

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

Newsletter Saturday / Sunday 08 - 09 August 2009

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention at Mass</u>	<u>Liturgical Day</u>
Sat 08	6.30 pm	Mary & Timothy Gordon / Frances McConachie RIP	19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
Sun 09	10.30 am	People of the Parish	
Mon 10	9.30 am	Personal Intention - Fr Tom	St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
Tue 11	9.30 am	Ellen O'Hara RIP	St Clare, Virgin
Wed 12	NO MASS		Weekday
Thu 13	9.30 am	People of the Parish	Weekday
Fri 14	9.30 am	Ken Barwick RIP	St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
Sat 15	No Morning Mass 6.30pm	Denis Ashford RIP	Weekday ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

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

We Pray for the dead: For those who have died recently, especially Matthew Lloyd and all those with anniversaries at this time. *May they 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 & Margaret Barry

Collections last week: Offertory: £501.33, Coffee at Meridian Centre £196.65 *Thank you!*

Attendance last weekend: 220

Counters: Michael Barwick / Gerry O'Shea

Next week: Carole Winch / Mary Gore

Rota for This weekend

Reader-Saturday: Martin Klust

Ministers-Saturday: Gloria Brennan / Caroline Robertson

Readers-Sunday: Andrew Coghlan / Mignoli Fernando

Ministers-Sunday: Ulla Chambers / Sarah Dook
Michael Barwick / Shrini Fernando / Sandra Waugh

Rota Next weekend (15 - 16 August)

Reader-Saturday: Andrea Rhodes

Ministers-Saturday: Jenny Leonard / Anne Johnson

Readers-Sunday: Doug Matthews / Jennifer Prodger

Ministers-Sunday: Nisha Joseph / Claude Cheta
Karen Welsh / Janice Goodwin / David O'Shea

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

Games Rota this week: Steve Prodger

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Sunday Coffee: Julie Page / Polly Lovell

Next Sunday: Shrini Fernando / Tina Figueriedo

Flowers this w/end: Marion White

Next weekend: Josie Parry

Church Cleaning: Anne Farncombe / Teresa Murray

Next Weekend: Tina Willis

Hospitality Saturday: Brenda Gorbitt / Andrea Rhodes

Hospitality Next Sat: Claude & Antoinette Cheta

Hospitality Sunday: Steve & Sandra Waugh

Hospitality Next Sun: Elaine Saudain / Sandra Williams

*Thank you for helping the life of our Parish
Community through this work!*

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF
THE GOSPELS: John 6:41-51**

Faith is reasonable but we cannot reason our way into faith. We have to be 'drawn by the Father'. We have to be 'taught by God'. What opens your mind and heart to God's message? One thing which closes our minds to what another is saying is when we label them disparagingly, as the Jews did to Jesus. Have you ever had the experience of being surprised by the wisdom of another when you laid aside your prejudices about them to listen to what they were saying? 'No one has ever seen the Father except the one who is from God'. As Jesus put a human face on God and God's love, so God's love for us today is mediated through one another. How have other people been sacraments of God's love for you? For whom have you been that kind of sacrament? The way in which Jesus became a source of life for us was by giving himself. It is when we truly give ourselves that we can be life-giving to others. If we do not give of ourselves, what do we have to offer? How have you discovered the importance of self-giving, in yourself or in others? *John Byrne OSA*

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. I did a weekend programme called the Enneagram which I found very helpful in understanding myself and others. But now somebody tells me it is against our religion as it comes from a non-Christian source.

A. I also found the Enneagram very enlightening. The fact that it originated among Sufi (Islamic) mystics does not make it bad or dangerous. The Old Testament writers used pagan sources for their stories of creation and the flood. Jewish religious feasts were developed on the foundation of earlier pagan festivals. Similarly, Christians took the pagan celebration of mid-winter as the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Saint Patrick referred the pagan fire of Spring to the rising of Christ. God's presence is not confined to Christians!

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>
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 to 12.30pm	Tea / Coffee in the Hall
Saturday / Sunday	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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Although normally kept on 15th August, we now keep this wonderful Feast day on the Sunday. Often referred to as Easter in August it shows Mary, leading the way of all God's people into the Glory of Heaven. *Alleluia!*

WELCOME BACK TO FR TOM

We welcome back Fr Tom from his break in Ireland where he continued the celebrations for his Golden Jubilee of ordination to the Priesthood. We also assure him and his sister (Margaret Barry, who is very sick at the moment) of our love and continued prayers.

MERIDIAN COFFEE MORNINGS

Many thanks to the helpers and supporters of the last coffee morning. It was a useful fund raiser and reminder that the Catholic Church is alive and well. We still need more bottles and prizes for the tombola; please leave any offerings in the church porch. *Thank You!*

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

SOME THINGS GOD WON'T ASK YOU:

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove;
He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
2. God won't ask about the size of your house;
He'll ask how many people you invited to your home.
3. God won't ask about the clothes you have;
He'll ask how many people you helped to clothe.
4. God won't ask about your highest salary;
He'll ask if you compromised your character to get it.
5. God won't ask what your job was;
He'll ask if you performed to the best of your ability.
6. God won't ask how many friends you had;
He'll ask how many people you befriended.
7. God won't ask what neighbourhood you lived in;
He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.
8. God won't ask the colour of your skin;
He'll ask about the content of your character.
9. God won't ask why it took you so long to seek salvation;
He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven.