

SS LAWRENCE AND PAUL

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25th JULY 2010

Psalter Week 1 Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Diocesan Prayer Link: Swindon, St Peter

SAT 24th	5.00pm	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
SUN 25th	9.00am	CS SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	For Recovery
SUN 25th	11.00am	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Freeman Family Int
Tue 27th	9.30am	Mass	For Recovery
Wed 28th	9.30am	CS Mass	Special Intention
Thr 29th	9.30am	Mass	St Martha
Fri 30th	9.30am	CS Mass	For Recovery
SAT 31st	5.00pm	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
SUN 1st Aug	9.00am	CS EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
SUN 1st	11.00am	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
Tue 3rd	9.30am	Mass	
Wed 4th	9.30am	CS Mass	St John Vianney
Thr 5th	9.30am	Mass	
Fri 6th	9.30am	CS Mass	Transfiguration of the Lord
SAT 7th	5.00pm	NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	F.Mass John Withers
SUN 8th	9.00am	CS NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
SUN 8th	11.00am	NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	

Confessions at St Lawrence Sat 10.00 - 10.30am and after 5.00pm Mass at St Paul's

PARISHES IN COMMUNION FOR MISSION

Dear All


All of you will be aware by now that we are now in a larger missionary communion which includes Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswood, St John Fisher, Frenchay and St Augustine's, Downend, also that in September we will be saying farewell to Fr Patrick Auger who is being moved to the parish of Chard in Somerset. In light of this and the urgency of the situation Fr Frank and myself have had to come up with a plan to provide the Sunday masses for the mission which tries not to disrupt the existing timetable too much while giving us the time and energy to supply the six masses we can provide. We want to make it clear that these times are not set in stone and we can adjust them if necessary but with two priests and three parishes the options are not great. So here is the timetable to take effect on the first Sunday of September:

	Our Lady	St Augustine's	SS Lawrence & Paul
Saturday Evening	X	6.00pm	5.00pm at St Lawrence
Sunday Morning	9.00am	9.30am	11.00am at St Paul's
Sunday Evening	6.30pm	X	X

We envisage that the priest who says the two St Lawrence & Paul masses will also say the 9.00am in Our Lady and the other priest will attend the masses at St Augustine's and say the 6.30pm at Our Lady. Frank and I will alternate between the two positions week by week.

We will have a chance to review the situation on **Tuesday 5th October** when the Parish Councils meet again. We are aware of the discomfort these changes will make but spare a thought for St John Fisher parish which is having to give up its mass altogether. Its well to remember that the Bishop says:

Perhaps the greatest challenge for us is to be willing to leave behind familiar patterns of 'being Church' and accustomed ways of 'practising our faith'. Whatever lies ahead we are called to embrace this change with a spirit of sacrifice, knowing that we are called to imitate our Lord who 'did not come to be served but to serve'. May we be generous in our response knowing that the Lord is never outdone in generosity.

 We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and support for the Traidcraft Stall which helps to spread awareness of Fair Trade. Also please note that will be no stalls in August. See you all again on 11th /12th September. Hélèn and Maria.

Sun 18th July GA £160.45 Non GA £58.50 Cash £226.73 Total £445.68 BF £259.55 Att 251

44 BONUS BALL Winners this week. £25 Each £50 to Building Fund
G145 #18 P.O'Rourke G146 #39 T.Barton Going on Holiday? Play in advance! See P.O'Rourke.

What's on?

FABRIC AND FINANCE	Thr 29th July	7.30pm	St Lawrence Centre
Parish Pastoral Council	Thr 5th Aug	7.30pm	St Lawrence Centre
Cream Tea Afternoon	Sat 7th Aug	2.30pm	St Joseph's Cotham
Bring'n'Buy Coffee Morning	Sat 14th Aug	Morning	St Lawrence Centre
Charity Lunch	Wed 18th Aug	Noon - 1.30pm	St Lawrence Centre
Charity Lunch	Wed 15th Sep	Noon - 1.30pm	St Lawrence Centre
Papal Mass	Sun 19th Sep	9.30am	Cofton Park
Parishes in Comm' Meeting	Tue 5th Oct	7.30pm	St Paul's Church



Parishes in Communion for Mission

Notes from the Meeting held at St Augustine's Tuesday 6th July 2010, 7.30pm

Latest News from the Bishop

Fr Patrick informed the meeting that he was being moved from Kingswood to Chard parish in September. This news meant that the provision of priests in our area would indeed be reduced to two.

