

# Ealing Abbey Parish Magazine



## Christmas 2008

### FROM THE EDITOR

I am delighted to introduce a packed issue of the Parish Magazine. Many thanks to all the contributors for their lovely material. In fact, there was not enough space in this edition for all the wonderful items submitted, so look forward to the Lent edition!

As always, all contributions to the Parish Magazine are welcome. Articles, reviews, prayers, poems, reflections, drawings could all find a space here. There are no upper or lower age limits for contributors.

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Elizabeth Howard

## **THE HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY BILL**

I would like to thank those of you who contacted our local MPs to encourage them to vote against this morally objectionable Bill. Again I trust you are interested in how they voted.

The three MPs who cover parts of the Parish voted as follows. This time Stephen Pound (Ealing North) did not support the government but was not prepared to defy the Whips and vote against it. Again Virendra Sharma (Ealing Southall) abstained on it and Andrew Slaughter (Ealing Acton & Shepherd's Bush) voted for the bill. Could I urge you, whether or not you wrote to them originally, to write to the three of them asking them asking why they were not prepared to support the view of many of their constituents that this was a morally objectionable bill. It is important to let them know that we are concerned over these matters and to do so politely as otherwise we are liable to be seen as just another bunch of cranks.

You might be interested to know about the votes of the two other MPs with strong local connections that I referred to last time. Both Daniel Kawczynski (Shrewsbury) and Steward Jackson (Peterborough) voted against the Bill; if you have the time you might like to write and thank them also, especially as letters from people who are not your constituents are more encouraging in some ways. But it would also be a good idea to write and thank those Catholic Labour MPs who defied their Whips and voted against the government:- Joe Benton, Tom

Clarke, Jim Dobbin, Ruth Kelly, Andrew Mackinlay and Greg Pope, especially Ruth Kelly who, as a recent member of the cabinet, was under especially strong pressure.

All MPs can be contacted by writing to them at The House of Commons, Palace of Westminster, SW1A 0AA.

*Ian M. Potts, Councillor for Ealing Broadway Ward (which includes the Abbey).*

## **ABBEY LECTORS**

You will perhaps have noticed that the lectors at your Mass seem to be getting older and turning up more often! Obviously we are all getting a little older and some of us are dropping out through old age, illness or, occasionally I'm afraid, death. What we are not getting is new blood so if anyone is interested in joining the teams (in particular the 8 a.m. or the midday Mass) please get in touch with me or my successor.

Can I assure everyone that it is not that difficult to read at Mass. You need to be able to read and speak; most of the rest of the ability comes from practice. You will be given assistance in learning how to put across the readings but it's not that difficult, you don't have to have any special experience, although teachers do tend to be a bit over represented!

Each Mass has its own team, with an experienced reader as the Team Leader. I have tried to always arrange for a new reader to be paired up with an experienced partner. Although pairs, or trios, do get swapped around a bit with each new rota (which is produced every quarter) you will spend much of your time reading with the same colleagues.

I've been a lector now for over 30 or so years and have been organising the lectors for 25 of them. So I've decided it's time to hand over to a younger organiser, and Fr. Peter has agreed that Alex Burke will take over from me in the New Year.

*Ian M. Potts*

## **CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONTINUED**

### What is this new experience?

To answer this question it would be appropriate first to look at the beginnings of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement.

### Beginnings

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is recognised as an answer to the prayer of Pope John XXIII during the Second Vatican Council, "*Renew Your wonders in our day as by a New Pentecost...*" but it would be right to state that Pope Leo XIII had prayed for that same intention much earlier. In his

encyclical letter on the Holy Spirit, *Divinus Illud Munus*, he wrote,

*"May she (the Blessed Virgin Mary) continue to strengthen our prayers with her suffrages, that, in the midst of all the stress and trouble of the nations, those divine prodigies may be happily revived by the Holy Ghost, which were foretold in the words of David: "Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth" (Ps. ciii., 30).*

It was Leo XIII who, in the same encyclical letter, made the Novena to the Holy Spirit before Pentecost mandatory for the whole Church.

