



ST CATHARINE'S PARISH FROME

7 FEB

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.

Diocesan Prayer Link. Our Lady St Peter Gloucester.
Canon Bernard Massey, Deacons Colm Robinson & Timothy Meadows and Parishioners

SVP RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY.

This retiring collection, as you leave church today; is to support our own SVP parish group in the work they do here in the parish and overseas.

GROWING IN FAITH ON WEDNESDAY.

Next meeting -- Wednesday 10 Feb, usual time & place 7:45 pm, 31 Priddy Close. (Topic ref: NMI 44, 45) A word of clarification -- **Growing in Faith is for anybody who wants to deepen their understanding of the Faith -- NOT just for those who have experienced the RCIA.** It's a lovely informal group, and we help one another to grow! Queries: 01373 467120

MOTHER'S PRAYERS ON THURSDAY.

We are a small, friendly and caring group who would welcome women of all ages to join us in praying for our children, the children of the Parish and the world. We next meet in the Parish Hall at 10.00 am Thursday 11 February. Children welcome - toys and refreshments available.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP ON FRIDAY.

The prayer group meets this Friday 11 February at 7.30 p.m. in church. If you would like to join in prayer and find out more of the beauty and power of this devotion please come along.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK.

Each year, 11 February on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is world day of prayer for the sick and those who care for them. The Sacrament of the Sick is not just for those who are in danger of death, but for all who are suffering from illness or old age. It is a strengthening sacrament, to allow the person to bear their sufferings, and one which can bring healing if the Lord sees it as opportune. This being the case, Fr Joe will administer the Sacrament of the Sick at 9.30 am Mass next Sunday to anyone who feels they would benefit from it. No one will ask why you are coming forward, that is between you and God.

LENT STUDY COURSE.

This study course, provided by Frome Area Christians Together, begins week commencing Monday 22 February. There are ten times and locations each week so there is sure to be a time and place to suit everyone. For further information please see the poster in the porch and/or some information sheets on the table.

100 CLUB.

January winners 1st £25 Mrs M Perkins, 2nd £10 Don Febrey, 3rd £5 Vera Paniccia. **February winners** 1st £25 Mary Cannon, 2nd £10 Paddy Macken, 3rd £5 Colin Parsons. **There are a few spaces available please contact Debbie Godwin 452191 if you would like to become a member of the parish 100 Club. Thank you.**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY.

Bishop Declan has designated Sunday 14 February for the Annual Appeal for the Clifton Children's Society. The Society finds permanent adoptive homes for the 4,000 children in the UK who are waiting and also provide lifelong support to them and their families. They would not be able to continue this valuable work without the generosity of the Diocesan Community, so please be as generous as you can. Gift aid envelopes are available. For more information about adoption or, if you or anyone you know may be interested in attending the next Information Day on Friday 5 March, contact CCS on Tel: 0117 935 0005 or www.ccsadoption.org. Thank you.

60'S CLUB TEA.

Next afternoon tea Monday 15 February 3.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

PRAYER REQUESTS.

If you need prayers for someone sick or otherwise in need to be added to the Bidding Prayers in February then contact Edmund Costelloe. Tel: 812199 email ed.costelloe@btinternet.com

SUNDAY EVENING READERS.

There is an error in your new rota. Unfortunately I made a mistake and inadvertently omitted someone from the list. This has now been put right and a new revised rota is available for you to collect in the porch.

HAITI BRING AND BUY.

Thank you to all parishioners who supported the bring and buy sale in aid of Haiti last Sunday. £131 was raised which has been sent to Cafod's Haiti Earthquake appeal.

LITTLE FOOTPRINTS.

This friendly, welcoming group for children 0-5 years meets every Wednesday in term time 1.15 - 2.45 pm in the Parish Hall for playtime activities, singing, refreshments and prayer time. There are also Extra events twice a month. For further details see the separate "Activities for Children" leaflet or contact Carley Hickey on 451487.

HEALING MASS.

Our Lady St Mary of Glastonbury 7.00 pm Friday 12 February.

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. What does holy mean?

A. I consider holy to be one of the most expressive words in the English language. It is a word that comes up from the depths of the lungs, expressing a sigh for the infinite God who is over all, beyond all and within all. When Peter saw the power of Jesus manifested in the huge haul of fish, he experienced the otherness or holiness of God in contrast to his own frailty or sinfulness. Form your breath into that word, holy, and it becomes a mantra sighing for God.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

SUNDAY MASSES. 9.30 AM 11.30 AM (ST DOMINIC'S MELLS) 5.30 PM

No weekday Masses Monday 8 until Saturday 13 February

Articles for Newsletter can be e-mailed to martin.king@blueyonder.co.uk or see me after Mass (I am in the choir), or drop articles off at my home, 5 Birch Walk (off Stonebridge Drive) Frome by Wednesday 12 noon. Thanks. Martin King.