

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

Newsletter Saturday /Sunday 13 - 14 December 2008

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intention at Mass</u> | <u>Liturgical Day</u> |
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| Sat 13 | 6.30 pm | Gordon Chalk RIP | 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| Sun 14 | 10.30 am | People of the Parish | |
| Mon 15 | 9.30 am | Special Intention | Advent Weekday |
| Tue 16 | 9.30 am | Deceased members of the Rance-Dauche family | Advent Weekday |
| Wed 17 | No Mass | | Advent Weekday |
| Thu 18 | 9.30 am | Tom Gregan RIP | Advent Weekday |
| Fri 19 | 9.30 am | Peter Smyth RIP | Advent Weekday |
| Sat 20 | No Morning Mass | | Advent Weekday |
| | 6.30 pm | Annie & Thomas Smith RIP | 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT |

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

This Weekend: The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday - meaning "*Rejoice!*" The Priest wears rose pink vestments rather than purple and the pink candle is lit on the Advent Wreath.

This Sunday Afternoon: 14th December at 4pm is our **Parish Carol Service** in Church. Please come along and support this event. Refreshments are available afterwards in the hall.

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 £357.90, Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund £89.11 *Thank you!*

Counters: Brian Fernando & Tina Figueriedo

Next weekend: Carole Winch & Gerry O'Shea

Attendance last weekend: 226

Rota for This weekend

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

Rota for Next weekend (20 / 21 December)

Reader-Saturday: Delani Fernando

Ministers-Saturday: Blanche Watts / Martin Klust

Readers-Sunday: Elizabeth Edmed /Eleanor Newman

Ministers-Sunday: Ulla Chambers / Ian Hodgson /

Michael Barwick / Karen Welsh / Shrini Fernando

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!*

This Weekend: There is a second collection this weekend for Christmas Flowers for church to decorate our church building in celebration of Our Saviour's birthday. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

Next Sunday: 21st December is a day of prayer for Expectant Mothers. Please remember & pray for them.

ROMA CLUB: Winners for November were: Mrs P Spowage, Mrs B Watts, Mrs G Brennan, Mr Paul Spowage and Mrs Labourcherdiere. *Congratulations!*

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

This Week: The weekdays of the last week of Advent (17th - 24th December) directly prepare us for the Lord's birth. Amidst all the rush and business of this time, try to set aside just a little time each day to prepare for the great gift of God's love in the incarnation.

Christmas Services

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

Reflection on today's 2nd reading: Paul attempts to address the concerns that the people of Thessalonica had about the second coming of Christ. He urges them to live as citizens of the light & continue their business as they will not know the day or time of His coming. Vv.16-18 list three marks of a Christian. We are to be joyful, to pray constantly and always to be thankful. These may seem daunting for ourselves, but are signs we would recognise in someone else we consider 'holy'. We should remember that it is not our own strength but God who alone makes us holy; and we should remember Paul's promise: for 'God has called you and will not fail you' (v.24).

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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 | 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 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. Nothing wrong in that, providing it's in proportion.

Most of all, let us remember that Love is the greatest gift we can share with one another! Think of the boundless Love we receive from God as we prepare to receive His Son, our Saviour this Christmas and when we receive Him in Word and Sacrament.

Amidst our celebrations, perhaps we could also spare a thought for local people who may not be so fortunate. The "*Advent Giving Tree*" gives each of us a chance to provide a small gift for one (or more) homeless people supported by St Anne's Trust, or people in the Parish who have very little.

How can you help? Simply buy and wrap a useful gift (labelled for a 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 something similar and leave them by the tree which is in the sanctuary, to the side of the statue of Our Lady. Fr Tom will then ensure they go to someone local who is in need or to St Anne's for them to give to the people they help. *In as much as you did it for one of the least of these, my brothers or sisters, you did it for me.*



Catholaity: Thanks again to Ian Hodgson and all the team who helped to make Catholaity such a success for the Parish again this year. The total collected was an amazing **£2,075.99** after expenses of £202.18 Below is a break down of funds raised:

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| Youth Tombola | £125 |
| Material Girl | £292.66 |
| Gifts | £263.94 |
| Cakes | £296.57 |
| Hamper Raffle | £212 |
| Bottle Stall | £413.80 |
| Catholaity Draw | £674.20 |
| Sub Total | £2,278.17 |
| Less Expenses | -£202.18 |
| Grand Total | £2,075.99 |

For those who haven't come across Catholaity before; it is an annual event held in November at Hove Town Hall where a number of parishes provide stalls. It is the main fund raising event for our Parish.

Many thanks to everyone!

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 this **Thursday 18th December**. Reception at 12.30 for 1pm sit down. The price is £9. Last chance to book in the entrance porch after Mass today, where further details will be available. *Come and have a great time!*