The fact is that Leo XIII, John XXIII and others felt the need for a Renewal and a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Church, for a more effective witness to the gospel. They prayed under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for a new Pentecost, and the Charismatic Renewal is one of the ways (and an efficacious one too), by which their prayer has been answered for the Catholic Church.

### The Duquesne Weekend

The moment we pinpoint as the beginning of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement coincides with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a dramatic way on a group of Catholic students and professors of the Duquesne University during a retreat, from 17-19 February 1967 in the US. The professors had earlier received the baptism in the Holy Spirit through a Protestant prayer group. They invited one of the members of that group to talk to the students and prepare them for what they were hoping would happen – a new Pentecost. On the last day of the retreat, with most of them gathered before the

Blessed Sacrament, they were surprised by a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit not mediated by the laying on of hands. It was absolutely the result of the sovereign will of God. Patti Gallagher, one of the students present, described what happened:

*“When I entered the chapel I saw a few people sitting on the floor praying. I knelt down too in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Then something happened I was not expecting. I’d always believed by the gift of faith that Jesus is really present in the Blessed Sacrament, but I had never experienced His glory before. As I knelt there that night, my body literally trembled before his majesty and holiness. I was filled with awe in His presence. He was there...the King of Kings...I prayed in the quiet of my heart, ‘Father, I give my life to you, and whatever You want of me, that’s what I choose. If it means suffering, then I accept that. Just teach me to follow Your Son Jesus, and to learn to love the way He loves.’ When I prayed that prayer, I was kneeling before the altar. The next moment I found myself prostrate, flat on my face, stretched out before the tabernacle. No one had laid hands on me...As I lay there, I was flooded from my finger tips to my toes with a deep sense of God’s personal love for me...”*

For Patti Gallagher and her friends, this was a life changing experience. We had a taste of this during our Parish Mission, thanks to God.

### Baptism in the Holy Spirit

“Baptism in the Holy Spirit”, “Effusion of the Holy Spirit” or “Outpouring of the Holy Spirit” is not a new Sacrament. The

late Fr. Emilien Tardiff,<sup>1</sup> saw it as a new way by which God is reaching out to His people, irrespective of the circumstances of their lives. Anyone desiring a new beginning in God is welcome. The Life in the Spirit Seminars given to prepare people for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, are very effective catechesis and easy to understand.

Some people regard Baptism of in the Holy Spirit as a “stirring up” of the Gift of the Holy Spirit we received at Baptism and Confirmation, which is lying dormant for lack of openness to God’s action on our part or attachment to sin. Others would see it as a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, very necessary for our times. Both views are relevant. God is indeed reaching out to us and empowering us to respond. Pope John Paul II saw the new movements in the Church as a manifestation of the Holy Spirit’s action and he encouraged them to work together.

It must be stated that everyone’s experience on being baptised in the Holy Spirit is unique. The experience of Patti Gallagher may not totally be everybody’s, but certain manifestations in one’s spiritual journey on receiving this grace, are sure signs that a new life has begun. These include:

- A deeper personal awareness of God’s love.
- A desire to surrender one’s life totally to God’s overwhelming love and mercy.
- A sense of Joy.

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<sup>1</sup> A pillar of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in his day with a recognised gift of healing.

