



St. Clare's Church Newsletter

7th March 2010 Third Sunday of Lent (C)

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Welcome

To the children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The theme for our Family Mass this morning is 'Listening to the Word of God'.

Lenten Devotions

On Monday evenings at 7pm during Lent (except 8th March) there will be Stations of the Cross.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 6 th March	6pm	Andrew Cross
Sunday 7 th March	9:30am	the people of the parish
Monday 8 th March	9am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 9 th March	9am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 10 th March	9am	Thelma Wicks
Thursday 11 th March	9am	Denis Shallow
Friday 12 th March	9am	Bob Burns
Saturday 13 th March	6pm	Meehan and Puttock families

Confessions

Saturday 5:15-5.45pm before evening Mass and by request after any weekday Mass.

Baptisms and Weddings

By appointment - please see Fr. John after weekend Mass

Prayer Times

Exposition

(of the Blessed Sacrament)

9:30-10:30am every Friday

Divine Office

(Morning Prayer) 8:45 each day.

RCIA

Thursday, 7pm.

Quiet Prayer

The church is open to light a candle and for quiet prayer every day. Access is via the Parish Room using the door code.

Please remember in your prayers

those who are sick especially

Mary Smith, Jim Oakey, Doreen Johnson, Colette Thornborough, Thomas Gardner, Louis Anderson, Susan Collin, Catherine Hanifin, Michelle Tolliday, Jean Huggins, Kenny March, Michael Hardy, Jan Oliver, Bunty Donovan, Marion Serrell, Arthur Whatley, Wynne Hughes, Denise Bradshaw, Joanne Warwick, Andrew Cross, Fr J. Anthony Barry

those who have died recently especially

Margaret Cowan (*Judy Martin's sister*)

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially

Freda Scarlett, Kay Morrissey, Thelma Wicks, Vincent McKenna, Mary Henry, James Burns, Percy Watson, John Lee, Norman Swash, Josie Clarke, Marie Galvin, Angela Aquilina, Rita Boxtrem, Colin Peacock

Mass intentions have been received for

Jo Robinson, Margaret Cowan, Peggy McNulty, the Hart and Dodds families

Parish Notices

Family Fast Day

There will be a retiring collection for CAFOD's Family Fast Day after Masses this weekend.

Social and Fundraising meeting

Monday 15th March, 9.30am in the Parish Room.

Feeling trapped in your own home by the weather?

Why not join in with lunch at the Blue Bell on Thursday 11th March? Please add your name to the list at the back of church. Contact Maureen on 291947 for the menu or email

fundraising@stclare.org.uk

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers

Dear Eucharistic Ministers, I write to you to ask for your help. We are extremely short of volunteers to help distribute Holy Communion in the James Cook Hospital. If you could spare one day every two months, I would appreciate your help.

Please contact Fr Simon Broughton on 01642 850113 for further details. Thank you and God Bless.

Helping those in great need

The refugees have been put onto a new system to sustain them. They have been given a card called an Azure card, which allows them to buy food in some shops. They are still not given any cash at all, so they cannot buy at cheaper outlets. They have no money for bus fares, phone calls etc.

We are asking them to exchange some of the £35 Azure card for gift cards in Asda, Tesco or Sainsbury and to bring these to the drop-in at the Avenue Methodist Church on a Wednesday. These will be usually £5 or £10 cards. If you feel you would like to help to make their lives better, please buy these cards at their face value from Gerry Butterfield or Barbara Morris, who go each week to give money in exchange for a gift card. We will try to get you the card you would like. Just order it. Many thanks to all who have supported us in this project to help the destitute.

Tea or Coffee after Sunday Mass

If you can help to do this, please add your name to the list at the back of church.

Lenten Soups

On 12th March there will be soup at St Margaret's Church Hall following a short meditation led by Rev Ron Smith. On 19th and 26th March Stations of The Cross will be at 12 o'clock in Church followed by the soup in the Parish Room. Proceeds will go to CAFOD's work to help following the Haitian earthquake.

RCIA Journey in Faith

Would you like to know more about becoming a Catholic? Please contact St Clare's Church on 593686.

Diocesan Notices

World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid

Fr Paul Farrer invites the young people of our Diocese (those who will have turned 16 by August 2011) to World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid. This is to be a joint venture with Leeds Diocese and will be led by Bishop Arthur Roche and our own Bishop Terry Drainey.

Contact Fiona Moffat on 01642 850505 extension 232 or Fr Paul on 01642 814564.

Catholic Care

The Bishops of Hallam, Leeds and Middlesbrough have written a joint Pastoral Letter in defence of Catholic Care and its special role in helping very vulnerable children find loving families to adopt them. Please continue to pray to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Her intercession on behalf of Catholic Care.

