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Parish Office: Monday: 10.00 – 12.00pm
 Thursday and Friday: 10.00 – 13.00pm
 Wednesday 14.00 – 18.00pm (Fr Patrick)

Simon's Shoulder; Bear one another's burdens Galatians 6.2: In your Prayers please remember those parishioners and others who are ill, homebound, or recovering from surgery, especially Monica Whaley, Rita Lyons, Catherine Elgar, and all those injured in conflict. Please also remember in your prayers Pascal Lyons at this time.

May they rest in Peace; Please pray for the soldiers killed in Afghanistan, Lorraine Radford- Hancock who died this week and all who have died recently. We pray for Mgr James Kelly, Canon Martin Fitzpatrick, Mary Horton, Kathleen Gregola, Henry Sharpe and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace, Amen.

Swine Flue precautions Bishop Declan has informed Fr. Patrick that from this weekend we can now return to normal practice now as the vaccination programme has started for the most vulnerable. He wishes to thank everybody for their cooperation which has been a help to ensure the safety of those most at risk. Bishop Declan has asked each priest to assess the dangers if any outbreak occurs in their area and for the parish priest to decide what action if any to take. The Bishop also asks us to pray for all health workers.

The Advent Reconciliation Service is this Sunday afternoon at 4pm. It is hoped that you will take advantage of this in order to prepare sacramentally for the great Feast of the Nativity and also to support with your example our children who will be making their first Reconciliation. There will be refreshment s afterwards so we can celebrate with the children.. Our thanks to Sue Ingalls who has facilitated their preparation.

Advent Sunday On this first Sunday of Advent we begin a new liturgical year. It is the year of Luke when St. Luke's gospel will be the main one used in our weekend liturgies. As promised last week Fr. Patrick has included a short introduction to Luke's Gospel to help you integrate his teaching into your life. Fr. Patrick has also included a little reflection and suggested ways in which we can best use this time prayerfully in our preparation for Christmas. Please take these home and hopefully you will find them helpful. We will begin Mass with the blessing of the Advent wreath and this Sunday the Sprinkling rite will take the place of the normal penitential rite. Musically we will begin using the Mass of Creation and we will continue to sing the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation as required by the General Instructions for celebrating the Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council: There will be a meeting on Wednesday evening in the parish office; if you would like us to discuss anything, please let Elaine or Carol know asap; thank you.

Liturgy this week 28th November to 4th December 2009
 Saturday 28th First Sunday of Advent (Year C)
 Reconciliation 5.00pm
 Mass 5.30pm
 Sunday 29th Mass 9.30am
 Advent Reconciliation Service 4.00pm
 Wednesday 2nd December Mass 7.00pm
Next Week's readings: Baruch: 5:1-9; Phillippians 1:3-6, 8; Luke 3: 1-6

Advent Morning of Reflection & Prayer: On Saturday December 5 from 10 am – 1 pm there will be an opportunity to gather together to reflect on the Advent and Christmas Scriptures as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. The time will be led by Maureen Eastman who has considerable experience in leading such mini- retreats. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Parish Teams Signup: After both Masses this weekend representatives from all Parish groups will be on hand to answer any questions about their particular group and how you can become a part of the team to help in the parish. There will be glass of wine (or tea and coffee) and a piece of cake. So please come and join us!

Race Night: Many thanks to all those who attended the race night last weekend; which was a great success and raised £501.05 for the parish charity Threshold Housing Link. Many thanks to John Billington and the social Committee for their hard work in organising it and also to the retailers who sponsored the event and donated prizes..

St Therese of Lisieux: The England and Wales 2009 Souvenir Books of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux on sale in the porch at £3.50 each for you to purchase.

Parish website: Roger Whitton has been building a Parish website over the past few months. The weekly bulletin and rotas are now available for you to access. The website address is in the left hand box at the top of the bulletin. Our grateful thanks to Roger for all his hard work with this.

Parish Finance:

Weekend 21st and 22nd November 2009; Collection raised £180;
 Collection for Youth Sunday raised £90; **with many thanks.**

Rotas: There are new rotas available for Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion and Church Cleaning; please note that these are only until the end of January because we are hoping to sign up many more people on Saturday and Sunday! please take yours, thank you.

THIS WEEK – 28 TH November to 4 TH December 2009	
Lector: Saturday: Rosemary Latter	Sunday: Maureen Eastman
Minister of Holy Communion: Saturday: Les Holland SUNDAY: Tony Morris	
Church Cleaning: Louise Marsh and Rachel Moody	
NEXT WEEK – 5 TH to 11 TH December 2009	
Lector: Saturday: Jane Archer	Sunday: Mary Holker
Minister of Holy Communion: Saturday: Pat Martin Sunday: Fran Billington	
Church Cleaning: Daphne Meredith and Pip Mantell	