- An insatiable hunger for the word of God – the words of Scripture jump out from the pages with a new clarity and force.
- A boldness to proclaim the Word of God and bear witness to Christ.
- A clearer awareness of the Christian community and the community of the Church beyond boundaries.
- A desire to praise and worship and thank the Lord with joy (and to some the gift of tongues for prayer and praise is given)
- Personal prayer becomes more profound – the hours pass like minutes as you drink deeply in the Fountain that is God.
- A deep conviction that Jesus is alive and is your personal Saviour.
- Charismatic gifts are received. They may emerge at different stages of one's spiritual journey. Very often natural gifts are enhanced.
- A greater openness to the movement of the Holy Spirit.
- A more profound understanding of the Sacraments in one's life and eagerness to participate

In short, Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a conversion experience which comes with a mighty empowerment and is open to growth.<sup>2</sup>

The Spirit brings gifts for the building up of the Church which could be classified under three headings, Revelational gifts, gifts of proclamation and gifts of Power (1 Cor; 12). The greatest of them is Love, (1 Cor. 13) However, it must be understood

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<sup>2</sup> This will be the subject of another article.

that the Holy Spirit Himself is *the Gift* par excellence. Charismatic gifts are freely given by God and it is the Power of God alone that heals, works miracles and delivers from demonic oppression and possession. On our part, Jesus counselled prayer and fasting for effective ministry. Our lives must show forth the fruit of the Holy Spirit working in us: Love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal 5;22).

#### Particularity of the Charismatic Movement – Its aims

The uniqueness of the Charismatic Renewal Movement lies in its origins. The Holy Spirit is its only founder. This Movement does not have a human founder or a written constitution to govern all the groups. However, the various groups share a common experience which is expressed in a rich variety of ways according to cultural and social needs and modes of expression. The aims of the renewal are, as Charles Whitehead<sup>3</sup> points out, the aims of the Church itself. "It is a gift to the Church to renew every facet of its life because it aims to renew every Christian."

*Elizabeth Elive*

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<sup>3</sup> Charles Whitehead is the former President of the International Council of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, and President of the National Service Committee of CCR in England.

## THE OPENING OF THE CLOISTERS

The official opening of the new £6.2 million Cloisters development at St Benedict's School in October represented far more than the commissioning of a wonderful new building.

Just as the physical form of the building with its walkways around a quadrangle represents the School's Monastic connection right in the heart of the school, the blessing and opening ceremony was a chance to affirm the fusion of the School's scholastic and spiritual aims.

Nowhere was this clearer than in the address made by former Head Boy Lord Patten of Barnes during the opening ceremony. Lord Patten reminded us of our responsibility to continue to promote social inclusion, to teach pupils to work for each other, to build community and to care for those less fortunate. All these are values which the School seeks to inculcate through its mission of "*Teaching a way of living*".

This auspicious day in the history of the School began in the intimate surroundings of the new Chapel dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus where Father Thomas and Father Alexander concelebrated the first Mass.

The day gained pace as Lord Patten arrived to lead assemblies for all the pupils in both the Junior and Senior Schools and the celebrations culminated in a ceremony attended by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Ian Green and Stephen Pound, MP. The building was formally blessed by Abbot Martin before Lord Patten unveiled the plaque commemorating the opening.

In his address, Lord Patten recalled with great affection his own days as a pupil here from 1955-1962 and spoke fondly of the care and support he received from the Monastic Community.

The opening of The Cloisters was a proud moment for Chris Cleugh, the Headmaster, who thanked Father Abbot and the Monastic Community for providing full financial funding.

"Without their extraordinary generosity, The Cloisters would only have been a dream," said Mr. Cleugh. "This demonstrates our commitment to provide the very best facilities for our students and staff."

The Cloisters development includes a central multi-purpose hall, state-of-the-art facilities for Music and Modern Languages, the Chapel, 14 new classrooms, a Gallery space for exhibitions and a new reception and medical facility. Under construction for just over a year, it was known as "The Heart of the School" project, and the School effectively operated on a bypass system for those months. But with The Cloisters completed, the School is now connected across three levels, and the way it operates has been transformed. We can now boast that St Benedict's offers some of the finest facilities of any London school.

