

PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART AND ST OSWALD, PETERBOROUGH

Fr Bruce Burbidge, Parish Priest
The Presbytery (01733 322750)

Angela Clark: Parish Administrator

Frances Swanson: Pastoral Assistant (01733 263534)
Helen Siraut: Secretary

FOR A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY if no reply from the Presbytery please ring 07934796221

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Day of Prayer for the Unemployed

Saturday 18	1800	Mass (Dick Rayner RIP—3 rd anniv)
Sunday 19	1000	Mass (Mary Mapleston RIP)
	1200	Mass (School) (Burrett family & John Lewis)
Tuesday 21	1900	Exposition
	1930	Mass (Judy Smith RIP)
Wednesday 22	0630	Mass (Private Intention)
Ash Wednesday	1130	Mass (City Hospital)
	1930	Mass (Susan Butler)
Friday 24	0905	Rosary
	0930	Mass (Donna Carolina)
	1830	The Way of the Cross
Saturday 25	0915	Morning Prayer
	0930	Mass (Fumihiko Kitakuni RIP)
	1000	Confessions

1st Sunday in Lent

(Sat)	1700	Confessions until 1730
	1740	Evening Prayer
	1800	Mass (John O'Meara RIP)
Sunday 26	1000	Mass (Joan Donovan RIP)
	1200	Mass (School) (Priest's Intention)
	1630	The Way of the Cross (St Oswald's)

Coffee & Tea are served after Masses at St Oswald's and at School after 1200 Mass on 3rd Sunday of the month

PLEASE PRAY FOR Clare Mooney who has died, for her family and friends and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Dunn, Nellie Barker, Terence Hickey, Philomena Sykes, William Houston, Howard Gagg, Michael Doyle, Michael Gallagher, Neville Lucas-Colecroft, Jerry Cullen, Pamela Arniszewski, Joan Irving, Howard Donnan, Margaret Meehan, Thirza Donnison, Marjorie Dew, Mary Gil, Margaret Basson, Sylvia Rooney, Florence Whitehead. May they rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Clarelle Adams, Susan Butler, June Clay, Linda Cleary, Patricia Clifton, Mary Clynych, John Cox, Cora Crawford, Siobhan Diamond, Michael Fitzgerald, Richard Grant, John Hadleigh, John Hodson, Emma Holmes, Steve Lawson, James Lipscombe, Florence Lowden, Karen Lawlor, Margaret Murray, Sylvia Norbury, Eileen O'Sullivan, Kay Phillips, Edward Stafford, Veronica Sutherland, Gwen Traini, Peter Walker, Dora Watkins, Chris Whelan, Len White, Sylvia Witkowski, Eileen Woodley, Sylvia Zaluska.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER—This week we pray for Revv Roger Spencer, Brendan Moffatt, Stephen Pomeroy, and the parishes of Southwold and Lowestoft.

HCPT Peterborough Group 209 is making an appeal this weekend. They are planning to take ten children to Lourdes at Easter. The cost per child is £710 (the families pay nothing) and £610 per helper, please support them.

100 CLUB FEBRUARY RESULTS—1st Prize: £25 No.64 P Parkinson, 2nd Prize: £15 No.33 Orestes Doneo, 3rd Prize: £10 No.103 Sam White.

CAFOD LENTEN PROJECT—This Lent we have a unique opportunity to reach even more people. Under their UK Aid Match scheme **the government will match, pound for pound, every donation generously given to CAFOD this Lent.** All donations made as a result of Lent fund raising activities will qualify, however for Gift Aid donations only the donation itself will be matched. This is an opportunity not to be missed! You will be invited to take home today a CAFOD box and by giving something up for Lent, donate the money saved to CAFOD. Please return the box to church on Palm Sunday, 1 April. If you are a tax payer by filling in the Gift Aid form on the box you can boost your donation by 25p for every £1 given.

LENTEN TALKS ON DVD—The double disc set of the 'Preparation for Lent' talks given by Fr Philpot are now available: cost £10

THANK YOU for last week's contribution:

Envelopes & loose cash:	£576.33
Standing orders:	<u>£552.00</u>
Total:	£1128.33

PARISH SHROVE TUESDAY MEAL—If you have booked please be at the Paul Pry at 1230 for meal at 1300.

ASH WEDNESDAY—Mass and distribution of Ashes will take place at 0630 and 1930 in St Oswald's Church and at 1130 in Hospital chapel. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced and applies to those aged 18 to 59. Abstinence means that we give up meat or another form of food if vegetarian and applies to those aged 14 and above. It is also the start of Lent when we are invited for forty days to set aside more time for prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter. The Ashes are an outward sign of our inward sorrow for our sins and of our commitment to Jesus as Our Lord and Saviour.

BREAKFAST will be available in the King's Arms after the 0630 Mass on Ash Wednesday.

FIRST COMMUNION—The next meeting for children and their parents is on Saturday 25 February at 1000.

LADIES GUILD meet on Thursday 23 February in the King's Arms at 1430 for a talk given by Sister Virna on "All Souls". The AGM has been deferred to Thursday 29 March at the earlier time of 1330. All welcome.

JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION would like to thank all parishioners for supporting their recent campaigns. This week 15 knitted glove puppets have been sent to Stepping Stones Nigeria for use in their literacy projects. We have also sent 41 mobile phones which will be donated for families in Nigeria. Collection of mobile phones has now stopped but may resume again around Christmas. £109.30 was raised during Poverty and Homelessness Action Week which is being sent to Church Action on Poverty. Thank you once again for your great generosity. The AGM took place on 16 February. Stephen Giblin has been appointed as Chairman, and David Martin as Secretary. The next meeting of the Commission will take place on Thursday 1 March at 1930 – all are welcome.

FORTHCOMING CALENDAR AND EVENTS — 19 February 2012

100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR LEN CLARKSON on Tuesday 28 February—Exposition at 1900, Mass at 1930 followed by a Shared Supper. All parishioners are invited to join Len for this special celebration. Please bring a plate of food to share, wine and soft drinks will be provided.

‘CATHOLICS’—This 3 part series starts on Thursday 23 February at 2100 on BBC 4 and goes behind the headlines to explore what it is like to be Catholic today. It starts with ‘Priests’ a behind-the-scenes portrait of a London Seminary. “Not to be missed. A call to the priesthood is a wonderful gift of God for a Catholic man today. This truth is explored, and beautifully portrayed. It is not to be missed. Each of the three documentaries has been made with great sensitivity and real beauty. I recommend them.” Archbishop Vincent Nichols.

PETERBOROUGH LIFE GROUP—Many thanks to all those who bought cakes last weekend in aid of LIFE. We managed to raise £90.11.

CATHOLIC MIRACLE RALLY 12-13 MAY at Friends House, Euston Road, London: Saturday 0930-2100, Sunday 0930-1700. See www.coretlumenchristi.org or notice board for details. If you are interested in going on either day, please contact the presbytery. Cost £5 non-refundable registration fee and a donation on the day.

CAFOD is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and have published a book ‘**50 years: 50 voices**’, which brings together some of the people that have played a part in CAFOD’s work over the last 50 years. This book contains quotes, reflections and prayers. Price: £10 + £3.75 P&P. To order by debit/credit card call 0300 011 5680 or with a cheque payable to CAFOD to: CAFOD Resources, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB.

ARE YOU 18-30 YEARS OLD?—You can have a year out experience with CAFOD that takes you places the guidebooks don’t, with travel and living expenses paid for.

“Take an adventure that will change you and those around you - your journey begins and ends in the UK, but takes you to one of the poorest countries in the world to meet amazing people and share their lives. You will then use those experiences when you return to lead young people to a better understanding of how their faith helps them take action for change. For specific queries contact; youngleadership@cafod.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 30 April 2012. Interviews will take place April or May and there is a preparation weekend in July for successful applicants. Placements begin in September 2012.” Full details see notice board or www.cafod.org.uk.

REJOICING IN THE CROSS is the theme of the Lenten Wednesday at One addresses in Peterborough Cathedral which conclude at 1330 when a light lunch is available.
♦29 February: Cross and Creation, Canon Jonathon Baker
♦7 March: The Glory of the Cross, Revd Tim Edworthy
♦14 March: Healing through the Cross, Fr David Paul
♦21 March: The Story of the Cross, Revd Tom McGibbon
♦28 March: The Way of the Cross, Revd Madeleine Albert
There is also an Exhibition of paintings by Karola Onken from 29 February - 25 March entitled ‘Rejoicing in the Cross’ which invite the viewer to reflect on their faith.

FAURÉ’S REQUIEM will be performed by Peterborough Voices, Youth, and Male Voice Choirs on Saturday 10 March at 1930 in the Cathedral. Tickets (£10) are available at www.peterboroughmvchoir.org.uk or from the Visitor Destination Centre on Bridge Street.

LENTEN OPTIONS:

- **Lenten Course** on Prayer and Meditation by Fr Bruce starts on Mondays 27 February for 5 weeks in Sacred Heart School at 1930-2100
- **CAFOD Lenten Project** – This year we are supporting CAFOD’s Give it Up for water appeal,
- **CAFOD Lenten Fast Day** is on Friday 2 March and envelopes will be available next weekend.
- **Early Morning Mass at 0630 each Wednesday in Lent** in St Oswald’s Church followed by breakfast.
- **Way of the Cross** will be prayed each Friday at 1830 (Good Friday at 1930) in St Oswald’s Church and also at 1630 on Sundays; in Church (26 Feb, 11 Mar, 1 Apr), School (4 & 18 March) and Caster Church (25 March).
- **Personal Lenten Reading:** booklets available at back of church/hall include; Walk with Me: £1, Your Journey to Easter: £1, Bible Alive: £1.95 or you can take a bible or other book from the parish library in Lady Chapel.
- **Prayer:** Exposition on Tuesdays at 1900 starts with hymn and a reading, then silent prayer then Benediction. Saturday: Morning Prayer; 0915, Evening Prayer; 1740.
- **Pray on-line:** there are several good websites that offer daily prayer/meditation. Links available on the parish website, or visit CAFOD’s website for daily reflections.
- **Learning Together:** An exploration of the four Gospel accounts of the Passion and Death of Jesus on 3 March, at Parish Centre Newmarket.

