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**February 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)**

Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup>	5.30pm	Mass	Maureen McGovern's intentions
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am (Duncton)	Mass	The People of the Parish
		10.30am	Mass	Mary Moore RIP
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Mass	Private Intention
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>11.30am</b>	Funeral Mass	for Martin Wells
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	Mary Moore RIP
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mass	
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	12.00Noon	Mass	
		5.30pm	Mass	
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am (Duncton)	Mass	The People of the Parish
		10.30am	Mass	

Confessions: Saturdays at 5.00pm or by appointment

**THIS WEEK**

**This Sunday** The Parish Council will meet after the 10.30am Mass.

**This Sunday** There will be coffee after the 10.30am Mass.

**This Wednesday** Mass will be at 11.30am, as a funeral mass for Martin Wells.

**Next Sunday** The Finance Committee meets after the 10.30am Mass.

**Next Sunday** is Education Sunday. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

**Monday** of this week is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass)

**Some Forthcoming Dates**

*Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup>* Parish Council meets after the 10.30am Mass.

*Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>* Finance Committee meets after the 10.30am Mass.

*Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>* There will be Children's Liturgy at the 10.30am Mass.

*Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>* There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4.45pm until just before mass.

*Saturday/Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>* The annual Mission Appeal will be made by one of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

*Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>* There will be breakfast after the 8.30am Mass at Duncton.

*Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>* Choir singing at 10.30am Mass.

*Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>* will be Ash Wednesday; there will be mass at 10am and at 7pm.

✂ **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 23<sup>rd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July 2009. Booking forms are now available in the church and from the Pilgrimage Office. If you require a medical form please contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01903 745180.

✂ **Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?** I am planning to gather together a small group of people who are thinking about

becoming Catholics so that we can explore the Catholic faith together. Perhaps you have been thinking about this for some time - or someone you know has. If so, maybe now is the time for action! Have a word with me, or give me a call/e-mail, and we will take it from there. *Fr Peter*

**The Vatican** now has its own Youtube Channel, which you can access at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/vatican>

**Building Work** At long last it looks as if the building work to repair the retaining wall at Petworth will begin shortly, hopefully on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be some inconvenience, and part of the car park will be used temporarily for storage.

**Remembering your parish or diocese in your will** In the past this parish has benefited from some very generous bequests. A leaflet has been published by the diocese explaining how to make a

bequest either to the parish or to the diocese, and copies are available at the back of the church.

**Hope for a New Beginning** A Beginning Experience Weekend for the widowed separated and divorced at Aylesford Priory 27-29 March 2009. Beginning Experience is a Ministry to the widowed separated and divorced led by a trained team of volunteers. Their work is carried out at special weekend gatherings which encourage participants to share their need and deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. Contacts: Ruth 0208 8679 7157; Sandra 01293 783965; Susan 01227 264961.

**Last Sunday's collection** came to £405.72. Many thanks for your generosity.

**Last Sunday's Homily** Copies are available at the back of the Church.

***Fr Peter has been reading...***

**The She Apostle: The Extraordinary Life and Death of Luisa de Carvajal**  
by Glyn Redworth published by OUP

This is the story of a Spanish woman who came to England at the beginning of the seventeenth century. This was the time of the Gunpowder Plot, and a very dangerous time for Catholics, but she had for many years felt powerfully drawn to help the English Catholics, and if necessary to die doing so. Her story is fascinating, and the book paints a vivid picture of what it was like to be a Catholic in England in those uncertain days. Personally I would have liked a little less Spanish politics and a little more English religion (such as the surreal story of Luisa dining with two priests in Newgate prison on the eve of their martyrdom, then sending a carriage a day or two later to collect their dismembered body parts to be kept as relics), but there are probably people who would say the reverse. The only thing that spoils the book is the occasional simplistic bit of glib and rather lazy stereotyping (who could seriously write this sort of nonsense: 'From its earliest days Christianity despised the human body and the temptations that came with it') but on the whole this book is worth a read because it puts us in touch with the world of our forebears the English martyrs. They are a part of our history, and a part of our identity.

*The Lamp in the Lady Chapel* burns this week in honour of Our Lady and in thanksgiving

Welcome to anyone who may be visiting our church, or if you have recently arrived in the area. We hope that you will enjoy being with us for our worship. There is a very brief history of the Sacred Heart Church by the doorway – please help yourself to a copy.

If you are putting money in the collection (for which we are always very grateful) you might like to use one of the yellow envelopes at the back of the church labeled 'Gift Aid Declaration'. These allow us to reclaim the tax paid on the gift, increasing its value to us by 28% (at no cost to you).