

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

### **Sunday 5 February** Fifth Sunday of the Year (G)

5.15-5.45pm (Saturday) – Confessions

6pm (Saturday) – Mass : People of the Parish

9am - Mass: Philip Weston RIP

### **Monday 6 February** St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs (R)

10am – Mass : Cyril Eason RIP

### **Tuesday 7 February** Feria (G)

7am – Mass : Holy Souls

### **Wednesday 8 February** Feria (G)

7.30pm - Adoration and rosary

### **Thursday 9 February** Feria (G)

9am - Mass : Philip Weston RIP

~~10am – Mass:~~

### **Friday 10 February** St Scholastica, Virgin(W)

10am - Mass : Sister Mary Baptist RIP

### **Saturday 11 February** Feria (G)

5.15-5.45pm – Confessions

10am – Mass:

6pm - Vigil Mass: Francis and Nora Millard RIP

### **Sunday 12 February** Sixth Sunday of the Year (G)

9am - Mass: People of the Parish

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the World, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

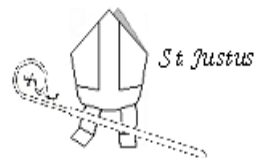
### **Collections for 29<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

Offertory: £ 260.25

Property Maintenance: £ 99.41

Second Collection: *This Week: Catholic Education Service*

*Next Week: Property Maintenance*



St Justus Catholic Church  
Paddock Wood  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
Fifth Sunday of the Year (B), Psalter: Week 1

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Dear Parishioners

Millions have visited Lourdes since a poor girl first saw an apparition of Mary, the Mother of Jesus on 11 February 1858.

But this wonderful gift to the world was not easily accepted at first.

Bernadette was only fourteen. Out collecting firewood, she twice heard the sound of rushing wind, yet no trees or bushes moved. Then she saw in the grotto close by a light and a woman with a golden rosary.

With Holy Water, to test the apparition, Bernadette returned to the cave. The vision gratefully bowed her head when the water was cast. Thereafter Our Lady of Lourdes spoke to Bernadette. She asked for prayers for the conversion of sinners. On 25 February, Our Lady asked Bernadette to dig in the ground nearby and to drink from the spring her digging uncovered.

The spring's amazing water was given to medical patients with all kinds of ailments; reports of miraculous cures followed; the Church and the French government became concerned at all the attention, so much so that the government angrily fenced off the grotto.

But Bernadette was able to overcome the barricades. On 25 March the apparition told her: I am the Immaculate Conception. On Easter Sunday, 7 April, Bernadette's examining doctor stated that during her ecstasy, she was observed to have held her hands over a lit candle without sustaining harm. 16 July was Bernadette's last visit. Bernadette reported of the Lady of Lourdes: I have never seen her so beautiful before.

The shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes is a great gift with more than four million visitors every year. Though the apparitions are not an article of faith they are fully approved by the Church and all the recent popes up to and including Benedict XVI have visited. It is a place of healing and inner peace. It is a place from which Our Lady prompts us to open our hearts confidently to the realities of helping others in

this world and of helping others and ourselves to reach eternal life in Heaven.

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is on Saturday 11th February and we will be having a special Mass at 10am.

### NOTICES

**Special Mass on Saturday 11th February at 10am** to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. If you have been to Lourdes with the parish this is an excellent opportunity to come and give thanks for all the graces and blessings received.

**National Marriage Week** is an opportunity to focus on the sacrament of matrimony and to celebrate the stability that married couples, especially those with families, bring to society. Resources and ideas for celebrating this week can be found on the website [www.marriage-week.org.uk](http://www.marriage-week.org.uk)

**Ten Ten Theatre**, the Catholic theatre company, are looking for more professional actors to join their team. If you are an actor/actress and interested in learning more about the company, please visit [www.tententheatre.co.uk](http://www.tententheatre.co.uk)

**Mass on Thursday** is at 9am so that Fr Behruz can attend a conference in London.

**Coffee and Cakes.** Any volunteers to host, please see the rota on the notice board at the back of the church. Thank you!

**Parish General Meeting is on Monday 20th February** at 8pm. This will be an opportunity for us to come together as a parish and discuss various issues. During this meeting our parish treasurer Paul Fox will also present an account of parish finances. If you have any questions you would like raised at this meeting talk to Fr Behruz.

**YOUNG PEOPLE (aged 14-18 years)** There will be a gathering on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 at 7:30pm-9:30pm** for young people for food (pizza) and drinks, chat and an inspirational talk, at St. Augustine's Catholic Church Hall, Tunbridge Wells. More info: [www.st-augustine.co.uk](http://www.st-augustine.co.uk)

**Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships.** The Catholics Bishops Conference is offering 8 internships: Five interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; two in Public Policy with CAFOD and CARITAS Social Action Network; and one in a media internship at Archbishop's House Westminster. All internships will run from September 2012 - July 2013 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found at: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns>. Completed application forms must either be emailed to [interns@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:interns@cbcew.org.uk) or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London

SW1V 1BX. **The closing date is 5pm on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012** and Assessment days will be 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012. If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

**Churches Together in Kent 2012 Forum. Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 9.45am to 3.00pm** 'Better Together Running the Race That is Set Before us.' [Hebrews 12:1;2] at Canterbury Christ Church University, CT1 1QU. An ecumenical forum with an Olympic theme, featuring a keynote address by the Revd Canon Duncan Green, The Church of England's Olympic & Paralympic Executive Co-ordinator and Stephanie Holt, Kent County Council's Manager for 2012 Olympic Games, followed by Biblical Exposition with Professor James Dunn, workshops on ecumenical partnerships, the new Church Movement & Street Pastors, closing with Evensong in Canterbury Cathedral.

**Would you** like to have the name of a loved one remembered in the New Roman Missal? It is a wonderful way of remembering our dear departed relatives and friends. The new Missal that we have just started using will be used at every Mass at St Justus probably for the next thirty or forty years. All the requested names will be written at the front of the Missal with the words 'Please pray for the repose of the soul of...' and then the names of all the people. If you would like to have someone remembered in this special way a suggested donation of £50 will be welcome.

**Finding God in Daily Life.** A series of spirited discussions at the Gatehouse at Aylesford Priory on Saturdays 10am-12 noon:

Saturday 11 February Finding God in Leisure *Jayne Hoose*

Saturday 18 February Finding God in Prayer *Elizabeth Obbard*

**Ordinariate-led Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> May 2012** led by Mgr John Broadhurst. Michael Smith is dealing with bookings, price to be confirmed.

### Parish Calendar

Please pop the following dates into your diary and support us at these events. Information will be provided in the newsletter nearer the time for each event.

23 Feb: Thursday Lenten Course starts

May: May Fayre at St Justus

10 June: Corpus Christi Procession

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**Please remember in your prayers** those who are currently sick, especially GREG CZERNIAWSKYI, BECKY BOWIE, DOROTHY MURRAY, PEGGY LEVETT and BRIAN LEEPER