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## Newsletter

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As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, unless it remains part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

Dofia Maria Elena is a widow who lives in a small one-room house with her two sons, her daughters-in-law and two young grandchildren in the village of Puentecitos in El Salvador. Life is tough, but her strong faith and the support of the local community keep her going.

When her neighbour Rodrigo, a farmer, heard that Maria Elena's banana trees were suffering from a lack of water, he offered to take a look at them and share advice and techniques to make the most of the little water that she has. It is a simple action on Rodrigo's part, but it will make a big



difference to Maria Elena and her family when the banana crop is ready.

This is a very literal example of bearing fruit. But it also shows the importance of making the best use of the skills, talents and knowledge that we have and sharing them for the benefit of others.

Are we willing to listen to what we are being called to do, and to share our gifts, so that we too can bear fruit in both our local and global communities?

Christ Jesus,  
you are the vine, we are the branches. Help us to remain close to you and encourage us to share our gifts with others around the world, so all your people may flourish.  
Amen. Cafod



Our younger parishioners meet as usual in the Parish room before the 10.30 mass. If your youngster would like to join in, just call into the parish room before mass. They can be left or you can stay with them.



Borrow a book / tape or video from the shelves near the sacristy door. There is a wide selection of material.

**600 CLUB** : Last week's summary of the April prizewinners was unfortunately one name short. The full results were : £100, No. 83 J. Murray; £20, No. 30 J Tyrrell; £10, No.138 D Mortiboy; £10, No.219 B. Craven.

**BINGO** as usual in the Parish Room on Thursday evening (7.45). New players assured of a warm welcome.

## Mothers Prayers

Sacred Heart is hoping to start up a Mothers Prayers group for mothers who would like to pray for their children. This would also include spiritual mothers who have family members they wish to include in their prayers.

This movement started in 1996 in England by a Catholic group of mothers worried about society today and the effect it was having on their families and to pray to bring their children back into the fold of the Catholic Church.

In 16 years, Mothers Prayers has spread into 105 countries. We believe it was inspired into being by God - and is being sustained by His Spirit. Women of different Christian traditions and languages are greatly encouraged as they see the wonderful answers to prayer. There are thousands and thousands of women all over the world who regularly meet together in small groups to pray for their children, united together in their love for God and by using the

same prayers - now printed in over 40 different languages.

As they meet together, the mothers themselves have been greatly blessed and have experienced a deeper peace, increase of faith and greater capacity to trust God. As they wait together for the Lord to answer their prayers, He touches hurting hearts. They come to know the reality that 'Nothing is impossible with God' Luke 1 v 37.

**Our first meeting will be held this coming Tuesday 8th May after the 7.30pm mass in the parish room.**

### **Parish Lunch**

This month's lunch will be on Thursday, 17th May and the list for names is now on the notice-board. An open invitation as always.

### **An evening with Simeon Wood**

This charity concert, featuring the very talented multi-instrumentalist Simeon Wood, takes place at the Wesley Hall in town on Saturday, 19th May (7.30 p.m.). Full details are on the poster on the notice-board.

### **'Trouble at' mill' helps boost funds!**

Last Saturday's folk-band night was very well attended and provided great entertainment together with a potato-pie and black puddings supper, the pie probably the best we've ever had at a Parish Room event!. To complete a very successful night a surplus of £101.50 has been added to parish funds.

### **From Zambia**

There have been a number of donations for the Ripple of Hope Zambia projects, and we extend the thanks from all the individuals and especially the school for your generosity that have helped them in so many ways. When Dr. Simpson was last in Zambia he came across a mother who couldn't walk. After getting her medical treatment, physio and most important a pair of crutches she can now move around. Many thanks from her and her family.



## Theatre & Entertainment Update

**Phantom of the Opera**: A reminder that this trip to Manchester is coming up a week on Wednesday, 16th May. The coach will depart at 10 p.m. as usual.

**A few seats remain for Lion King.** Please consult the notice-board for details of two more theatre trips, the Susan Boyle epic **I Dreamed a Dream** (Tuesday, 19th. June) and **The Lion King** (Tuesday, 19th. March, 2013). Places are limited and only a few remain for 'The Lion King'. Book now, pay in mid-June.



## **Jubilee celebration Dinner & Cabaret**

**Diamond Jubilee Dinner & Cabaret** Have you booked your places yet for this special event in the Parish Room on Wednesday, 30th May in celebration of H.M. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee? There are only about 20 seats still available. Full details and the list for names are on the notice-board.



**Family Street-Party-Style Tea Party:** Volunteers are required to help organise this event planned for the afternoon of Sunday, 27th May in the church grounds. A meeting will be held in midweek next week and we would ask anyone with ideas to contribute to this celebration to attend (full details in next week's newsletter). Please be prepared to be approached by the social committee for your help!



## Outdoor Procession in honour of Our Lady

This procession takes place at St. Joseph's Church next Sunday 13th. Starting at 1.30pm and ending with Benediction. Please join us to honour Our Lady.



### Prayer for the Sick

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,  
or watch, or weep tonight,  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones,  
and all for your love's sake.

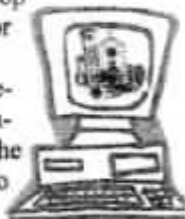
Amen.

Please remember all the sick of the parish especially Michael Brennan and his family.

*Gentlemen, please go to the events notice-board at the back of church to read something that may be of interest to you.*

It is easy to share your news and views. Don't just pin a notice on the notice-board, more people read the newsletter than read the board!

Leave details in the sacristy, drop them off at 31, New Bank Rd. or e mail to:-  
[newsatchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:newsatchurch@hotmail.com) before teatime on Friday for inclusion. To keep up to date visit the web site which contains links to many other sites all over the



# Services this week

Please check times of masses and services.



**“I am the true vine”**

## Monday

St. John Baptiste de la Salle

Born at Rheims in 1651. He was ordained  
And dedicated himself to educating young  
people. He founded the Christian brothers to  
give free education to the poor.

No Mass

## Tuesday

St. Julie Billiard

Born in 1751 in France, playing “school” was  
Julie’s favourite game. She went on to found the  
teaching order of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Mass 7.30pm

## Wednesday

St. Garfor

A Welsh saint, patron of Llanover, in Gwent.

Mass 10.00am

## Thursday

St. Cataldus

An Irish priest he became headmaster of Lismore,  
the monastic school in his home region. On his  
return from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, he  
was elected Bishop of Taranto Italy.

Mass 12.00 noon

## Friday

St. Ganguiphus

He was a Burgundian of France, who was  
prominent in the court until retiring to  
become a recluse. He was martyred in 760.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11.00am

Mass 12.00 noon

## Saturday

St. Pancras

At the age of 12 he suffered martyrdom  
under Diocletian

Confessions in the side chapel  
from 11.30am & 5.45pm

Mass 12.00 noon

Vigil Mass 6.15

## Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass 10.30 am