

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C) 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2010
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<i>MASSES:-</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>	6.00pm	Ann Sheridan
	<i>SUNDAY</i>	8.30am	Celine Fernandes
		10.00am	Holy souls
		11.30am	Agnes & Ludovina Fernandes
		4.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
		6.30pm	Parishioners

This afternoon we welcome Charles, Donald & Doreena Stainer into the church through Baptism.

<i>MON</i>	9.15am	Pat Fordham (successful operation)	
	10.30am	Prema Kurukulasuriya (sick)	
<i>TUE</i>	8.15am	Nora Mara	
	10.30am	Margaret Merrick	
<i>WED</i>	9.15am	Donal O’Hare	
<i>THU</i>	8.15am	Mark Poor	
	10.30am	Laura Stoneham (welfare)	
<i>FRI</i>	9.15am	Lourdes Dias	Exposition after Mass
	3.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
	7.00pm	Mary Wakefield (speedy recovery)	Exposition after Mass
<i>SAT</i>	10.30am	Joe Mendes	
	11.00 – 11.30am and 4.00 – 4.30pm	<b>Confessions</b> (including First Reconciliation)	
	6.00pm	Zoe Baker	
<i>SUN</i>	8.30am	Carmen Fiorini (Mothers’ Day)	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C)
	10.00am	William Griffith (40 <sup>th</sup> anniv.)	
	11.30am	Mrs Ivy Thorpe	
	4.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
	6.30pm	Holy souls	

**Today We Welcome** 3<sup>rd</sup> Welling Scout Group to Church Parade at 10am. Tea, coffee & cakes on sale in the hall after Mass. All are welcome. Parish Coffee Morning in small hall after 8.30am Mass.

**First Holy Communions:** At each Mass today there will be a short Ritual of Forgiveness for the children as they prepare for their first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation next weekend & the following weekend. Parents please ensure you have signed the lists in the porch indicating which day & time your child will make their First Confession. **Note:** The next two parents’ evenings are moved to Mon 29<sup>th</sup> March and Wed 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

**Next Sunday** we will be celebrating *The Scrutinies* at the 10am Mass. These are special prayers for those preparing for Baptism at Easter, to deliver them from the power of sin and Satan, and to give them the strength of Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life.

**Many Thanks** for last week’s collection which came to £1,050.50, and for the collection for CAFOD which came to £882.63. Bexley Deanery 3<sup>rd</sup> World Group collection this weekend, watch out for the money box after Mass. Have a look at the projects that are being funded this year – see notice board.

**Repository:** There is a new supply of St.Patrick's Day cards and brooches, Easter, Mother's Day and Communion cards, rosaries and gifts as well as Healing Prayer Booklets on sale now.

**Bexley Deanery Penitential Service** will be held here at St. Stephen’s on the 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm (the Friday before Holy Week.) The other parishes and their priests are invited, so it should be a special occasion, and there will be plenty of confessors to choose from. It will be followed by Mass at about 8.30pm.

**Cleaners Needed:** We are looking to get a rota of *regular* cleaners together for the Church once the big clean up & decorating is complete. If you can spare an hour of your time & would be able to help on a regular basis please sign the list at the back of the Church indicating which day of the week would be most convenient to

you. Existing cleaners please sign the list if you wish to be included on the new rota. The more people that sign up the better. Everything will be shown / explained to you before the rota begins. A big thank-you to all that volunteered to help clean / decorate the Church. You will be contacted soon with a start date!

**APF Red Box Holders:** Please would you bring your red box & leave it in the sacristy today or on one of the following Sundays –14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> March. Boxes can be collected from the back of the Church on the following Sunday. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE BOX.

**A Day With Mary:** A day of instruction, devotion & intercession at St Joseph's, Herbet Road, Shooter's Hill. Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9.35am – 6pm

**Welcomers Rota** available at the back of the church. Please take your copy.

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage** 12<sup>th</sup> June at St George's Cathedral. If you are celebrating your 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary & would like to attend this special Mass at the Cathedral, where you can renew your vows, please write your names & address clearly on the form on the back table so that you can receive an invitation.

**Altar Servers Club** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 5-6pm Meet in Church for practice, for prayer and for fun.

**The Pastoral Council** meets this Wednesday at 8pm in the small hall. As usual, anyone who has a point of view, or who would like to contribute to the life of the parish in any way, is most welcome to be there. If you cannot attend the meeting but have a view to put forward or a suggestion to make please write it down & put it in the Suggestion Box at the back of the Church.

**Over 55s Brunch Club** will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Monday 15th March in the parish hall. All over 55 year olds are welcome to join us. There will be light refreshments (glass of wine included) and snacks, cost £3 per head. Activities now running at the club include knitting / crocheting, bingo, card and board games.

**A parishioner, Evelyn Smythe**, was so moved by a recent CAFOD appeal that she has offered to dedicate her 18 day trek through the Himalayan foothills from Kathmandu to Everest base camp to raising money for CAFOD. Full details will appear in the next edition of Living Water. Evelyn leaves on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. We wish her well in this strenuous undertaking and should you wish to sponsor her please sign form at back of Church.

**PATCHWORK PLAY:** Tickets will be sold this coming week outside church on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 3.00pm for the convenience of parents collecting their children at that time. Tickets available after Sunday Masses.

**St Paul's Academy** in partnership with Dulwich Harps GFC are holding trials for the U14 & U12 Gaelic Football Teams, commencing on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> March & every Sat thereafter. Details are on the flyers at the back of the Church.

#### ***Dates For Your Diary:***

21<sup>st</sup> Mar: Confirmation Enrolment Mass at 10am followed by first lesson in hall (11.15-12.30)

21<sup>st</sup> Mar: Friendship & Support Group meets after 10am Mass.

26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March: A Beginning Experience Weekend for the Widowed, Separated & Divorced at Aylesford

11<sup>th</sup> Apr: Youth Mass at St. Stephen's. (Bexley Mission Year)

17<sup>th</sup> Apr: Quiz Night at St. John Fisher, Thanet Road. (Bexley Mission Year)

23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Apr: Confirmation Retreat

30<sup>th</sup> Apr: Marriage Reflection Day at St. Mary of the Crays, Old Road. (Bexley Mission Year)

14<sup>th</sup> May: Pastoral Council at 8pm in the Small Hall.

16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May: First Holy Communions, 2pm.

3<sup>rd</sup> Jul: Confirmations, 6pm. Course starts March 21<sup>st</sup>.