

4 th Sunday of Lent (Year C) 14 th March 2010

<i>MASSES:-</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>	6.00pm	Zoe Baker	
	<i>SUNDAY</i>	8.30am	Carmen Fiorini (Mother's Day)	
		10.00am	William Griffith (40 th anniv.)	
		11.30am	Ivy Thorpe	
		4.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
		6.30pm	Holy souls	
<i>MON</i>	9.15am	Maria Dias		
	10.30am	James Maguire		
<i>TUE</i>	8.15am	Kathleen Gorman (2 nd anniv.)		
	10.30am	Agnes McElroy		
<i>WED</i>	9.15am	Theodore Zuzarte		St. Patrick
<i>THU</i>	8.15am	Martina Walsh – recovery from operation and illness		
	10.30am	Benjamin & Luisa Fernandes		
<i>FRI</i>	9.00am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		St. Jospeh
	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Gloria McLaughlin		
	3.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>		
	7.00pm	Jeanie Walsh	Exposition after Mass	
<i>SAT</i>	10.30am	Rita Francis		
	11.00 – 11.30am and 4.00 – 4.30pm		Confessions	
	6.00pm	Tommy McFadden		
<i>SUN</i>	8.30am	Holy souls		5 th Sunday of Lent
	10.00am	Holy souls		
	11.30am	Agnes & Ludovico Fernandes		
	4.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>		
	6.30pm	Parishioners		

Many Thanks for last week's collection which came to £1,039.98, and for the collection for the Bexley Deanery 3rd World Group which came to £143.26.

Pastoral Council Meeting: • Easter Sunday Mass can be a bit low key because the big celebration has taken place the previous night. So this year we have decided to begin the 10am Mass with a procession from the empty tomb (in the Hall). The Children's Stations of the Cross will finish with a corresponding procession taking Christ's body into the Hall. • It has been suggested that one of the half-benches should be removed to help accommodate babies in buggies so that they don't block the aisles. What do parents think? (It is great to see children being brought to church from a young age. They can't start too soon to learn what is going on and how one behaves in church.) • Some important things were not discussed because certain key people were unable to attend.

Pat Lloyd will be hosting Our Lady's Statue this week & praying for vocations. Please sign the list at the back of the Church if you would like to do the same.

A Time for Mourning A Retreat / Workshop for those suffering from the pain of loss. *Grief in Loss – Hope in Christ* weekends on 23rd-25th April & 5th-7th Nov at Aylesford Priory & 23rd -25th July at Minster Abbey. For info & costs please contact Elizabeth Partridge on 01303 870248 or emailepartridge@hotmail.co.uk

SVP are looking for someone to occasionally accompany a lady, living in Welling, to & from King's College Hospital for her appointments. Transport arranged. Please call if you can help.

Eileen Hayes funeral will be held at Eltham Crematorium at 11am on Thursday 18th March & afterwards for a reception at The Jolly Fenman Pub, Blackfen Road. Eileen was a regular attender of St Stephen's from the 1950's till about 3/4 yrs ago. All who remember Eileen are welcome. RSVP to Kate (niece) & Sam Eadle.

Sainsbury and Tesco Vouchers there are two collection boxes at the back of the church. These are for all the youth groups in the church as we are looking to buy cooking and new sports equipment.

'Because We Are Young' is an event for 16-30 year olds on 1st May, starting with Mass at 2pm with Archbishop Vincent Nichols at Westminster Cathedral followed by a rally & onto a after-party in the evening. The whole day will celebrate the contribution which young people make to society & the Church. Register at www.becauseweareyoung.org or call on 020 8203 6290

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2010 All are invited to join the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which takes place from Friday 20th August to Friday 27th August 2010. Details of the trip & prices can be found on the poster in the porch. Contact Lorraine in the office for information & booking forms.

Transform Bexley Borough (TBB) is a team of people from different Churches across Bexley that work together to make a positive and dynamic change in the community, for Christ's sake. If you would like to help make a difference to Bexley Borough please consider completing a nomination form to sit on the TBB team. Contact Kate Foot on 020 8303 1107 or kate.foot@tiscali.co.uk for more information. Nomination forms are available from the parish office & will need to be completed before the TBB AGM on 16th March.

New! - Exercise to Music Classes Tuesdays 6-7pm in Hall £4. Introductory offer – pay for the 1st lesson & get the 2nd lesson free! Start date 16th March. All abilities & shapes welcome. Wear loose clothing & trainers. More information please contact Emma.

The over 55s Brunch Club will be holding a finger buffet with light refreshments (glass of wine included) on Monday 15th March to celebrate St. Patrick's Day; cost £3 per head. All over 55 year olds welcome.

Easter Volunteers: Readers: Please sign the list on the back table if you would like to help with reading the Passion on Palm Sunday, 28th March. People not on the regular readers' rota are welcome to sign up. We need volunteers for *Washing of the Feet* at Mass on Thursday 1st April – list at back of Church. **Altar Servers:** Please sign the list in the sacristy to indicate which of the Holy Week services you can come to: Holy Thursday evening, Children's Stations, Good Friday Liturgy or Easter Vigil (Saturday night).

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

Greenwich & Bexley Cottage Hospice: *Easter Fair* 5th April 1.30 – 4.30pm Eltham Park South, Glenesk Rd. *Sponsored Walk*, 3rd May. See posters / flyers in porch for details or 020 8319 9230. Cottagehospice.org.uk

An Afternoon with Mary: Annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Hartley. Programme starts at 1.30pm with refreshments & includes Mass, Rosary & Eucharistic adoration. All are welcome. Further details from Fr Alex Saba 01474 705361.

Dates For Your Diary:

18th March: Altar Servers Club 5-6pm Meet in Church

20th Mar: Drama Group Production: 'Adventures in Patchworkland' 11am & 2.30pm

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

21st Mar: Friendship & Support Group meets after 10am Mass.

26th Mar: Penitential Service at St. Stephen's for all the Deanery. 7pm, followed by Mass.

27th Mar: A Day with Mary. St Joseph's, Herbert Rd, Shooter's Hill. 9.35am – 6pm.

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

23rd-25th Apr: Confirmation Retreat

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