

5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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Responsorial Psalm: "Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted."

Gospel Acclamation: "I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life."

NOTICE BOARD

Retreat weekend for young adults (20s and 30s): Feb 10-12 in Salford. Cost: donation. An opportunity for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young catholic adults. Details from maryannefcj@gmail.com

Hope for a New Beginning – a *Beginning Experience* weekend at The Friars, Aylesford, Kent – March 23-25. *Beginning Experience* is a ministry to the widowed, separated and divorced led by a trained team of volunteers. Their work is carried out at special weekend gatherings, which encourage participants to share their need and deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For details contact Fred (01322 401243), Helen (01293 881877), Sandra (01293 783965). Closing date for applications is Feb 20.

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships: For the last nine years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer 8 internships: Five interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; two in Public Policy with CAFOD and CARITAS Social Action Network; and one in a media internship at Archbishop's House Westminster. All internships will run from September 2012 - July 2013 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found at: www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns. Completed applications must be submitted by Feb 29, 2012. If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

Helping Homeless Young People: *Nightstop* is a service run by the charity, *De Paul UK*. Hosts agree to provide temporary respite accommodation for a homeless young people (an evening meal, a bed for the night, access to washing facilities, breakfast and a listening ear if appropriate) after they have been through a selection process and been given necessary support. Other volunteers act as drivers to transport the young people to their hosts or as phone assistants to manage referrals. For more details contact ailsa.mcwilliam@depauluk.org / 020 89046661.

REGULAR GROUPS

Mother & Baby/Toddler group: Please contact Rowan on 07958 250259 if you are interested in attending.

Musical Tots: the music group for 0-5s will meet again on Fri 10th February at 10am in the Gillespie Hall. All parents and carers of the under 5s very welcome. Please contact Celine Crosswell on 07884464686 if you need further information.

Please pray for our sick: Marie Dubey, Sheila Hegarty, Fr. Eric Flood and Madeline Killeen.

Last week's collections: Offertory £817.00; **Cafod** £10.48

Deadline for submitting Newsletter items – Wednesday am please
Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust – Registered charity – 252878.



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Mon-Fri morning prayer
9.15am, mass 9.30am.

Sat morning prayer
9.15am. Holydays of
obligation: mass at
9.30am & 8pm.

Confessions 9.30am
Sat in church, or by
appointment

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE MEANING OF WORK

Why do we work – out of necessity or out of choice? Most of us don't have the time to think about it. We seem torn: self-evidently we can't live without it and yet in various (sometimes less obvious) ways, we can't cope with the stresses it brings.

This Sunday's first reading (Job 7.1-4, 6-7) certainly takes a negative stance, viewing work as what Marx calls *alienation*, an inhuman '*hired drudgery*'. But that's only half the picture – and half the Christian understanding of work. The alternative perspective is to understand humanity as *Homo Faber* ('*Man – and Woman – the Maker*'). We are essentially creative creatures, because we are in the image of God, the Creator of all that is. It is not only in procreation that we are co-creators: in all we do we are stewards of Creation and workers for the Kingdom.

Both perspectives are needed as we reflect on our own lives and on the structures of society. Yes, too many are reduced to drudgery (hired or otherwise), but 'yes' also to our task of creating a world in which all can experience the thrill of their own creativity.

- Fr. Rob

MASS TIMES INTENTIONS

Sat	6pm	Ricky Fagan (ill)
Sun	9am	Robert, Mary & Michael Chaplin RIP
	10.45am	People of the Parish
Mon	9.30am	Sr. Patricia Kelly RIP
Tue	9.30am	Special Intention
Wed	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Thur	9.30am	Sr. Melitius RIP
Fri	9.30am	Catherine Courtney RIP
Sat	9.30am	Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
	6pm	HCPT Group's Intention
Sun	9am	People of the Parish
	10.45am	Helen Thompson RIP

PARISH EVENTS – PASTORAL

This Sunday is Education Sunday, when we celebrate not only the work of Catholic schools but all who dedicate themselves to educating the young, especially among our own parishioners. There is a retiring collection for the **Catholic Education Service**, which represents the Catholic community to government and advises the local church on education policy matters.

Also This Sunday: The young people of Weybridge invite you to **an evening of praise and worship** in Christ the Prince of Peace Church **from 7.00pm to 8.30pm**, led by Edwin Fawcett, a young Catholic composer, who conducted two choirs in the presence of Pope Benedict XVI in Hyde Park. He is also leading the music at the *Flame Congress* at Wembley Stadium on 24th March which many of our young people will be attending. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available and there will be an opportunity for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The evening will close with benediction. The evening will start with a half-hour social.

