

Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady, Edith Avenue, Peacehaven

Newsletter Saturday /Sunday 06 - 07 December 2008

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intention at Mass</u> | <u>Liturgical Day</u> |
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| Sat 06 | 6.30 pm | The People of the Parish | 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| Sun 07 | 10.30 am | Fr Christopher Bedford RIP | |
| Mon 08 | 9.30 am | Catherine Mary Gillard RIP | Immaculate Conception of Our Lady |
| Tue 09 | 9.30 am | Deceased members Rance-Dauchez family | Advent Weekday |
| Wed 10 | No Mass | | Advent Weekday |
| Thu 11 | 9.30 am | Gerry Tiernan RIP | Advent Weekday |
| Fri 12 | 9.30 am | Jennifer Anderson RIP | Advent Weekday |
| Sat 13 | No Morning Mass | | St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr |
| | 6.30 pm | Gordon Chalk RIP | 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT |

Confessions Saturday 5.45—6.20 pm and any time by arrangement.

This Weekend: Sunday at 3pm there is a Service of Reconciliation. Today is also Bible Sunday; we are asked to pray (especially in this Year of St Paul) for an openness to the Word of God

We pray for our dear dead: For those who have died recently or with anniversaries at this time.

We pray for the sick: Margaret Peacock, Gwen Davey, Eileen Weaver, Audrey Pereira, Frankie Longley, Doris Blake, Michel Bazire, Eddie Kelly.

Collections last week Offertory £357.70, Meridian Coffee Morning £137.80, Donations £20.20, Hire of Hall £210, Transfer from ROMA Club £1,000

Thank you for your generosity!

Counters: Michael Barwick & John Hastings

Next weekend: Brian Fernando & Tina Figueriedo

Attendance last weekend: 238

Rota for This weekend

Reader-Saturday: Martin Klust

Ministers-Saturday: Pat Spowage / Caroline Robertson

Readers-Sunday: Sean Gordon / Chantelle West

Ministers-Sunday: Claude Cheta / Eileen Davis

Anne Farncombe / Breda Ashton / Janice Goodwin

Rota for Next weekend (13 / 14 December)

Reader-Saturday: Andrea Rhodes

Ministers-Saturday: Aiden Moore, Laura Naylor

Readers-Sunday: Anne Gillard / Francesca Greetham

Ministers-Sunday: Teresa Murray / Sarah Dook / Nisha Joseph / Steve Prodger / Steve Waugh

Thank you for taking part in these ministries! If you are not able to fulfil your duties, please arrange cover with another minister.

After the Parish Mass Every Sunday: Tea and coffee is available in the Parish Hall and a chance to get to know other members of our family in the Parish Community better. There are games for younger members of the parish. *All welcome!*

CHANGE TO PREVIOUS MESSAGE!

This Weekend: There is a second collection this weekend for the maintenance of Arundel Cathedral.

Next weekend: Christmas Flowers: 2nd collection for flowers for church to celebrate Our Saviour's birthday.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

This Monday: is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady - Patron of our Parish.

Rosary at 9.10 am, followed by Mass at 9.30am

Next Sunday: The 3rd Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday - meaning "*Rejoice!*" Priests wear pink vestments rather than purple - just to prove it!

Readings at Mass: are from Cycle B (Year 2).

Getting Ready for Christmas?

A good start to Advent: **This afternoon** at 3pm we have a service of reconciliation. Please do your best to attend as a good way to prepare and celebrate Our Saviour's love and forgiveness. There will be several Priests available for those wishing to make individual acts of reconciliation / confession.

Meridian Coffee Morning: This Tuesday 9th Dec. Last chance before Christmas to enjoy a coffee and buy some Christmas presents at this fund raiser for the Parish. Please try to give us your support at the Meridian Centre on this morning.

A Community Carol Celebration: This Wednesday 10th December in Meridian Centre at Tickets from Peacehaven Information Office, 01273 585493.

Christmas Around the World: Disco with delicious hot & cold food from around the world. 7.30pm Sat 13 December in the Hall. Tickets £2 on sale today!

Carol Service in Church: Sunday 14 December at 4pm. Refreshments will be available after in the hall.

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Morning: 10.30am Parish Mass

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DID YOU KNOW? REGULAR THINGS THAT GO ON IN THE PARISH

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Approximate Time</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Mondays before Mass | 9.10am | Rosary |
| Monday evenings | 7.30pm | Lectio Divina at Fr Tom's House |
| Tuesdays before Mass | 8.30 - 9.25am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Thursdays before Mass | 9.10am | Morning Prayer of the Church |
| Thursdays after Mass | 10.00am | Divine Mercy Devotions |
| Alternate Thursdays | 2 - 4pm (This Thursday) | Thursday Club in Hall |
| Fridays after Mass | 10.00am | Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Devotions |
| Friday evenings | 7.30pm - 9.00pm | Prayer Group in Lady Chapel |
| Sundays after Parish Mass | 11.30am - 12.30pm | Coffee in the Hall |
| Sundays before & after Mass | | Repository Open for cards & Gifts |

Everyone is welcome to join in. If you'd like more details please speak to Fr Tom.

The Deep End • Pulling a Fast One

Today's Second Reading (2 Pet 3:8-15) reminds me of the tale of Ted. Ted thought he'd pull a fast one on God. So he prayed: 'Heavenly Father, for you a million years is but a minute and a million Euro but one cent. Please hear me as I ask you for just one cent.' God heard, and said: 'Sure, Ted. Just a minute!'

The moral of the story is that we should know what to expect from God. Our First Reading (Isa 40:1 -5, 9-11) tells us what that is: tenderness. Let that sink in. God gives us affection. Since it's not possible for us to be on a par with God, God puts himself on a par with us: God becomes man. That's the God who comes at Christmas.

But do we want to meet God? Can we tolerate a tender God? If we stamp others as our 'enemy', can we hear God's tender voice - especially when it's directed at those 'enemies'? If my enemy's enemy is indeed my friend, is his friend then my enemy? How can we call God 'friend' while calling God's friend 'enemy'?

Advent is a time for thinking things through, for seeing the implications of Jesus' birth. He came to give life in all its fullness to humanity in all its numbers regardless of who they are or where they come from. That's a message you won't see posted in shop windows in the run-up to Christmas. You won't hear it shouted from housetops. You won't hear it anywhere - except in God's subversive, yet creative, word. Fr Tom Cahill SVD

Parish / Thursday Club Christmas Lunch Following our enjoyable Christmas lunch last year, we have again decided to use the Royal Albion Hotel in Brighton as this year's venue. The lunch will take place on Thursday 18th December. Reception at 12.30 for 1pm sit down. The price is £9. Please book with the ladies in the entrance porch after Mass today, where further details will be available. *Come and have a great time!*

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Preparing for Christmas, most of us will spend a lot of time (and quite a lot of money) on presents for our friends and family. Amidst our celebrations, perhaps we could spare a thought for local people who may not be so fortunate. The "**Giving Tree**" gives each of us a chance to provide a small gift for one (or more) homeless people supported by St Anne's. Simply buy and wrap a useful gift (labelled man or woman) like a Fleece hat, scarf, Gloves, Socks, underwear, toiletries, razors, shaving foam, tooth brush / paste, soap, deodorant, body spray, chocolates, biscuits, fleeces, jumpers, jeans, polo shirts, pac-a macs, sleeping bags, thermos flasks or similar and leave them by the tree! *In as much as you did it for one of these....*