Time to Talk The parish representatives were given fifteen minutes to consider the Opportunities and Concerns of our new situation.

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Feedback

Given in order of presentation at the meeting.

- When masses are reduced in number transport may become a problem and would need to be organised.
 - Catechists should be shared for confirmation. (ed. And by implication other sacraments and RCIA)
 - More catechists will be needed to be trained.
 - Prayer together is essential before social gathering. A joint mass was proposed and approved of by the meeting.
 - Kingswood is largely unknown to Chipping Sodbury. Links must be established.
 - Groups should get together straight away. (Legion of Mary, SVP, UCM, youth choir, etc.)
 - Sharing of parish expertise vital.
 - Websites are an excellent way of promulgating and sharing parish information. Parishes without a website could be helped by others with the expertise. A common website might be considered in the future.
 - A shared bulletin should be considered. (Perhaps monthly)
 - Group leaders should be encouraged and where possible share skills.
 - More leaders should be encouraged to come forward and should be offered appropriate training where needed. We should "get over not asking people"
 - Recognition of talents especially in the young should be a priority.
 - Priests know people very well but parishioners especially across old borders do not. We look forward to a "groundswell of understanding" as we learn to be parishes in communion.(ed. for mission.)
 - Why not shared social activities? Or perhaps a joint Three Schools Choir Festival to include extended families so that all can belong.
 - Already (today) we have experienced a wonderful liturgy together. It should be a sign of the possibilities of greater communion in the future.
 - We should build on good experience.
 - Parishes at present are not being amalgamated. They remain separate entities with their own names but are simply being called to deepen their communion for the good of the common mission.
 - Priests will be working as equals. Collaborative ministry.
 - The two priests are committed to giving their time equally to the whole area but in particular will make sure that Kingswood does have time with a priest in residence during the week.
 - A concern was voiced about the provision of ministers for funerals and cremations. Procedures are well established with funeral directors to contact other priests and deacons in the deanery.
- The following points were sent in after the meeting.**
- Parishes will need full time management or secretarial support.
 - A central contact number would be helpful so that a priest or deacon could be located in an emergency.
 - All parishes must be vigilant about safeguarding and have the appropriate officers.
 - The four parishes should come together for a shared supper.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday October 5th 2010 7.30pm at St Paul's Church, Yate.

Prayer

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and a blessing.



But it was the high decree of heaven, that the majesty of that presence should be blotted out. It is a long story, my Fathers and Brothers, you know it well. I need not go through it. The vivifying principle of truth, the shadow of St. Peter, the grace of the Redeemer, left it. That old Church in its day became a corpse (a marvellous, an awful change!); and then it did but corrupt the air which once it refreshed, and cumber the ground which once it beautified. So all seemed to be lost; and there was a struggle for a time, and then its priests were cast out or martyred. There were sacrileges innumerable. Its temples were profaned or destroyed; its revenues seized by covetous nobles, or squandered upon the ministers of a new faith. The presence of Catholicism was at length simply removed, its grace disowned, its power despised, its name, except as a matter of history, at length almost unknown. It took a long time to do this thoroughly; much time, much thought, much labour, much expense; but at last it was done. Oh, that miserable day, centuries before we were born! What a martyrdom to live in it and see the fair form of Truth, moral and material, hacked piecemeal, and every limb and organ carried off, and burned in the fire, or cast into the deep! But at last the work was done. Truth was disposed of, and shovelled away, and there was a calm, a silence, a sort of peace; and such was about the state of things when we were born into this weary world.

Second Spring. Sermon Preached at Oscott College Tuesday 13th July 1852 John Henry Newman

The Charity Lunches for the RNLI raised £312. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported the event. There will be another event to raise funds for the Salvatorian Sisters Mission in Sri Lanka. This will be a Bring'n'Buy Coffee morning at **St Lawrence Centre on Sat 14th August 2010**. And for your information the Bonus Ball Lottery in the last 146 games (Since 4th March 2009) has brought in an astounding £7300 of which one half went to winners (£3650) and the other half to the Building Fund. Well done everybody.



LEGION OF MARY

If you are interested in prayer and apostolic work, please join us! You are always welcome.

We meet every Wednesday at **7.00pm** at St Paul's.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION

Meets every Tuesday
6.00pm-7.00pm At St Paul's
All Welcome