*Marek Nalewajko*



## **RISING TO LIFE THROUGH PRAYER AND SERVICE**

*“So then, as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without actions is dead.” (James 2:26)*

When I look back on my adventures in Nepal these past three months one sentiment immediately comes to mind: I was dead before I left and now I have found life. This must seem like a startling opening to this article but I have discovered that to ‘live’ means more than simply eating, sleeping, working, performing family duties by rote and turning up to Ealing Abbey every Sunday. Furthermore I can call myself a Catholic until the second coming of Christ but this means nothing unless there is substance behind the words. I truly feel my retreat to Nepal has changed my life and would like to thank the Catenians from the bottom of my heart for their generosity in helping me go there again.



Just to provide you with a quick recap... I first travelled to Nepal back in the summer of 2006 with a volunteering group that was associated with my university (Cambridge Volunteers in Nepal). I ventured off to be a volunteer teacher and get some experience under my belt before embarking on a career in the profession in the UK. Back then I was quite naïve in believing salvation was something I could help others achieve, and quick to realise how the very needy were helping me in my own salvation. I learnt more from the orphans and disadvantaged children than I could ever teach them during our daily Maths and English classes.

This time around I was slightly selfish in my motives for returning to Nepal. Having completed my Postgraduate Certificate in Education and entered into the world of work I found no substance in what I was doing. I wasn't sure if I was heading in the right direction. I needed to try and discern my vocation.

At this point I would very much like to write that something extraordinary happened out there, that some glowing ethereal being appeared out of nowhere with a message that changed my life. But there is no such report to divulge. My life changing experience occurred over a condition suffered by many a traveller – diarrhoea.

I had settled back into the life of a volunteer pretty smoothly when I arrived in the cold and foggy month of December last year. The children were excited to see me, teachers welcomed me like family and I felt at home in the rich Nepali culture. Originating from India myself, I had no issues getting used to the lentils and rice for breakfast and dinner (no lunch!). I was therefore very surprised to come down with a bout of giardia halfway into my trip. This is a nasty little bug that causes diarrhoea and vomiting. At the time I was living in the tiny village of Parsa in the district of Dang, West Nepal. I was living with orphans and disadvantaged children at a 'Children's Peace Home'. My accommodation was surrounded by paddy fields, hills and many an ox and goat. I was in the middle of nowhere!

Having come down with the bad tummy, I was left alone for most of the day when the children went to school. I had

nothing to do except drink spicy tea (which I wasn't supposed to be drinking!) made by the lovely kitchen staff, and gaze at my surroundings. The days became quite hot in the afternoon and I would sit on the rooftop and bask in the midday sun. I felt quite rotten and useless. Not being able to do anything constructive and being drained (quite literally) of all energy dampened my spirits. This, coupled with my underlying confusion before leaving the UK gave me many a dark moment on that rooftop. Having lazed about for some time I decided to read the Bible. In all honesty I started reading it at the beginning of the trip because I couldn't go to Mass, but now I read it out of a form of desperation. There was nothing else. I also took with me the recent Encyclical Letter written by the Pope on Christian Hope, and I read this too. This was on the recommendation of a friend.

The change was gradual but unstoppable. I can only describe it as being like the force of a tidal wave or a growing fire inside. Firstly, the encyclical letter made me realise something which I had always taken for granted:

*“When no one listens to me any more, God still listens to me. When I can no longer talk to anyone or call upon anyone, I can always talk to God. When there is no longer anyone to help me deal with a need or expectation that goes beyond the human capacity for hope, he can help me.” (Encyclical Letter of His Holiness Benedict XVI on Christian Hope)*

The more I read, the less uncertain I felt about myself and the future. Hope and faith were not just words, but actually started to gain value. Most significantly, the concept of 'God'



stopped being some abstract term that I had little/no connection with. God is to be found in many places and most importantly in all of us. We are not simply robots that perform certain functions and process complex thoughts. I realised there is something deeper than that, something divine and eternal. That was my hope.

I don't know why I couldn't see this before or how these feelings developed exactly. It is like how we don't notice the days become slightly warmer very gradually, yet we know when spring has arrived after winter. The signs were always there. Jesus explains how 'you are gods' (John 10:34), 'happy are the pure in heart; they will see God' (Matthew 5:8), and how 'whenever you did this for the least important members of my family, you did it for me!' (Matthew 25:40).

