

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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NEWSLETTER :14th February 2010 : Sixth Sunday of the Year C

"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.

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.

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 Information currently held is very out of date and we would like to know our people and be able to meet the needs of every member of our church.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 is now available! Calling **all parishioners, new and old**, please take a form, complete it and return it to the Church or Presbytery.

We need to know you all!

All information will of course be confidential.

UCM : will meet again on **Thursday 18th February** for discussion. Look forward to seeing you. *Jean Hirst*

Please Remember in your Prayers:



Neville Naylor RIP whose funeral Mass will take place this Monday, 15th February at St. Mary's, 12 noon. Please remember Rita and the family in your prayers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE!

Collections:

Last Weekend

Sick & Retired Priests : £305.58

February 21st : Next Weekend

CAFOD : We welcome a guest speaker.

Clergy: Rev. Stephan Foster	Tel: 0116 2783 863
Rev. Vincent Kelly Deacon	Tel: 0116 2719609
Srs. Treasa, Margaret, Justine.	St. John Bosco Church : Tel: 0116 278 6134
Pastoral Co-ordinator:	Hilari Rushforth : Tel: 077 346 906 11
Parish Secretaries:	Margaret Shryane and Genny Hickey
Parish Office :	Tel: 0116 278 3863 (Mon to Fri 10 -12 Noon)
St. John Bosco Hall Bookings:	Averil Dowds : Tel. Mob: 07837849854

The Big Fight Back

No, we are not talking about the major offensive against the Taliban in Afghanistan at the moment, we are talking about the destruction of "the Faith" by secularism in this country. Some thirty or so years ago it was reckoned that a third of Catholics practiced their faith (i.e. went to Mass every Sunday) the latest figures from a survey commissioned by Cafod suggests that the figure is now as low as 4%.

So what do we do about it ?

Well we can either bury our heads in the sand like the ostrich and wait for the inevitable to happen or we can all of us recognise that it is **our responsibility** and **work together** to get the faith back on track again.

The first response is going to be, "But we are the faithful ones who wouldn't dream of missing Sunday Mass—it's the lapsed and the luke-warm you want to worry about". The lapsed and the lukewarm have drifted because the Mass etc are no longer meaningful or relevant in busy 21st Century lives.

We as a Catholic Christian Community have to show them that this is not true—so what can we do about it. **The answer I believe is that we have to start with ourselves.** The above Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit talks about **a new faithfulness to God's Word and a new experience of the power of the Holy Spirit** To start the fight back I want to invite each and every one of us to do three things this Lent.

1. Earnestly pray the novena each day (we shall be doing this after Holy Communion at every Mass).
2. Attend the five sessions of the Café Presentation "**The Fullness of Life**" (Afternoon & Evening Sessions at both ends of the Parish)
3. Take fifteen minutes each day to pray the daily readings in "Walk with me Booklet."

Fr Stephan

Novena to the Holy Spirit.

Father, pour out your Spirit Upon **us** your people, And grant **us**,
A new vision of your glory, A new experience of your power,
A new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service.
That your love may grow among **us**, And your Kingdom come:
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Café Sessions—Commencing the week beginning Monday 22nd February.
St John Bosco: Tuesdays at 2.30 pm in the Hall & at St Hugh's Hall at 7.30 pm.
St Mary's: Wednesdays at 2.30 pm. Fridays at 7.30 pm - in the Parish Hall.



Eucharistic Prayer IV

Entrance Ant.

Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me. For the honour of your name, lead me and guide me.

Resp. Psalm:

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord

Gospel Acclam.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. **Alleluia!**

Comm. Ant:

They ate and were filled; the Lord gave them what they wanted: they were not deprived of their desire.

MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	<i>St. John Bosco</i>	<i>St. Mary's</i>
Sat 13th February 2010 <i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.00 pm. Mass Colin Baldwin RIP and Ellen O'Gorman RIP	
Sunday 14th Sixth Sunday of the Year	11.15 am. Mass People of the Parish	9.30 am. Mass (<i>Ordinary</i>) Mary Prichard RIP 6.00 pm. Mass (<i>Folk Mass</i>) Bernard Scattergood RIP
Mon 15th <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am. Service of Word & H. Comm.	12.00 pm: Funeral Mass Neville Naylor RIP
Tues 16th <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am. Service of Word & H. Comm.	9.30 am: Mass Andrew Brennan RIP
Wed 17th ASH WEDNESDAY (Day of fasting & abstinence)	**12.30 pm : Mass** Marian Rajczyk RIP and Alan Wimbs RIP	**7.30 pm : Mass** LePage & Whittaker Fam Int.
Thurs 18th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30 am Service of Word & H. Comm	9.30 am: Mass Anne Austin.
Fri 19th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30 am: Mass Sheila Kingston RIP and Nancy Austin RIP	
Sat 20th <i>Vigil</i>	6.00 pm : Mass Bridie Rastall RIP	9.30 am: Mass (Glen Parva)
Sun 21st First Sunday of Lent	11.15 am : Mass People of the Parish	9.30 am: Mass (<i>Folk Mass</i>) Christine Philips RIP 6.00 pm: Mass Canon Paul Sneer RIP.

FINANCES	ST. JOHN BOSCO	ST. MARY'S
Envelopes	£	£299.00
L/Plate	£	£164.60
S/Orders		£330.00
Donations		
F/Raising		
TOTAL	£	£793.60



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. John Bosco
Sat. 5.15 — 5.45 p.m.

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

Holy Hour in our Churches

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

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



Lenten Station Masses (Wednesdays) at 7.00 p.m.

24th Feb. St Mary's
3rd March. St Thomas More.
10th March. Holy Cross (with the Bishop)
17th March St Patrick's at 11 am.



YOUNG PEOPLE AND LITURGY!! Lent 2010

We warmly invite all of our young people to come along to share in the following occasions:

Youth Mass: Sunday 28th February
6.00 p.m. St. Mary's

Youth Stations of the Cross
Sunday 7th March — St. Mary's

Our young people invite all to share with them the Stations of the Cross at 4.00 p.m. Followed by refreshments.

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

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.

"Congratulations"

To our Altar Servers, *Tom, Liam and Kieran* as they are presented today, Sunday 14th February, with their Guild of St. Stephen Server's medals at the 6.00 p.m. Mass.

Ian Cardwell



EARLY TUESDAY MORNING MASSES DURING LENT

keeping our Workers in mind!!

These Masses will be held at St. Mary's on every Tuesday during Lent. 7.00 a.m. Mass followed by Breakfast in the Parish Hall. Come and share Breakfast with us - we will be providing Cereals! Toast! Tea and Coffee!

Plus inspiring conversation!!
See you there!!

OUR UNIFORMED GROUPS
Will be sharing the 9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 21st February Celebrating "Thinking Day"
We look forward to sharing this with them.

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.