

DAY	FEAST	MASS	INTENTION	DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES
SAT	Lenten Feria	12 noon 530pm	Samantha Hastings Clare and Tony Hutchings	Children's Adoration 10am. Confessions 4.15–5.15 pm; after both Masses
SUN	3rd Sunday in Lent	930am	For the Parish	NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES
MON	Lenten Feria			1st Holy Communion. 4pm, S. M. Catechism for Years 7, 4pm, Stella Maris
TUE	St Patrick	12 noon	George Murphy RIP	Catechism for Year 8, 4pm, Stella Maris Catechumenate 730pm, Stella Maris
WED	Lenten Feria	12 noon Requiem	Elizabeth Hamilton RIP	Stations of the Cross, 7pm SVP 730pm School Govs (P and C), School, 7pm Eucharistic Adoration: 745-845pm
THU	St Joseph	12 noon 930am School	Michael and Eliz Hyland RIP Susan and George Peacock +	All Welcome at School Mass at 930am Open House, Stella Maris, 2-4pm.
FRI	Lenten Feria	12 noon	Month Mind: Pat Kelly RIP	YCM Coffee Break, 10am—12 noon, SM Eucharistic Adoration: 1230-415pm Holy Hour and Rosary 3pm Evening Prayer and Benediction 4pm
SAT	Lenten Feria	12 noon 530pm	Carmel Priddle Statham Family RIP	Children's Adoration, 10am Confessions: 4.15 –5.15 pm; after both Masses
SUN	4th Sunday in Lent	9.30am	For the Parish	Reception: Alicia Maria

Thank you for Last Week's Collection: £661. Of which £274 was gift-aided = £77 tax-refund to the Church.
Thank you for Feed My Lambs. £204. Feeding about 255 starving Sudanese children for a week. Brilliant!

**FIN HARGLWYDDES SEREN Y MÔR
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
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SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2009

**may we know Christ more clearly
love him more dearly
and follow him more nearly**

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Dear Parishioner,

Before I report back to you on the proceedings of the Pastoral Council last Tuesday, let me tell you about the old Irish tradition of the Month's Mind we are going to adopt in our Parish. You may not have heard of it and to be honest, it has only recently been explained to me, though I was well familiar with the general idea.

When someone dies and the pain of bereavement is so intense that everything gets out of focus, we often find the Requiem Mass lost in a blur of tears and raw emotion. The Irish tradition of the Month's Mind is to hold a second Mass for the deceased, exactly one month after the person's death, when members of the family, if they so wish, are invited to speak about the deceased person, in a way their grief would have prevented them from, on the day of the funeral.

It is a month this Thursday since the death of our much loved parishioner, Pat Kelly, and we will begin our practice of the Month's Mind with a Mass for her. I hope you will be there.

Now, the Pastoral Council. As always it was genial and full of enthusiasm. It was also very up-beat, with encouraging reports coming in from all sides.

Mrs Dingstable gave a very heartening report on the School, telling how the intake for this coming year is up beyond expectation and looking like something of a record. Sr Jennifer spoke of nine of our young people going on retreat at Loreto next weekend.

The two new ventures mentioned in last week's Newsletter were approved by the Council and will come into effect this week.

The first of these is the OPEN HOUSE. On Thursday afternoons, from 2pm to 4pm, Stella Maris will be Open House, starting this week. All the rooms will be open. Parishioners of all ages are invited to drop in and get themselves engaged in some kind of activity, from chatting over a cup of tea to watching a DVD. As parishioners become accustomed to attending, and as they get to know other people there with their interests and hobbies, they will find themselves sharing with their own interests. It might be playing bridge or singing Polish folk songs; it might be exchanging notes on ornithology or Elvis. And if one group is making a racket, the other group could see refuge in another room. Tea and Coffee will be available.

Sarah and John Demisson have kindly agreed to exercise oversight of everything for the time being, but as the enterprise gets established, others may take on this responsibility. It opens a great opportunity for parishioners to meet one another. A parish is nothing if it is not a community.

The second initiative is the YOUNG CATHOLIC MOTHERS' COFFEE BREAK. This will be on Friday mornings from 10am to noon at Stella Maris, beginning this Friday.

I am delighted to tell you that Bernadette Davies and Erica Benedicta have agreed to take charge of it. It has great potential. But let me explain exactly what it is going to be and what it is not going to be. It is not going to be a play-group. While there will be toys to entertain the children, the focus is on the mothers, giving them a bit of a break and a chance to chat with like-minded Catholic mothers. Again, it will be an occasion for the building up of friendships and therefore of the Catholic community.

Because it is not a play-group, the responsibility for the children remains exclusively with the parents, not with Bernadette or Erica or the Church. All the facilities of Stella Maris will be available to the mothers who will be able to make refreshments for themselves and their little ones. I

am as delighted with this as I am with Open House.

Itold the Pastoral Council of the Baptism Team that is now formed, consisting of Antonello and Susie Mosca, Bernadette Davies and Marie Dixon, a team of four exceptional young people. They will meet with the parents over a cup of coffee after Mass on the Sunday when the child is presented to the Parish, the Sunday before the baptism.

I have produced a leaflet explaining the meaning of Baptism, what goes on in the ceremony and what the Church wants from the parents in the early years of the child's life. The Team will go over this with the parents and give them a copy to take home. They will strive to keep in touch with them as the child grows and develops and receives the further Sacraments of the Church. Again, a question of forming friendships and trust.

And finally, the Evangelisation Team. The Team so far consists of John-Barry Murphy, Alan Williams, Stephen Watson and Keith Mottram, who will be attending a study day at Loreto on the 29th of this month. Their purpose will be to focus our attention on the task of bringing people back to Christ and his Catholic Church, an essential activity for all of us today. Fr Anthony Jones God bless you.