

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

**Newsletter Saturday /Sunday 25 - 26 July 2009**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention at Mass</u>	<u>Liturgical Day</u>
Sat 25	6.30 pm	People of the Parish	<b>17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>
Sun 26	10.30 am	Ann Collard RIP	
Mon 27	9.30 am	Mary O'Connor RIP	Weekday
Tue 28	9.30 am	Gerry Tiernan RIP	Weekday
Wed 29	NO MASS		St Martha
Thu 30	9.30 am	David & Gay Barwick	Weekday
<b>Fri 31</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Matthew Lloyd RIP</b>	St Ignatius of Loyola
Sat 01 Aug	No Morning Mass 6.30pm	People of the Parish	St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori <b>18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>

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

**We Pray for the dead:** Those recently departed, especially **Matthew Lloyd** & all with anniversaries at this time. Matthew's funeral Mass will replace the 9.30am Mass on Friday. *May he rest in peace.*

**We Pray for the sick:** Gwen Davey, Doris Blake, Michel Bazire, Lydia Waugh, Eileen Sivell, Bella Willoughby, Tom Magner, Barney Doherty, Margaret Peacock, Patrick Bolger, Peter Prince

**Collections last week:** Offertory: £398.70, Papers £122.77, Holy Souls £8.91, Apostleship of the Sea £131.07, Hall £50 *Thank You for your generosity!*

**Attendance last weekend: 216**

**Counters:** Brian Fernando / Tina Figueriedo

**Next week:** Mahen Fernando / Sally Falcon

**Rota for This weekend**

**Reader-Saturday:** Cathy Gregan

**Ministers-Saturday:** Laura Naylor / Blanche Watts

**Readers-Sunday:** Cathy & Melissa Neave

**Ministers-Sunday:** Jocelyn Dacoco / Eileen Davis  
Anne Farncombe / Shrini Fernando / Steve Prodger

**Rota Next weekend (01 / 02 August)**

**Reader-Saturday:** Les Robertson

**Ministers-Saturday:** Aiden Moore / Jenny Leonard

**Readers-Sunday:** Pat & Niamh Goodwin

**Ministers-Sunday:** Steve Waugh / Janice Goodwin  
Teresa Murray / Breda Ashton / Elizabeth Edmed

**After the Parish Mass Every Sunday:** Coffee & tea in the Hall & games for children. *All welcome!*

**Games Rota this week:** Pat Goodwin

**Games Rota next week:** John Melly

**Sunday Coffee:** Jocelyn Dacoco / Laura Lopez

**Next Sunday:** Anne Teliszewski / Anne Gillard

**Flowers this w/end:** Kimberley Reding

**Next weekend:** Aileen Jones / Ann Quirk

**Church Cleaning:** Jocelyn Dacoco

**Next Weekend:** Ian Hodgson / Anne Johnson

**Hospitality Saturday:** Jenny Leonard / Pat Toner

**Hospitality Next Sat:** Les Robertson

**Hospitality Sunday:** Robin Marrow / Dennis Simmons

**Hospitality Next Sun:** Shrini Fernando / Eileen Davis

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS John 6:1-15**

1. At the heart of this story we are told that Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them. In our day this reminds us of the Eucharist, the bread of life with which Jesus feeds us. By sharing the bread and wine in the Eucharist we symbolise our unity with one another and with God. Can you recall a particular Eucharist that was especially nourishing for you? What was it that made it different?
2. Take, give thanks, distribute. The actions of Jesus also suggest an attitude to time, gifts and living. We take what we are given, give thanks, and use what we have. Have you found that having a grateful heart for what you have been given has made it easier for you to share with others?
3. From what seemed meagre and inadequate resources many were fed. When have you found that when you gratefully use what little resources you have the results are beyond your expectations?
4. Jesus chose to involve those around him in feeding the people. Have there been times when you have experienced benefits from calling on those around you to use their gifts to help with a task? *John Byrne OSA*

**QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK**

**Q.** I read your answer why the Church is against pre-marital sex. But is there any better way of preparing for eventual marriage than living together to find if the couple are compatible?

**A.** You seem to forget that there is a much higher rate of break-up among couples who cohabited before marriage than among those who did not. It is very likely that couples who did not cohabit before marriage had stronger religious beliefs and developed a spirit of self-sacrifice in their relationship. These factors are hugely important in strengthening the bonds of a mature relationship. *Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap*

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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>
<b>Mondays</b>	before Mass 9.10am	Rosary
<b>Monday</b>	evenings 7.30pm	Lectio Divina at Fr Tom's House
<b>Tuesdays</b>	before Mass 8.30 - 9.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Thursdays</b>	before Mass 9.10am	Morning Prayer of the Church
<b>Thursdays</b>	after Mass 10.00am	Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Alternate Thursdays</b>	2 - 4pm	Thursday Club in Hall
<b>Fridays</b>	after Mass 10.00am	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Devotions
<b>Friday</b>	evenings 7.30pm - 9.00pm	Prayer Group in Lady Chapel
<b>Sundays</b>	after Parish Mass to 12.30pm	Tea / Coffee in the Hall
<b>Saturday / Sunday</b>	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.*

#### HELP WITH HALL CLEANING:

We need one or two people to volunteer to help clean the hall on 21 Sept, 2 Nov and 14 Dec. This will not commit you to permanent help, but you might find you enjoy it so much that you want to! *Please speak to Gloria Brennan.*

#### THIS WEEKEND : COLLECTION FOR PRO-LIFE CHARITIES

This Sunday is **A DAY FOR LIFE**; there is a 2nd collection for associated charities. Please give generously in support of their work to respect all human life from conception to a natural death. See opposite a shortened essay written by the late Fr Christopher Bedford on his thoughts about euthanasia.

#### MERIDIAN COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning at the Meridian Centre is on Tuesday **28th July** (Not Tuesday 25th July as stated in last week's Newsletter). We urgently need bottles (e.g. wine) and other prizes for the tombola. Please leave any donations at the back of church. *Thank you!*

***Please talk (and listen) to God quietly before Mass and to one another after!***

**VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA:** John Paul II spoke with profound passion for the Gospel of Life in *Evangelium Vitae*; condemning the "sinister character" of crimes against life, he pleaded for a *true* justice in society where those at the margins are brought in and valued & where the "values of *being*" are not replaced "by those of *having*". A society that has no place for the weak, the dependent and the vulnerable is an unjust and uncivilised society. A person should be valued, not because of social or economic usefulness, but because that person is human. Euthanasia must find no place in a society where we celebrate and proclaim the Gospel of Life. Because we are "stewards not owners; life is not ours to be disposed of" (Catechism of the Catholic Church). "When the prevailing tendency is to value life only to the extent that it brings pleasure & well-being, suffering seems like an unbearable setback, something from which one must be freed of at all costs" but love demands that this view be challenged for it is a false mercy, indeed a perversion of mercy. True compassion leads to sharing another's pain; it does not kill the person whose sufferings we cannot bear. Love for the dying recognises ".....above all a request for companionship, sympathy and support...a plea for help to keep on hoping when all human help fails." In the end, legalising requests for the shortening of life implies little value in the person who is dying or the journey they are making. It is not the way of love for an individual or for society.

*Adapted from an essay by Fr Christopher Bedford RIP*