

September 2007 – Diary Notes

Communication

Each month this sheet is produced in order to encourage effective communication. Do you find this helpful? Does anybody ever read it? We would appreciate some feed back, which will determine whether we continue to produce the form or not.

Lukies Breakfast

Once again Breakfast will be served here at Saint Luke's. Immediately following our Mass there is an invitation to sit down and join us for our sumptuous full cooked English Breakfast - *bacon, egg, sausage, tomatoes, beans, toast, hash browns, tea or coffee* – all for the incredible price of £2. There is a list available so please sign up and indicate if you would like breakfast as this helps us with catering and ensures we don't waste food, because at this price as you will understand there is very little margin available for wastage.

Church Cleaning

Saint Luke's relies heavily upon volunteers to keep our church looking as clean and as sparkling as it does. There is a chance on Saturday 1st September immediately following our breakfast to burn off some of those calories by helping to polish, vacuum, dust – *you name it we need it!* So please do stay behind and make sure our church looks its best. Saint Luke's needs you!

Flower Festival

Saint Cuthbert's Castle Vale have invited us to join them for their Flower Festival from the 8th - 10th September. Saturday and Monday it is open from 10am-5pm, Sunday from 11.30am-5pm. On the Saturday there is also a table top sale from 11.00-4.00pm. To reserve a table for £5 phone 748 1173. Refreshments are on sale and everyone is welcome.

Homestart Kingstanding

They are having a fund-raising event here at Saint Luke's on Saturday 15th from 11am-2pm. The work of Homestart is greatly appreciated in this community as it seeks to support parents at home and is wholly reliant upon charitable giving. Why not come along and see what bargains are in stall and know that you are helping someone in need?

Evening Prayer and Benediction

Following on from last month's successful Holy Hour, this month there will be an opportunity to come for Evening Prayer and Benediction. This follows the same pattern as Evening Prayer on a Saturday as we work through the Divine Office – a chance to relax in the presence of Christ in

the most supreme Sacrament of the Altar. Refreshments available afterwards. This begins at 6pm

Saturday 22nd September – Birmingham Festival Mass 12noon

The Catholic Parishes in the Diocese of Birmingham are joining forces for a special festival mass, which will be held this year at Saint Mark's Church, Kingstanding with music by Father Barry and special preacher Father Geoffrey Kirk. There is an opportunity for you to bring your packed lunch and to share this together with fellowship in the Parish Centre and the afternoon will be rounded off with Benediction. Mass begins at 12 noon and a warm welcome is extended to everyone.

Back to Church Sunday

You will have read on the Mission News this national initiative is going to be tried here at Saint Luke's. The idea is that we all know someone who at one stage or another in their life has been a churchgoer and we all can be instrumental in bringing them back to their home. There will be various things leading up to this particular Sunday from praying together, identifying people, giving invitations for you to take and of course welcoming them. On Sunday 23rd September invitations will be given out which contains two sections – one part that you give to your friend (their invitation), the second part you keep for yourself (a prayer bookmark). In order to ensure that this event is successful, on the following Sunday the 30th September (Back to Church Sunday) we will be having two Masses here at Saint Luke's. Our traditional Parish Mass will be at the slightly earlier time of 9.30am, and this will be like our normal 10.30am Mass. There will be a second act of worship at 11am, which will be more akin to our Family Mass with our young people taking an active part and more modern music. The success of this relies upon *you*. Who can you invite? Which Mass will you come to? How can we ensure the continued success of our church? We need lots of help for this exciting opportunity. All visitors will be given a "goody bag", information about Saint Luke's, a souvenir and hopefully a welcoming smile not only from the parishioners but from God who longs for people to return to Him.