Love in Truth

Bishop Terry extends an invitation to the whole Diocese to join together in a special project for Lent 2010. It is entitled 'Love in Truth', the English translation of the 2009 Papal Encyclical 'Caritas in Veritate' - which explores human development in the light of justice and the common good. The aim is to promote insight and understanding of recent Catholic social teaching by applying it to numerous contemporary issues. This is particularly pertinent with an imminent General Election. The project concludes with the plenary session at English Martyrs, York (with John Battle MP as keynote speaker) on Saturday 13th March (10am-1pm, concluding with a simple lunch).

For those who will be taking part in the Lenten Reflections on the Papal Encyclical 'Love in Truth', copies of the document are available from the Repository.

Give a Year to God

Middlesbrough Diocesan Youth Mission Team is looking for volunteers aged 18+ to join the team in September 2010. This is an opportunity to live, work and pray in community and to work as part of a team serving the very many young people in our diocese. The team will be based at St Thomas More's but will serve the entire diocese. Team members will be fed and housed and will receive a small weekly allowance. Anyone who is interested please contact Fr Paul Farrer on 01642 814564 or email youthchaplain@middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk

Confirmation meeting dates

The Confirmation Preparation programme meetings take place in the Cathedral Hall on Thursday at 7pm on 25th March, 29th April, and the 6th and 20th of May.

Other Notices

Running for SAMM

Thanks to all who supported Christine Oliver's running of the Tokyo Marathon in support of SAMM (Support After Murder and Manslaughter).

St Margaret's Easter coffee morning

Easter egg and chocolate tombola, Easter cards, cake stall, raffle, etc.

Saturday 13th March, 10am-noon.

Tickets only £1 including refreshments.

UCM Retreat at the Holy Name

A UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) retreat on Sunday 21st March 2010, 2pm will be led by Fr John Paul Leonard.

Mass will be celebrated at 4pm followed by refreshments in the parish hall. All welcome. A donation of £2 would be greatly appreciated.

St Patrick's Day Social Evening

In aid of the Lourdes fund, an evening of Irish music with Janie St John at the Blue Bell Hotel. Tickets - only £5 to include pie and peas - from the Blue Bell 593939

Independent Living for Older People

ILOP, a support service for older people who are housebound in the Middlesbrough area, provides an inexpensive Handyman scheme for low-level DIY tasks and light gardening tasks.

Leaflet at the back of church.

Zoë's Place Baby Hospice

Zoë's Place is collecting Easter eggs for the children and their families, and for use in the Easter Tombola which helps raise funds for the Hospice.

Eggs may be left in the church porch.

The Easter Triduum at St Clare's

Holy Thursday, 1st April, 7pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, 2nd April, 3pm

Holy Saturday, 3rd April, 7pm

Easter Vigil

Alzheimer's Prayer

God of mercy and compassion
be with us today
as we gather to remember
those who cannot remember.

We lift up to you
their confusion and their pain.

We pray for the carers
that they may have the strength to
continue their blessed work
and that they may receive the respite and
support they need.

May we as a community recognise our
responsibility to provide for those affected
by Alzheimer's Disease.

Sunday Smile

Holy E-mail

One day God was looking down at earth and saw all of the rascally behaviour that was going on.

So He called St. Michael and sent him to earth for a time.

When Michael returned, he told God, 'Yes, it is bad on earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not.'

God thought for a moment and said, 'Maybe I had better send a second Archangel down to get another opinion.'

So God sent St. Gabriel to earth for a time.

When Gabriel returned he went to God and said, 'Yes, it's true. The earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving, but 5% are being good.'

God was not pleased. So He decided to e-mail the 5% who were good, because he wanted to encourage them, and give them a little something to help them keep going.

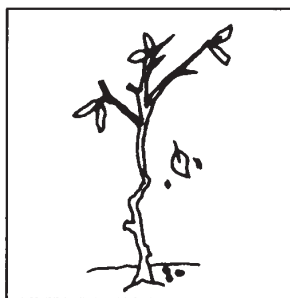
Do you know what the e-mail said?

Okay, I was just wondering, because I didn't get one either.

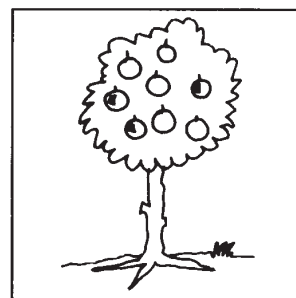
God is
always ready to give us
another chance to
try again

FOOTPRINTS IN
FAITH

Colour the pictures below



Diseased tree
with no fruit



Healthy tree,
lots of fruit

Another
chance



A selfish and
unkind person



A kind and
loving person

Another
chance