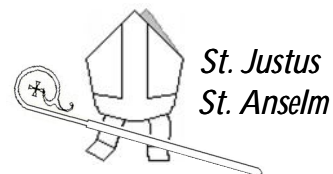


THIS WEEK'S DIARY



St. Justus
St. Anselm

Paddock Wood and Pembury
Roman Catholic Church

Sunday 28 February 2010
Second Sunday of Lent
Year C, Weekday 2

Sunday 28 February <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	
<i>Saturday: 6pm: Hugh McDermott R.I.P.</i>	<i>St. Justus</i>
9am: Norris Family	St. Justus
10.30am: Daniel and Annie McLoone	St. Anselm
Monday 1 March <i>St. David</i>	
<i>Today's Priest: Canon John Morris</i>	
10am:	St. Justus
Tuesday 2 March <i>Lent Feria</i>	
<i>Today's Priest: Fr. John Mulligan</i>	
7am:	St. Justus
Wednesday 3 March <i>Lent Feria</i>	
<i>Today's Priest: Fr. Gerard Mulvihill</i>	
6.30pm: Stations of the Cross	St. Anselm
7pm:	St. Anselm
Thursday 4 March <i>Lent Feria</i>	
<i>Today's Priest: Fr. Martin Murphy</i>	
7.30pm: At the Smith's Household	
Friday 5 March <i>Lent Feria</i>	
<i>Today's Priest: Fr. Michael Murphy</i>	
10am:	St. Justus
7.30pm: Stations of the Cross	St. Justus
Saturday 6 March	
<i>Today's Priest: Fr. Peter Murphy</i>	
6pm: Peter Whitehouse R.I.P.	St. Justus
Sunday 7 March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	
<i>Today's Priest: Fr. Patrick Murtagh</i>	
9am: Philip Weston R.I.P.	St. Justus
10.30am: People of the Parish	St. Anselm

Parish Priest: Father Liam Gallagher.

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CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN

For whatever reason I felt like watching 'The Sound of Music' the other day, so I did for the squillionth time. There! I admit it and I don't care – it's a film of the highest quality and I never tire of it. Not only that, but the scene of the Reverend Mother singing 'Climb Every Mountain' is as powerful a musical moment as you'll ever see. It follows the moment when Maria is spilling her heart out to explain the feeling of love she has for a naval captain whose children she is governess for – so she has returned to the abbey to escape these feelings she is frightened of. The song therefore is challenging her that we cannot escape our lives but follow our paths of life with courage. At the final scene we see the musical family escaping the threat of the Nazis – but the only way to do so is to climb over the mountains by foot into Switzerland. The final scene (accompanied by that song again) sees them scaling the Alps from a land of fear into a land of freedom – they descend from the heights as changed people.

I don't suppose anyone sang this to Jesus but it would be most appropriate. Today we see Jesus climb Mount Tabor to be reassured by His Father that the great mountain of his passion would have a glorious outcome. Jesus is reassured with the dramatic event of His Transfiguration – and so comes back down from Tabor a strengthened man. How tempting it must have been on his last night to run away as the frightening Mountain of Calvary loomed ever nearer – to just avoid what his calling in life is and just walk round the edge unnoticed would have been so easy. Yet Jesus willingly climbed that awful Mount as a man of suffering. When he came down again he was a changed Man – for he is now the Resurrection; and the world of despair and darkness he climbed from has now become a place of hope and light. Mountains arise in all our horizons and they take so much perseverance and courage to scale – but we always come back down them renewed people and we can look at the world in a different way. If we choose to run away then we show a lack of trust in God; Jesus has shown that a mountain can seem nothing but death, but a new life is found once we conquer the peaks or our trials. So come on everybody 'Climb every mountain, ford every stream...'

Entrance Antiphon: Remember your mercies, Lord, your tenderness from ages past. Do not let our enemies triumph over us; O God, deliver Israel from all her distress.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

Communion Antiphon: This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

Sung Gospel Acclamation during Lent:

Praise the Lord my soul, and praise His holy name.

