

The Parish of ST. MARY & ST. JOHN BOSCO

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING "TEAM GHANA 2010" at St. Paul's, in their fundraising efforts this year. We are now using a "mobile phone" recycling scheme pack for our parishes to use. Envelopes available in the porches of our churches. A team of 20 Sixth Form students will be going to Ghana in June/July 2010. Our aim is to raise at least £30,000 which will bring fresh water to St. Jerome's Catholic School, Abofour, Ghana.

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"Calling all Groups in our Parish!"

What News?? Don't FORGET to let us have your current news. The Parish community love to hear all the activities and occasions that are taking place. Send in your information to the Parish Office or to Pauline on e mail
pauline@stmaryswigston.org.uk
We look forward to hearing from you. Items can be advertised in our Newsletter and also on our Web Site.

NEWS FROM ST. JOHN BOSCO

The next **Friendship Group** will meet on 9th February. New members are welcome! 12 noon—2.00 p.m.

New Hymn Books

We now have new hymn books at our Church and to help us keep them neat, tidy and looked after, it would be helpful if people could arrange them at either ends of the bench when they depart from the church. Thank you. *Sr. Justine*

NEWSLETTER : 7th February 2010 : Fifth Sunday of the Year C

"The unfolding of your word gives light"

The above is a line from one of the antiphons to a psalm taken from the Breviary It trips nicely off the tongue—so much so that you can say it (pray it ?) without really thinking about it—in fact it took nearly 25 years for it to make an impact on me. But it is saying something very important about the Word of God.

Over the last few weeks we have been talking about the importance of the Word of God for nourishing the spiritual life of Christians. One of the gripes that non Catholics have about us is that we simply don't read the scriptures. This may be true because in the past the Church has been concerned that her children don't fall into heresy (and given the number of Christian denominations and the wide spectrum of beliefs, maybe she has had a point). But today she actively encourages us to read and pray the scriptures at home.

As Catholics we are exposed to Gospel "stories and events" at Mass each week, so we are very familiar with many gospel passages—so much so that we can say, "I know that story or that event from our Lord's life" and switch off. If the above antiphon is true then no matter how often we return to a passage of scripture it still has the power to speak to us at an increasingly deeper level as it unfolds The Word of God helps us to make sense of our lives—but it also helps us deepen our personal loving friendship with God.

This Lent we would like to offer parishioners the opportunity to take a fresh look at "God's Word" and how it can deepen, invigorate and bring alive our precious gift of faith and hopefully transform our communities. We want to do this at two levels.

1. Encourage every one (old and young) to use take 15 minutes each day and use the "Walk with Me" - A Lenten Journey of prayer" Booklet
2. We have invested in a "Café" DVD: "Life to the Full". which is addressing the whole issue of God's Word in our lives. There will be five sessions and we hope to have Evening and Morning / Afternoon sessions at both ends of the Parish. **More details next week.**



Eucharistic Prayer III

Entrance Ant.

Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of our maker, for he is the Lord our God.

Resp. Psalm:

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclam.

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. **Alleluia!**

Comm. Ant:

Give praise to the Lord for his kindness, for his wonderful deeds towards men. He has filled the hungry with good things, he has satisfied the thirsty.

LITURGY GROUP: Message to all members attending this group. The minutes are now available in the porches of our churches. Please note the date of the next meeting is **18th February** when we shall be planning our Holy Week Ceremonies.

St. Mary's

Orange Street Porch

This area is now fully carpeted and a nice place for parents to take babies and toddlers who are getting fractious during Mass. We in no way wish to ostracise little ones but we are aware it can be stressful for parents if their little ones are unsettled and would like to offer parents a more relaxed situation where they can still see and hear the Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS' CLUB: The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th February at 7.00 p.m. at St. Mary's. We are looking into the possibility of setting up an altar servers' football team, so turn up to book your place!

Parish Census

It has been a long time since a full census was taken of everyone in the parish. Information currently held is very out of date and we would like to know our people and be able to meet the needs of every member of our church. A new census form will be handed out to everyone who attends all the Masses at both Churches. Please take a form, complete it and return it to the Church or Presbytery. All information will of course be confidential.

member The Hanney Family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant to them Lord. May they rest in peace.. Amen.

Neville Naylor RIP

Neville's Funeral Mass is on Monday 15th February at St Mary's at 12 Noon. Please remember Rita and the family in your prayers.