I recovered from the giardia after a week's worth of resting, praying and meditating. The prayers had a new direction now; they had an inward direction as well as an outward yearning for perfection. When I returned to school the changes also manifested in how I treated the children there. You must understand that many were not looked after well; the young ones were dirty and bore different illnesses. I had always avoided touching them despite the students' yearning to shake my hands and have a good friendly scuffle. But now I didn't care about that any more. They were truly my brothers and sisters since we all had that divine element within us and shared the same 'Father'. The physical exterior was just an illusion. My time as a volunteer had greatly changed.

My journey has not stopped even though I have returned to the UK. I still don't know what lies ahead in the future, although I do have a strong urge to live at home and support my family for the time being. I am discovering how charity really does begin at home. Also, I'm not worried about the future any more. I simply want to try and be open at all times to whatever call I may get. I am persevering with the praying...

*Anthony Gomes*

*April 2008*

## **PARISH OUTING TO STONOR**

On the 29 July Fr. Robin took a party on an outing to Stonor which is hidden in a fold of the Chilterns five miles from the Thames at Henley. It was a beautiful summer's day and as we were driven through the countryside we could see that the fields were already being harvested. Stonor is the home of the Camoys family. As we walked towards the House it was interesting to see some standing stones brought down from the surrounding hillsides, one forming a stone circle. As we went in to the west door we were shown the Stations of the Cross carved by a Polish prisoner of war and donated by Graham Greene. We were given a guided tour of the House and visited the Chapel, dedicated to the Blessed Trinity (late eighteenth century) where Mass has been celebrated since

1349. I was also very interested in the Library which contained an important private collection of recusant books.

At the Reformation the family held firmly to the old religion and became Recusants (refusing to take the Oath of Supremacy). It is only one of only three places in England where Mass has been celebrated without a break. Stonors were imprisoned and penalised for maintaining their beliefs and by housing priests. St. Edmund Campion hid in a secret room in the roof and was subsequently martyred for supervising the printing of his book Decem Rationes (The Ten Reasons for Being a Catholic). A raid on Stonor resulted in the arrest of several people, including John Stonor and his mother, and the printing press was seized. Many Stonors have entered the religious life, the latest being Robert Julian Stonor (1909-1963), Monk and Priest of Downside, Chaplain to the Irish Guards in World War II. and author of the history of Stonor.

After the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829 Catholics were one more able to hold office. It was a great privilege to be able to attend Mass there (Fr. Robin presiding). The public are welcome to attend Mass in this Chapel on Sundays and all Holidays of obligation during the year. Stonor House is open to the public only in the summer months. Do go as it is so much worth a visit I haven't even begun to tell you about the marvellous contents in the Main Hall (dating from 1351), The Drawing-room, The Dining Room, The Study, Francis Stonor's Bedroom, Lady Camoy's Bedroom, The Edmund Campion Room, The Old Hall and the Long Gallery.

*Rosina Rousseau*

## FOUR POEMS

### Christmas

Christmas is...  
Jesus opening the box of happiness and giving.  
Like a whole new world being born.  
The birth month of happiness.  
An escaped fragment of Antarctica.

A Christmas tree is...  
A holy tree sent by Jesus  
Like a man in seven layers of green clothes.  
The flag of Christmas spirit,  
A green sky full of stars and moons.

Santa is...  
Like a follower of Jesus.  
An overgrown elf.  
Like a reindeer tamer.  
A bowl of jelly in a fancy suit.

