

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner

Peter Blake

Who has sadly died

A retired Canon of the Anglican Communion.

Peter was received into the RC Church here at St Teresa's in July 2004.

He has spent his life in the service of the Gospel.

Peter's remains will be brought to Church tonight (Sunday) at 7pm.

His Requiem Mass will take place tomorrow (Monday) at 11am

followed by interment in Penpont Cemetery.

A collection in lieu of flowers will be taken at the Requiem Mass in Peter's memory to benefit the Cardinal Winning Pro-Life Initiative.

Our prayers and condolences are sent to his family and friends at this sad time.

May he rest in peace.



THE ADVENT WREATH DEDICATION. As Advent began we dedicated the first candle to praying for the unemployed that they will soon find work, the second candle is for those coping with addiction problems, we dedicate our third candle to the cause of Pro-Life from the first moment of conception till we breathe our last breath at the natural end to our lives and the fourth candle this week is for peace in our hearts, towns and throughout the world.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY. The children will lead us in our morning worship today, telling us through song and story the good news of the Nativity of Jesus. They have been preparing with Robert, Gwen and the Children's Liturgy leaders and parish musicians and we look forward to the fruit of all their hard work.

ST TERESA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MASS. Miss Blount, staff and children welcome parishioners to join them for 10am Mass this coming Tuesday (20th) in the school. You will be most welcome.

THE LADIES GUILD. The members of this parish group would like to thank parishioners for their wonderful support in the past year enabling them to gift the parish the sum of £1,500 from all their fundraising efforts. We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and look forward to many opportunities to co-operate again in 2012 among them theatre trips to the "South Pacific" on 14th April and "Oliver" on 2nd June. More details nearer the time but any group member will be able to offer more info or call Peggy on 261373. On behalf of the parish I thank and congratulate the ladies (and friends) for all their hard work for the good of our community.

CHOIR PRACTICE. The Choir will rehearse this Wednesday from 7-8.15pm in the Church preparing for Christmas. All welcome.



INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS (IEC) . The 50th IEC is a week long programme of events, linking faith and culture with a particular focus on gathering of Catholic people of every nation, language and way of life around the table of Our Lord. If you are interested in joining with others across Scotland on a pilgrimage to this event being held in Dublin from 10th-17th June 2012 please call Mgr Stephen Robson on 0131 623 8902 for further information or email him on chancery@standed.org.uk. There are various travel, accommodation and cost options available.

PRO-LIFE COLLECTION. The annual collection for this worthy cause realised £383.93. Many thanks for your support.

ETHIOPIAN CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS. If you would like to give more to our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia for Christmas , certificates are available for any offering you'd like to make. They can then be given to family members in their Christmas Cards letting them know that a donation was made to Ethiopia in their name to assist a needy family. Pick up some in the Church Porch.

GROW IN FAITH. The next session will take place next year! Join us on Thursday 12th January-from 7.30pm till 9pm in the Church Baptistry. (RCIA participants meet from 7pm). The theme is, "What is faith?". All welcome.



DAILY CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS BOOKLET. The January to March edition of "Living Faith" is now available in the Piety Shop for only 50p.

LISIEUX PILGRIMAGE (13-20 AUGUST 2012). Booking Forms can be picked up at the back of church as there are still a few places available. Pilgrims are welcome to put a little towards the trip every week or so-just hand it into Fr Jim anytime.

INTERNAL GAS HEATER FOR SALE. We have a gas heater available (similar to the one pictured) ideally suited for a small industrial space, in great working order and condition no longer needed in St Conal's following the installation of a new combi-boiler/radiator heating system thanks to a Grant from the local Coalfield Trust. Any offer considered -please call Fr Jim.

ADVENT QUIET TIME. Remember that the church is open on Tuesday evening from 8pm till 10pm for some quiet prayer time (and confession 8.15pm till 9.30pm). You are most welcome to pop-in even just for 10 minutes or so.



MASS TEXT

Sunday Cycle B :: Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office: Vol. 1 Week 4

Mary, the Ark of God's Covenant.

CALL TO SILENCE:

Praise we now the Lord our God,
in silence we adore you.

OT READING:

2 Samuel 7:1-5; 8-11. 16

Psalm: 88.

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

NT READING:

Romans 16:25-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
Let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 1: 26-38

Sunday 25th December is CHRISTMAS DAY

*The first reference is for Midnight Mass
followed by the one for Christmas Day*

OT Reading:

Isaiah 9:2-7 :: Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 95 :: 97

NT Reading:

Titus 2:11-14 :: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel:

Luke 2: 1-14 :: John 1:1-18

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2011

ADVENT QUIET TIME BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT With opportunity for Confession

Tuesdays of Advent in the Church
from 8pm till 10pm.

Night Prayer at 8pm, 9pm and 9.50pm.

Fr Jim will be available in the Confessional
from 8.15pm till 9.30pm.

Please pop in for 5 or 10 minutes or longer if
you can-you will be very welcome.

CHRISTMAS EVE-24th December

5pm Vigil Mass in St Conal's
11.30pm Carols
Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY-25th December

10.30am Christmas Day Mass

THERE IS NO EVENING MASS ON SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER

NEW YEAR'S EVE-31st December

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

2pm Vigil Mass in St Conal's

NEW YEAR'S DAY-1st January 2012

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

12 noon Sunday Mass

6pm Sunday Mass

Unless stated otherwise
all services take place in St Teresa's

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) 18th December 2011

St Teresa's Parish Community

Our Parish Priest is: Fr Jim Hayes
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Our Parish Deacon is: Rev. Mr. Willie Hiddleston
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A parish of the RC Diocese of Galloway. Charity Number: SC 010576.
The sick and housebound would appreciate a copy of the bulletin -
if you can please pop one through their door. Thank you.



SUNDAY MASSES:

10.30am and 6pm

In St Conal's, Kirkconnel (served from St Teresa's) there is a Vigil Mass at 2pm.

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Mon 11am; Tuesday to Saturday at
10am except Wed-Mass at 9am.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesdays of Advent 8pm till 10pm and
Friday after 10am service till 11am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays of Advent 8.15pm till 9.30pm and
Friday & Saturday after Mass till 11am.

The Rosary:

Wednesdays following the 10am service

The Parish Hall: To book the hall please contact Mrs Peggy Marshall on 261373

The Ladies Guild: Meets again in the Hall at 7.30pm on 10/01/2012. All welcome

WEEKLY COLLECTION. £686.66 Thank you for your weekly support.

Baptisms can be booked by contacting Fr Jim directly

Weddings require at least six months notice-please contact Fr Jim directly.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS COMING WEEK:

Sat 2pm: For the Parish; Sunday 10.30am: Winnie Smith (RecDec);
Sunday 6pm: Holy Souls; Monday 11am: Peter Blake (Requiem Mass);
Wed 9am: Peter Blake (RecDec); Thurs: Roy Funnel (RecDec);
Frid: Bernard Walsh and family (Sp.Ints); Sat: Ella Flannigan (RecDec).

For all who are under-going Hospital treatment and/or tests.