LADIES WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is on Friday 2 March. There will be a service at 1000 in St Andrew’s Church, Netherton and at 1430 at the Open Door Church, Harris Street, New England.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- Sun 19 Feb: Refreshments after 12noon Mass
- Weds 22 Feb & all Wednesdays in Lent: early risers Mass at 0630 followed by breakfast in Kings Arms
- Sat 25 Feb: First Communion meeting at 1030
- Sun 26 Feb: Confirmation meeting 1730 in school
- Mondays in Lent: Lent Course on Prayer and Meditation at Sacred Heart School, 1930-2100
- Mon 27 Feb – Sun 11 Mar: Fairtrade Fortnight
- Thurs 1 Mar: Finance meeting at 1930 in presbytery
- Thurs 1 Mar: J & P meeting in King’s Arms at 1930
- Fri 2 Mar: CAFOD Lenten Fast Day
- Fri 2 Mar: Women’s World Day of Prayer
- Thurs 6 Mar: LIFE meeting in King’s Arms at 2000
- Fri 7 Mar; Walsingham A^{SSOC} Mass, St Luke’s at 1000
- Thurs 15 Mar: Pastoral Parish Council meeting
- Sat 17 Mar: St Patrick’s Night Bring-and-Share Parish Supper at Sacred Heart School, 1930

PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART AND ST OSWALD, PETERBOROUGH

Fr Bruce Burbidge: Parish Priest
The Presbytery (01733 322750)

Frances Swanson: Pastoral Assistant (01733 263534)
Angela Clark: Parish Administrator

Helen Siraut: Secretary

CAFOD – 1962 to 2012 - 50 YEARS

CAFOD was born when volunteer members of the National Board of Catholic Women organised the first Family Fast Day on Friday, March 11, 1960. Two years later, CAFOD was officially registered. Since then CAFOD has continued to grow, alleviating poverty and working for global justice.

"CAFOD is working to improve water access, sanitation and hygiene for some of the world's most vulnerable and neglected people, including those affected by war, climate change and disease. It is potentially life saving work, tackling cholera, helping girls attend school rather than having to fetch water and ensuring that children know about hygiene and waterborne diseases." *Andrew Mitchell, Secretary of State for International Development*

"By matching pound for pound all public donations, the UK government will help CAFOD double its impact, ensuring tens of thousands more families have access to clean water and sanitation and are provided with everything from water purification kits and soap to training in how to fix a broken borehole.

We believe that a better world is possible. With your support - and the help of the UK Government – we are a step closer to creating a world where everyone can flourish.

For the last fifty years, the Catholic community in England and Wales has generously supported CAFOD, even when times are tough. Your support allows us to meet the needs of some of the poorest, most disadvantaged people throughout the world, transforming their lives when a disaster strikes and for the long term."

Thank you so much for your generous support and please continue to pray for those with whom we work."

CAFOD's Director Chris Bain.

TAKE ACTION

Every 20 seconds, a child dies because of dirty water or unsafe sanitation. Women and girls in the poorest countries spend up to eight hours each day walking to collect water. This robs them of their chance to earn a living, go to school, or simply spend time together as a family. Please write to or email PM David Cameron and call on him to lead the world in demanding clean water and safe sanitation for all. Together, we can turn the tide on water poverty. There is a suggested email to send to the Prime Minister at www.cafod.org.uk/thirst. Personal emails have more of an impact, so please feel free to adapt the text. But note that No 10 has a limit of 900 characters for emails to reach them.

THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK

- The average person in the world's poorest countries uses **10 litres** of water every day for their drinking, washing and cooking. The average person in Europe uses **200 litres**.
- **A 5 minute shower** uses more water than a person in a slum uses in a whole day.
- **One in eight people** around the world are living without access to clean water.
- **1.7 million deaths each year** are caused by poor water, sanitation and hygiene - more than from all forms of violence, including war.
- In developing countries women and girls can spend as much as **8 hours a day** carrying up to **40KG of water** on their heads, or hips.
- **Every 20 seconds a child dies** from diseases caused by poor water and sanitation.
- ❖ **And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will not lose their reward.**
Matthew 10:42

What CAFOD can do with your money

- £5 two pieces of soap, a bucket and water purification tablets
- £10 50Kg of cement to fix a well
- £40 hygiene training kit for a village health worker
- £100 train 10 community members to fix broken water pumps
- £120 a toilet with disabled access
- £2,000 install a community borehole to supply water to a whole village.

PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART AND ST OSWALD, PETERBOROUGH

Fr Bruce Burbidge: Parish Priest
The Presbytery (01733 322750)

Frances Swanson: Pastoral Assistant (01733 263534)
Angela Clark: Parish Administrator

Helen Siraut: Secretary