

# NEWSLETTER

for Catholics in the Tendring Peninsula  
from Father Michael Stokes, Parish Priest.

Sixth Sunday of Easter in the Year of Luke

9<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Dear Parishioners,

Some people have a lot of anger inside them with the result that they lack peace of mind and serenity of soul. But other people have an inner peace, and what a difference it makes to their lives.

Two neighbours, James and John were ploughing in adjacent fields. The ground was hard and stony, and a hot sun beat down on them. James was in a black mood. He lashed out at the horse with his whip. However, the beatings only had the effect of making the horse more stubborn and uncooperative. James was convinced that his neighbour's wheat would grow taller than his. And every time he looked across at him he got the impression that he was laughing at him.

John, on the other hand, was in a calm mood. He worked quietly and well, in spite of pains and aches. Every now and then he stopped to give his horse a rest. He looked across at his neighbour and saw that he was in a very agitated state. He would have liked to help him, but he knew that when he was like this it was better to leave him alone.

The difference between the two neighbours was not in the outer circumstances of their lives but in their inner states of their minds. We see the world and other people, not as they are, but as we are. John enjoyed inner peace and serenity. James was in a state of inner turmoil. Nothing is a greater obstacle to being on good terms with others than being ill-at-ease with oneself.

Jesus comes to bring us life and to liberate us from ourselves. He calms our fears and heals our anguish and hatreds, thus enabling us to look at the world with a still heart and an open soul.

## ***Catholic Parish of Harwich and Dovercourt***

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**Parish Office Hours : Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays 10am – 12 noon**

**Times of Services: Monday to Friday 9am Mass or Service of Prayer**

**Sunday Mass 10.45am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: first and third Saturdays 9.30am.**

### **Service Times and Mass Intentions:**

Mon	10	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Tues	11	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wed	12	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thurs	13	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Fri	14	9.00 am	Mass: Int Grace Bellamy (Sadler)
Sun	16	10.45 am	Mass: Owen Linehan RIP (N Farry)

**Facts and Figures:** 132 people gathered for Mass last Sunday and gave £240.52 to the collection at Mass. Bank Standing orders amounted to £149. Thank you for your offerings.

We congratulate **Diana Burrell** who was received into the Catholic Church at Mass today when she made her profession of faith with us was confirmed and made her First Holy Communion.

This week is **Christian Aid Week**. There will be an Inter Church Service at the Salvation Army Citadel in Harwich at 6pm today. There will be collections at the Fiveways store in Dovercourt on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May and in Dovercourt High Street and Upper Dovercourt on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who wish to make a donation. Volunteers to help with the collections are needed. More information from Denis 507935 or Carmel 503633.

There are a few places available for the Pilgrimage to St Cedd's, Bradwell, on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July costing £13,50 by coach. Bookings are being taken by Ans Bartholomew 502556. There will be several pick up points in Dovercourt and Villages.

The Classical Concert last Sunday by the *Cantores Reginae Coelorum* was a roaring success. Our grateful thanks are given to all who made it happen. Anyone who would like a CD may order one free of charge – a donation of £5 would be welcome.

## ***This week's news for both Parishes***

In the **Annual cycle of Prayer** we are asked to pray during **Paschaltide** for new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church and human work.

The **Holy Father's Mission Intentions for May** are that all those involved in apostolic work may enliven the communities entrusted to their care with missionary enthusiasm

**Scriptures for The Ascension of the Lord in the Year of Luke:**

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53.

### **Father Michael's Public Diary Monday 10 May – Sunday 16 May**

Mon	10 May	9.00 am	Mass in Frinton
		7.30 pm	Churches Together in Walton, Emmanuel Church
Fri	14 May	9.00 am	Mass in Dovercourt
		7.30 pm	Postponed Parish Finance Committee, Dovercourt
Sat	15 May	9.30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation in Dovercourt
		6.00 pm	Sunday Mass in Frinton
Sun	16 May	8.30 am	Sunday Mass in Frinton
		10.45 am	Sunday Mass

### **PILGRIMAGES 2010:**

There are places on the **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July, travelling from Stansted, staying in a choice of hotels with full board and full programme of Liturgies more details available from Cathy O'Connor 01206 501146 or Tangey Tours 01732 886666.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham (in conjunction of Chelmsford C/E Cathedral) takes place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May led by Bishop Thomas. See notice in porch for details.

A South Woodford Vicar, Revd Robert Hampson is leading a Pilgrimage to Oberammergau (for the famous Passion Play) from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July at a cost of £365. Contact him for details 020 8530 3029

**The Annual Summer Camp for Boys (8-14), 24<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> August, and Girls (9-13), 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August**, will be held at the St John Bosco Centre, Fordham, (just north of Colchester)Essex at a cost of £130 for a week plus transport costs. Please contact the Parish Office for more details and booking forms. There are bursaries available for those who qualify.

**'Ever Ancient, Ever New'**. A weekend for young adults aged 18-38, inviting them to consider the beauty of a call to the religious life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> (eve) – Sun 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in the Essex countryside with the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, Navestockside. For details visit **HYPERLINK "http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org/events.html" <http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org/events.html>** or call Sister Camilla on 01277 373959/848.

The Bishops of England and Wales have asked that the **Fridays of May** be special days of prayer for reparation for the sins and crimes of child abuse within and outside the church. Please pop in to Church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament whenever you get the chance.

The retiring collection next Sunday at the request of the Bishops of England and Wales is for **World Communications Day** and will benefit their media and press offices.

## ***Catholic Parish of Frinton and Walton***

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**Times of Services: Monday to Friday 9am Mass or Service of Prayer**

**Sunday Mass : Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: second and fourth Saturdays 9.30am.**

### **Service Times and Mass Intentions:**

Mon	10	9.00 am	Mass: Thanksgiving (Neal)
Tues	11	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Wed	12	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Thurs	13	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Fri	14	9.00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Sat	15	6.00 pm	Mass: Kathleen Gallagher RIP
Sun	16	8.30 am	Mass: All Parishioners

**Facts and Figures:** 190 people gathered for Mass last Sunday and gave £381.32 to the collection at Mass. Bank Standing orders amounted to £127.30. Donations in the CAFOD soup plate amounted to £63.73. Thank you for your offerings.

The installation of the **gas central heating system** in St Cedd's Hall will be done during the week of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The Hall will have to be closed for the week.

**St Philomena's School** will be producing "**The Hills are Alive**" on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at The Columbine Centre Theatre, Princes Esplanade, Walton-on-the-Naze, at 7pm. Tickets are available from the school and cost £6 for adults and £3 for children.

Anyone who would like to learn **New Testament Greek** can join a class beginning in September. The Revd Ray King, Methodist Minister in Frinton and Walton will hold the class with a relaxed and light-hearted approach. Participants will be asked to commit for at least eight weeks, and then for the year if they like it. Please 'phone Revd Ray King 675336 to sign up or to ask any questions.

SAINTS DAYS this week:

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Optional Diocesan Memorial of Bl John Rochester, priest and martyr.

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Memorial of St John Houghton, priest and martyr.

Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Memorial of St Erconwald, bishop

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Matthias, apostle