of the first world mission conference that met in Edinburgh. This gathering is traditionally seen as the beginning of the modern ecumenical movement, which seeks the visible unity of the world's divided churches. The theme of that conference in 1910, "Witnessing to Christ today", forms the focus of our prayers this week. "You are witnesses to these things" (Luke 24:48). So with Christians throughout the country we pray day by day that we may be witnesses to Christ in: -

- Monday: Celebrating his gift of life.
- Tuesday: Listening to others and sharing our faith.
- Wednesday: The daily events of our nation and the world.
- Thursday: The example of those whose suffering reflects his grace and dignity.
- Friday: The good things of our own Church tradition and teaching.
- Saturday: Faithfulness to scripture and passion for the Gospel.
- Sunday: Overcoming our fears and anxieties.

Churches Together will be hosting a 'Café Church Special' at Waltham House next Wednesday 20th January, at 6.00 for 6.30 pm, until 8.00 pm. There will be music and worship suitable for everybody, especially children and families, with refreshments, DVD presentations, quizzes, and much more. Above all, there will be great fellowship, so it will be a great way to celebrate our Christian togetherness as we start this New Year. See the poster on the porch notice board for more details.

Please note the Service of the Word and Holy Communion will take place in St Teresa's at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, as usual.

The regular 'Pulpit Exchange' will take place next Sunday, 24th January, when we shall welcome Revd. Steve Bennett, the Methodist Minister, to speak to us at our 9.00am Mass. Tony Bolton will be preaching at the Methodist Church on behalf of Fr. Joseph. (PW)

Justice & Peace Events

The Diocesan Justice & Peace Office has sent information on a number of items which might be of interest to you. In particular:

- Today is **Peace Sunday**. The theme is 'To Sow Peace, Protect the Earth'. Please pray for the work of Pax Christi and consider making a donation to them.
Go to <http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/PeaceSunday.html> for details.
- **CAFOD Campaigns** remind us that the blockade of Gaza continues – they ask us to email Foreign Secretary David Miliband MP to make bringing it to an end his new year's resolution. For details, go to www.cafod.org.uk/news/gaza-action

Other events:

- **Poverty and Homelessness Action Week**, Jan 30th – Feb 7th. Theme 'Enough for all'.
Resources can be downloaded from <http://www.actionweek.org.uk/html/home.html>
- **'Holocaust Memorial'** - Anne Frank Talk and Exhibition, Coalville, 26th January.
- **'Legacy of Hope'** - Talk on Auschwitz and Birkenau, 27th January. (Booking essential).
- **'Culture, Community and Consecration'** - Conference on mental health and the exploration of faith, Pride Park, Derby, 2nd February.
- **'At What Cost?'** - Life in the occupied Palestinian territories, Derby, 9th February

Please see the list on the porch notice board for more details.

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Alternative Christmas Card

Thanks to your generosity, the big card raised £29.00, and a cheque has been sent to World Vision towards giving much needed support for children and families in Southern Sudan. The card itself has been given to Sarah Cunningham as an expression of our love and good wishes.

(PW)

Amnesty Greeting Cards

Thank you to everyone who signed cards to the two communities in Kenya and Columbia, chosen for us as part of the Amnesty campaign. Although this campaign happens every year in the Christmas season it is not a Christmas Card campaign – many of the recipients are not Christians – and the campaign continues until the end of January. So if you have not yet sent cards, you still have the opportunity to do so.

Breaking news (15/1/10) Proof your messages sometimes help: Just received from Mary Foster, Amnesty: 'If you sent a greetings card to HAMDY MOHAMMED SHAHADEH AL TA'MARI - Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories - you will be happy to learn that this young student has been released. While he was still in prison, his guards asked where all the cards were coming from. More news on the Amnesty website. Thanks for your continuing support! Mary.'

(PW)

Services at Waltham House

Services, open to all, are now being held at the Care Centre on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am. A rota for 2010 has been drawn up and we have been allocated two dates, namely 9th March & 10th August. These are 'Services of the Word' and will be lead by Peter West and Zita Woodhouse. If you are free at those times you are welcome to take this ecumenical opportunity and help to swell the congregation.

(PW)

Advance Notice – 'SING PRAISES!'

Ashbourne and Wirksworth Churches Together will be holding a joint Songs of Praise event at Carsington Water on 4th July 2010 at 3.00pm. Bring yourselves, family and friends, also a picnic and your voices. There will be further updates and more publicity later in the year, but to avoid missing it, please put it in your diary now.

(PW)

"Lord Jesus, your cross, your hour of glory, did indeed come, and because of your victory we drink the wine of the new covenant in the gift of your eucharist."

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