Praise the Lord my soul, who leads me into life.

NOTICES

Parish General Meeting – 8 March

Please make a note in your diary about the Parish Meeting which will be held on Monday 8 March 8pm at St Justus Church.

Mass on Thursday

This Thursday evening we will be having another House Mass. This week it is being hosted by Valerie and Bernard Smith's home at Chequer Tree Granary, Collier Street, TN12 9SB at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along, especially those in the local area; maps are available after Mass. We are very grateful for their hospitality.

First Communion Classes

These will begin next Saturday, 6 March, at St. Justus Hall. Next Sunday the children will be presented with their First Communion books.

Parish Ladies Meeting

There will be no Ladies Meeting on Wednesday 3 March. Instead, for this month, the Ladies Meeting will take place at the Hoppers Hospital, Five Oak Green on Thursday 11 March. If you need a lift, please let Vera know. We will meet in the Church car park at 2.15pm.

Beechwood Sacred Heart School

There will be an Open Day on Saturday 13 March, between 9.30am and 1pm with a Headmaster's presentation at 10.30am and 11.30am. Visit www.beechwood.org.uk for more information.

St. Patrick's Night of Blarney at St. Gregory's

On Saturday 20 March, 7.30pm there will be an evening full of food, fun and frolics with World Challengers. There will be a traditional Irish 2-course supper and a licensed bar. Tickets are £8.50 per person. To book individually or as a group, contact Clare Chew on 825593 or Elaine Gill on 689712.

Parish Quiz Night

Preparations are well under way for our Parish Quiz Night on Saturday 20 March, 8pm at St. Anselm's Hall, with quizmaster Fr. Liam Gallagher! The evening will be fundraising for our Lourdes Fund. The cost is £3 per person,

and teams are of up to eight people, pay on the night. If you don't have a team, don't worry, just come along and you can join a team. Get your thinking caps on, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Finance Newsletter

The finance newsletter for 2009 is now available at the back of the church or from our website. We will hear about the finances at our Parish Meeting.

Fishers of Men

A Vocations Discernment Retreat for young men thinking about Priesthood will be held on Friday 5 March to Sunday 7 March at St. John's Seminary, Womersley. For more information email info@southwarkvocations.com

Auction of Promises

You, your family and friends are invited to attend an auction of promises on Saturday 6 March, 7pm at St. Dunstan's Church Hall, Southborough. Entry is free and a hot supper will be provided for you. For more information and to sign up to attend, contact Caroline on 528004.

Are you willing to serve as a School Admission Appeal Panel Member?

On behalf of the governing bodies of Catholic Schools in the Diocese, the Diocesan Commission for Schools & Colleges is currently seeking volunteers to sit on Appeals Panels. School Admission Appeal Panels hear appeals from parent who have not been offered places for their children at their preferred school. Training will be provided during March and April. Please contact the Commission for an application form and further information as soon as possible either by phone on 01689 829331 or email office@rcsouthwark.org.uk. Completed application forms should be returned by 8 March.

Mouth of the day

That's Fr Liam! Anyone at 10.30am Mass last week will know that I promised not to watch 'Match of the Day' during Lent. Last week my favourite team West Ham Utd were playing away to Man Utd – probably the best fixture of the season. But I resisted and kept my promise – so if I can, so can you – keep going and trust in God. Mind you, West Ham were thrashed 3–0 so it may have been a bigger Lenten punishment to actually watch it.

This week we pray for the residents of Camden Avenue, in Pembury. Please remember them in your prayers.

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Nigel Brown, Bryan Leeper, Jessica Tricker and Barbara Tucker.

Collections for 21 February 2010

1st Collection: £452.60

CAFOD: £20.00

The Manna Society: £202.63

Second Collection: *This Week:* CAFOD Family Fast Day
Next Week: Property Maintenance Fund