

Sunday, 30th November 2008

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember: Bridie Boylan, Josephine Brisefer, Angela Connolly, Karen Desborough, Ann Gonzi, Ada Long, Sheila Mellish, Gabrielle Murray, Deacon Roger, Joyce Timcke, Nicolette Thompson, Effie Jane Wallis and Andre Warner.

HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament now takes place usually on Friday mornings immediately after the 9.15am Mass, concluding at 10.30am.

This is a time of silent prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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10.00 Mary Monaghan +

11.30 Mary Hartley +

Monday 1 9.15 Katleen Dee +

Tuesday 2 9.15 Mary Anne Tobin +

Wed 3 11.30 Andrew & Anne Baptiste +

Thursday 4 9.15 Karen Desborough

Friday 5 9.15 The Sacred Heart

Saturday 6 9.30 Our Lady & St Joseph

6.30 Grenada Mass

THANK YOU

Many thanks indeed to all involved in organising the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. To all who brought goods, bought tickets, donated gifts and ran the various activities, know that your time and commitment is deeply appreciated. Full details and results will be posted on the notice boards during the week.

ANNUAL INVITATION

St Lawrence C/E community have invited us to join them for an Advent Service of Light this Sunday 30th at 6.00pm in St Lawrence's church. This is an annual invitation from Fr Charles Pickstone and quite a number from Holy Cross respond every year. So do please come along as it is a very useful opportunity to join in prayer with our neighbours.

GRENADA MASS

On Saturday 6th December, Bishop Pat Lynch will celebrate the 6.30pm Mass with us for the Grenada community. Open to all.

MASS TIME

Please note the Mass on Wednesday morning will be at 11.30am. This is a memorial celebration for the late Andrew and Anne Baptiste. There will not be a 9.15 Mass on this day.

NEWS FOR NEWSLETTER

Please send any items for the newsletter to

Mrs Mary Baldwin at Hartley Hall: office@holycross-catford.org.uk

DRAMA AND CAROLS

The choir will meet on Wednesday evening this week at 7.30pm to prepare for our special production on Sunday 14th December 6.00pm.

New people welcome.

CAFOD CONGO CRISIS APPEAL

This is a special appeal for the disaster unfolding in the Congo. Please send donations direct to CAFOD, Freepost, London SW9 9BR

Thank you for supporting the work of CAFOD.

HARTLEY HALL DATES TO NOTE

Thursday 4th December, 7.30 – 9pm

The CTS Bible and other Resources

This is an information evening with the Catholic Truth Society when we can see some of the excellent resources available to Parishes. Their recent publication of the CTS Bible will also be available. A useful event for Parents, Catechists, RCIA groups and anyone involved in handing on the faith. Facilitator: Piero Finaldi

Thursday 11th December, 7.30pm – 9pm

Fr Gerry O'Collins SJ will give a presentation on Who is Jesus?. Some of his books will also be available for sale on the evening.

Both these evenings are part of the Lewisham Pastoral Year and are a preparation for Advent.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY IN HARTLEY HALL: DESIGN AND MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS CARDS AND DECORATIONS

On Saturday 6th December, between 2pm and 4pm, Hartley Hall will be hosting a Christmas Craft Day for ages 8yrs and upwards. Make your own decorations and Christmas Cards and enjoy Christmas refreshments. £2 per person.

Please call Denise Christy on 020 8656 9810 to book places and for more information.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Monday 1st Quiz and pre Christmas lunch.

Wednesday 3rd games and pre Christmas supper.

BELMONT HILL

There will be Mass celebrated at the convent in Belmont Hill on Tuesday 9th December at 5.00pm for the Sacred Heart Companions of Prayer.

FINANCE

Last week's offertory: £1240.84. Thank you.

ADVENT IS HERE

There is a new publication for Advent '*Walk with Me*' which contains readings and reflections for the whole season. Copies are available at the Contact Corner £1.

ADVENT

A reflective stillness lies at the centre of Advent. Placed between Christ's first and second coming, the rhythms of the liturgy measure our time. Quietly, but insistently it awakens our hope and invites us to wait upon the Lord who will fulfil his promise. It assures us that we will not wait in vain. Advent calls us to renew and deepen our trust, while the world finds trust difficult and 'hope' is dismissed as naive. Now, in this season of Advent we come to know that this time, the time in which we live, whatever the time, is the time of our redemption.

James Harvey SJ, *The Tablet*, 29th Nov. 2008.

ADVENT BLESSING

We thank you, Lord, for this season of Advent

When our hearts yearn for your coming.
Bless us with joyful attentiveness,
with eyes fixed on your arrival,
ears alert for your gently spoken word.
Bless, with a glimpse of your stillness
all whose lives are filled to the brim.
Help us to build a home
where there is space for you.

Walk with me

AN ADVENT SONG

Every valley shall be exalted
And every hill made low
And all God's people shall see together
The glory of the Lord.