### *Arthur*

From paralysis to life  
Restricted, constricted  
Unable to move  
Body once alive and healthy  
Now dead and just a heavy weight  
All feeling gone  
My friends have given hope  
Promise of a cure  
Scepticism and despair overrides  
These foolish thoughts

Impossible to imagine  
Still they are not daunted  
Proceed to thrust forward  
The crowds form a barrier  
But slowly I rise  
Fear grips my heart  
Doubts crowd my racing mind  
If only I could believe, as they do.  
Tiles crash and fall  
As they scabble to make a hole  
I'm tilted down and sway to and fro  
Silence descends yet I hear his voice  
This man Jesus  
The one I heard about  
Whom everyone is talking of  
Right there in front of me  
It's his voice addressing me  
'Your sins are forgiven'  
I lay stunned  
He talks again  
But it's too much to take in  
Then I hear those beautiful words  
They penetrate my heart  
'I order you, get up and pick up  
Your stretcher and go home'  
Jumping to my feet at once  
They were right, my friends were right  
This man must be from God  
I returned home joyous with praise  
My health restored with the  
Gift of faith coursing through my body.

*Luke 5:17-26 Cure of the paralytic  
Mary Martin*

### Christmas Countdown

The yuletide chronicler hypes the countdown  
Measured in shopping days left, her hourglass  
Consecrating God's free gift  
By raising Mammon to a higher pedestal.

*Benjamin Takavarasha*

### The Holy Night

A star shone in the midnight sky  
The night was still, clear and cold  
And then was heard a baby's cry  
A lamb stirred in the fold.

*Rosina Rousseau*

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008/2009**

Some of the principle events of our parish in the coming months

### January 2009

**Thur 1<sup>st</sup> SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Exposition and prayer for peace 10am to 5.45pm

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Welcome desk in both porches after 6.00pm Mass

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> THE EPIPHANY** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

Welcome desk in both porches after all Masses

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Parish Baptisms 3.00pm

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Baptisms 3.00pm

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> First Sacrament of Reconciliation for First Holy Communion Children

10.00am-12noon, 2.30pm-4.30pm

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time

Christian Unity Service 3.00pm

February

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome desk in both porches after all Masses

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joint Abbey Parish/Polish Parish Marriage Celebration Mass at the Polish Church

Parish Baptisms 3pm

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the New Chapel 10am -12noon for Pro-Life

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup>** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Baptisms 3pm

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY**

(Benet Club will be closed)

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm and 8.20pm Stations of the Cross

March

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup>** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Welcome desk in both porches after all Masses

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm and 8.20pm Stations of the Cross

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Parish Baptisms at 3pm

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm and 8.20pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the New Chapel 10am -12noon for Pro-Life

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> 1.30pm and 8.20pm Stations of the Cross

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Parish Baptisms at 3.00pm

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> **The Annunciation of the Lord**

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm and 8.20pm Stations of the Cross

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup>** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

April

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 1.30pm and 8.20pm Stations of the Cross

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** **PALM SUNDAY**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Penitential Services 2.15pm and 8.00pm

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> **HOLY THURSDAY**  
Confessions 4-6pm  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6.30pm  
Watching before the altar of repose until midnight

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> **GOOD FRIDAY**

Procession of Witness starts from the Abbey Steps at 10 am

*12 noon Children's Liturgy in the Church*

3pm Solemn Liturgy

Confessions 4.30-6.00pm

(Benet Club will be closed)

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> **HOLY SATURDAY PASCHAL VIGIL**

begins on the Abbey steps at 9.00pm

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>** **EASTER SUNDAY**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> **EASTER MONDAY**

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Parish Baptisms at 3.00pm

## PRAYER

A prayer for the Mission, the people who ran it, those who organised it, and the whole parish

Listen, O Lord,  
to our prayer for our friends  
and let your eyes watch over them  
day and night.  
Shelter them  
under your outspread wings.  
Pour your Holy Spirit into their hearts  
to be with them when they pray  
so that, in the unity of the Spirit  
and the bond of peace,  
their hearts may be filled  
with your love,  
and we may all grow together  
in the friendship of Christ.

*Taken from St Aelred's Pastoral Prayer*

*Contributed by Jennifer Smith*