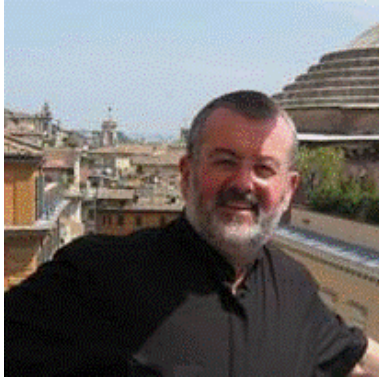


Gloucester Catholic Deanery News

July 2010



News from St. Peter's

Canon Bernard Massey, the Parish Priest at St. Peter's, will be leaving Gloucester towards the end of September. For some time now due to his work load in the Diocese Canon Bernard has had to travel back and forth to Bristol on a regular basis and therefore doesn't have as much time to devote to St. Peter's as he would like, and as the Parish needs. After four years at St. Peter's, Canon Bernard is moving to Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, which is a much smaller Parish and a lot closer to the Diocesan Office. St. Peter's will have a new Parish Priest who will be able to give the Parishioners the dedication they need.

Curry Night

On Friday the 18th June the Parishioners of St. Peter's enjoyed a fantastic Curry Night provided by the Keralite Community. Over 200 people enjoyed wonderful food and were entertained by children in beautiful dress. It was a lovely night and a tremendous £1045 was raised for Parish Funds.

Forthcoming Events at St. Peter's, Gloucester

Saturday Night Live – will take place on Saturday 7th August at 7.00 p.m. in the Social Centre. It will feature Folk and Country music from around the world performed by our parishioners. There will be an Irish Band and a Country 'n' Western Band. It is FREE, just bring along a plate of snacks for the buffet. Put on your cowboy hats and let's get together for a great evening.

Pampered Chef Evening - on Monday 26th July at 7.30pm in the Coffee Bar. There will be a 'Ready, Steady, Cook' style session, with a **CHOCOLATE** theme, using Pampered Chef products. The entrance fee is £1 to include tasters, all profits to Friends of St. Peter's. **All welcome!**

St. Joseph's Tewkesbury

The cluster churches continue to enjoy walking together about seven or eight parishioners from St Joseph's join St Nicholas's parish for a walk which often finishes with a pub lunch. St Joseph's hosted their Harvey's Hike (Fr. Richard's dog is called Harvey) in June when eighteen walkers and six dogs from both St Nicholas's and St Joseph's enjoyed the walk. Afterwards everyone gathered in the narthex at St Joseph's for a bring and share lunch. The PPC will be meeting today 8th July and the main item on the agenda is the clustering of parishes and how we can work closer together.



The annual parish BBQ took place on the first Sunday in July following the 10.30 Mass. Once again the weather was perfect as the chefs cooked lunch for the 60 parishioners who attended. There were games for the children and a tug of war with various teams competing. This event has happened every year since 1978 and it has never been rained off. This year we raise £160 for CAFOD.

The Wednesday Afternoon Club held their annual summer lunch party again the weather was hot and dry. The event was well attended and the proceeds from the raffle were donated to CAFOD. The next event for the Club is the first Wednesday in August when the group will host an open day at St. Joseph's. We hope people and visitors to the market will call in to see us and stay for refreshments. The group have been taking photographs of the groups which operate in the parish these will be on display. We hope to have some music and of course a flower display. . Who knows a stranger may call in who would like to know more about us!!

A young parishioner Jonathan Behan will represent St Joseph's when the Holy Father is at Twickenham in September. Jonathan is on our PPC and this year will be leaving Tewkesbury for University.

Eighteen parishioners will depart on August 10th for the annual parish pilgrimage. This year we will be travelling to Kent to Aylesford Priory for three days. This is the first time the parish has been to this shrine, for many years we have been to Walsingham. So we thought we would visit another of our shrines.

About half a dozen people travelled to the Cathedral for the Mass for Year of the Priest and the following week for the Parishes in Communion for Mission.

News from the Forest

We had the Bishop here in June to celebrate the 50th Jubilee of St. Anthony's School in Cinderford. Three former Heads were present including Sr. Celestine, still resident in Cinderford and now becoming wider known because of her C.D.

Cinderford also hosted a Garden Party which overlapped with England playing in the World cup, the Garden Party was more successful than the football.

Where were you all for the Deanery Forest walk? I know, I know...the weather wasn't good, rain was forecast etc, etc, but we had to end up talking to each other. Luckily a couple of families turned up from Newent for the Picnic but in the end only four of us walked, two Priests, one Nun and a member of the Laity to keep the peace.

We haven't yet sorted out how we will allocate our tickets for the Papal visit. Does the Priest go to the Beatification Mass in Birmingham or not? If he does go what happens to the Sunday Masses that day? Blessed be Cardinal Newman but will the punters be Blest if they turn up that day to find no Mass?

Our Lady's Churchdown starts Madrid Preparations!

Next summer 11th – 22nd August 2011 we are going to represent Our Lady's Parish, Gloucester Deanery and Clifton Diocese at the World Youth Day which will take place in Madrid, Spain



Pope Benedict XVI has invited young Catholics from all over the world to meet with him in the capital of Spain; the three of us from our parish will be part of about 1 million young people from all over the world at the event. We will travel with about 70 young people from the dioceses of Clifton & Plymouth.

We are very excited and happy to be representing Our Lady's and are really looking forward to the next World Youth Day. We are going because we like being young Catholics and we want to have this opportunity to strengthen our faith and meet other young Christians from other parts of the world – as far as Australia, Asia & the Americas and to be able to let people know about our parish in Churchdown, Gloucester where we made our First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We want the whole parish to feel involved in our pilgrimage. During the next 12 months we hope to offer the parish opportunities to come together and to be a service to the community- each of us need to raise our fares and our participation fees which come to about £1,000 each.

The kind of things we would like to do are curry nights, cake sales, car washing and raffles. If you have any other ideas we would love to hear about them.

You will be hearing a lot about World Youth Day over the next few months and very grateful your prayers and support, and when we go to Madrid we will bring your prayers and intentions as we meet with the Holy Father. There are about 15 young people from Gloucester Deanery travelling to Madrid from other parishes.

Thank you for listening and we hope that the pilgrimage will bring as much joy and inspiration to you as it will to us.

This talk was given by Sarah Walker 16, Julia Puddicombe 16, and Jo Collinson 15, at Masses at Our Lady's on Sunday 11th July.



Our Lady's Catechists end of year soiree.

Fr. Kevin gave thanks to all the catechist in the parish for their help throughout the year. Representatives from Children's Liturgy, RCIA, The First Holy Communion Programme along with the Confirmation group all enjoyed an evening of food, wine and Merriment.