Hilda Hanney RIP

A funeral service is to be held at Gilroes on Thursday 18th February at 12 Noon. Please re-

Clergy: Rev. Stephan Foster
Rev. Vincent Kelly Deacon
Srs. Treasa, Margaret, Justine.
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MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	<i>St. John Bosco</i>	<i>St. Mary's</i>
Sat 6th February 2010 <i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.00 pm. Mass Michael Phelan RIP	
Sunday 7th Fourth Sunday of the Year	11.15 am. Mass Mary & John Lee RIP	9.30 am. Mass (Quiet) People of the Parish 6.00 pm. Mass Noel Smyth RIP
Mon 8th <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am. Service of Word & H. Comm.	2.00 pm: Funeral Mass Edward Helm RIP
Tues 9th <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am. Service of Word & H. Comm.	***7.00 pm: Mass*** Donor's Int.
Wed 10th <i>St. Scholastica</i>	9.30 am: Mass Peggy McLaughlin RIP and Brigid Murphy RIP	Mass on Tuesday is at 7 pm because of a parish team visit to Mackworth & Glen Parva Bapt. Class
Thurs 11th <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	9.30 a.m. Service of Word & H. Comm	9.30 pm: Mass Doris Gerherly RIP
Fri 12th <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am: Mass Pat Lovatt Ints	
Sat 13th <i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.00 pm. Mass Colin Baldwin RIP and Ellen O'Gorman RIP	9.30 am: Mass (Glen Parva) Agnes Scattergood RIP
Sun 14th 6th Sunday of the Year	11.15 am. Mass People of the Parish	9.30 am: Mass (Ordinary) Mary Prichard RIP 6.00 pm: Mass (Folk Mass) Bernard Scattergood RIP

FINANCES	ST. JOHN BOSCO	ST. MARY'S
Envelopes	£104.76	£259.90
L/Plate	£203.00	£109.52
S/Orders		£330.00
Donations		
F/Raising	(£191.80).	
TOTAL	£307.76.	£699.42



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. John Bosco
Sat. 5.15 — 5.45 p.m.

St. Mary
*** Sat.11.30 a.m. —
12 noon ***

ST. MARY'S CARAVAN AND CAMPING CLUB (SMCC)

Do you enjoy the countryside or seaside?
Do you enjoy summer outdoor activities?
Here in our parish we have a Caravan/
Camping Club who meet on Bank Holidays
throughout the summer. Want to know
more, why not attend our Annual General
Meeting on Saturday 20th February
(includes Skittles and Hot Supper). For
more information contact Ian Wesley 0116
2771235 or Brendan Johnson 0116 2751662.

BAPTISM CLASSES:

Begin again on **21st February** at St. John
Bosco Presbytery, for 3 weeks, 4.00 p.m. —
5.30 p.m. Enquiries to Parish Office on
0116 2783863 or see
Fr. Stephan or Deacon Vince.

St. Mary's TRAIDCRAFT

We have now restocked the Traidcraft store and
will have a special "Open & Buy" time after all
the Masses on Sunday 7th February.
Do come along and see what's on offer and buy
some goods—remember we are supporting the
THIRD WORLD workers in this. Please check
us out in the "new shop area" on the
Countesthorpe Road entrance.

YOUNG MUSICIANS WORKSHOP

Will meet again at St. Mary's Church
Hall on **NEXT SATURDAY**
13th February : 10.00—11.00 a.m.
Look forward to seeing you.
Pauline 07885 187374

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. John Fisher Primary: Head Teacher — Mrs. Mary Hirst : Tel: 0116 2882203
Holy Cross Primary: Head Teacher — Miss Julia Christy : Tel: 0116 283 3135
St. Paul's Comprehensive: Head Teacher: Dr. F. Doherty : Tel: 0116 2414057
English Martyrs Comprehensive : Head Teacher: Mr. Marius Carney : Tel: 0116 242 8880

Holy Hour in our Churches

St. John Bosco:
Thursday 11th February
10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

St. Mary's:
Wednesday : 24th February
7.00 p.m.—8.00 p.m.



Second Collection This Week

There will be a second collection this
weekend, 6th/7th February for the
"Sick and Retired Priests Fund"
We know you will respond generously to
this important and necessary appeal.

"THE SPIRIT IS MOVING"

"The People of our
Parish Raise funds
for HAITI"

Once again sincere
thanks to all who contributed to
this concert in the various ways.
We are pleased to announce that
£1,000 has been raised which
has been sent through CAFOD to
be sent to HAITI.

**Fantastic support from every-
one! Thank you again!**

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Sincere thanks for your generous response
to this appeal. The final total raised from
both of our churches is **£453.96.**

Please ensure all items for the Newsletter reach the Parish Office, or email
pauline@stmaryswigston.org.uk , by 12 noon on a Thursday. Thank you.