Monday – Journey In Faith Group meets in the presbytery at 8pm.

Saturday is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the **World Day of Prayer for the Sick**, being the anniversary of the first of St. Bernadette's visions of the Virgin Mary in 1858. There will be a **morning mass at 9.30am**, while we welcome members of HCPT (The Pilgrimage Trust) – which has taken sick children to Lourdes for the last 55 years – at our evening mass. If anyone else would like to join the group for its fund-raising dinner, please call Emil on 020 8398 9222 / jeslourdes@aol.com

Lent Small Groups - the diocese has produced small group material linked to the forthcoming International Eucharistic Congress entitled "*The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with each other.*" This reflects deeply on the eucharist alongside the Sunday readings. Other groups will be using a booklet (also based on the readings of Sunday Mass) produced by *Cafod* in connection with its *Thirst for Change* campaign. If anyone (in addition to current group leaders), would like to lead a group this Lent, please see Father Rob or Stella Eusebio (020 8398 7648).

Welcomers for 11-12 Feb: Sat 6pm - R Tan, Sun 9am - The Bishop Family, Sun 10.45am - The Godwin Family

PARISH NEWS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Lent Small Groups - all are invited to join one of the weekly discussion groups taking place during Lent. Lists showing details are in the church porch. Some of the groups are ecumenical, being shared with members of other local churches; please use the contact details given if you wish to join one of these. To join a group of OLOL parishioners, please sign-up for the group of your choice.

Our Lady of Lourdes Nursery provides an outstanding setting for children aged from 2.5 to 5 years on weekday mornings during 34 weeks a year. Applications are now invited from parishioners for the academic year 2012-13. (Closing date for applications is February 19, 2012.) A prospectus and full details can be found at <http://www.olnursery.org.uk/>

Traidcraft stall this weekend - please continue to support producers both by buying from our stall and also by including Fairtrade produce in your weekly shop. There are more wiggly snakes available!

Thanks to all the Nursery School Mums who raised £151 for new play equipment for the nursery garden with their cake-sale last weekend.

Ever thought of yourself as a theologian, or a philosopher? Well you are! Heythrop College, in Kensington, offers full-time and part-time diploma and degree courses in theology and philosophy. Why not take a pamphlet and think about going in for some extra learning? Feed those brain cells! Please take home whatever material you wish. Further enquiries to John Merrigan - 07949 913487 or email me at john@johnmerrigan.com

New Translation of the Roman Missal – Assuming you're not 'word-perfect' on the new responses yet, please collect a laminated card as you arrive – and please **remember to return it to the porch** as you leave!

Installation of the new heating system is nearing completion. Please be aware of any trip hazards during works and be patient with any disruptions this may cause.

NOTICE BOARD

Thinking Bioethics: Medical Law - On Weds., Feb. 15 at 8pm (refreshments from 7.30pm) at Christ the Prince of Peace parish hall, Weybridge, James Bogle will explore recent developments in medical law which has arguably become 'morally and intellectually misshapen' as a result.

Young People Serving the Community: the *Catenian Association* has a Bursary Fund to support young Catholics aged 16-24 prepared to work unpaid helping under-privileged people anywhere in the world. If anyone wishes to apply (e.g. for a 'Gap' year) please contact bursary@thecatenians.com / 02476 224533.

Retrouvaille - A Lifeline For Married Couples: From a French word meaning to rediscover, *Retrouvaille* is a programme to help to heal marriages, run by couples who have themselves overcome difficulties. For information see www.retrouvaille.uk, call Clive and Kathy on 07873 380443 or text 07954 966804.

Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (July 26 – Aug. 3, 2012). Application forms are available from the parish office or can be downloaded from www.ablourdes.org. Early application is advised, especially for those wishing to work in the the *hospitalité* team of carers. **Nurses** are particularly needed (and those with non-EU passports need to allow time for obtaining visas for France). Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01903 745180. Contact Fr. Rob if you know of a sick person (or a family in need) who might benefit from going. If cost is a problem, payment by monthly standing order is possible.

School Admission Appeals Panels: the diocese is recruiting people with an interest in the distinctive nature of Catholic education who might be interested in becoming members of appeal panels (unpaid but reasonable expenses available). There will be a training day on Weds, Feb 8. Contact schools@dabnet.org / 01293 511130.