



Dear Friends,

I am off across the Pond this coming week to perform the wedding ceremony for one of my nieces, which of course, will be a gathering of the clans, a catching up on all the family news, and a time to reconnect.

The down side is that I am not sure how I will cope with the heat over there; the five-day weather forecast has the highs at 66°F and the lows at 52°F. Now, isn't that something to look forward to!

Next weekend, 31 July/1 August, we welcome back Fr. Morfin who will be here for all the masses. I will be here the following weekend, probably a little jetlagged.

While I am away, there will be no daily mass or communion service here at St. Catherine's. This is an opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist in our neighboring parishes and maybe pick up some good ideas to bring back with you to St. Catherine's for serious consideration.

The only other little change that will be necessitated by my absence is that the parish office will be closed on two Thursdays, July 29 and August 5. After that it will be back to normal life again.

Enjoy your summer and I will see you all again in two weeks.

God bless, Fr. Niall

**OPERATION BACKPACK.** Please donate backpacks and school supplies for any grade. The supplies will be distributed to children in need. The dateline is August 22.

**THE LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at 12:30 pm on Monday 26 at Saltgrass Steak Restaurant at 8943 Katy Freeway (south side), between Campbell and Voss. For arrangements and reservations, please call Merryll Piper at 713-465-9089 or Carolyn Russo at 713-460-5642.

**CCE: THE CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM** will recommence Sunday, September 12 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. This will facilitate families who worship either at the 8:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. masses. If you are planning to join our Sunday CCE Program, please let me know. I need to know who is going to join the CCE so that the purchasing of textbooks and other materials can be done as soon as possible. Please, do not wait until the last minute, as the registration fee will be considerably higher to offset the late order and purchase of textbooks. For registrations please contact Fr. Niall.

**THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** at the Sunday 11:15 a.m. mass will also resume on Sunday, 12 September. Please contact Fr. Niall.

**RCIA PROGRAM (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS).** The RCIA is a discernment process whereby those adults or youth, who are seeking baptism or full communion in the Church, through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, deepen their faith and learn about our traditions. If their faith makes them ready to accept full responsibility to be members of the Church then, they would celebrate the sacraments of initiation the following Easter. Parents will be asked to partake in this process. For more information, please contact Fr. Niall.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS** will have a refresher and tidying up session hopefully no later than early September. I will be looking for new members to join these ministries. If you are new to the parish or you were doing a 'wait and see' please give this prayerful consideration – I will be after you anyway. I have been doing lots of 'talent spotting' so watch out! Fr. Niall.

**ALTAR SERVER** training and scheduling (new and old members) will start in earnest in late August or early September. Please contact Fr. Niall.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will start in the fall. It will be on a Thursday evening. More information to follow.



**July 24-August 1, 2010**

**CHURCH CALENDAR**



**Sat. 07/24** 5:00 pm † Margaret Love  
**Sun. 07/25** 8:30 am S.I. Connie Gallegos  
 11:15 am † Martha Jacome  
**No daily mass/communion services**  
**Sat. 07/31** 5:00 pm † Antonio Hinojosa  
**Sun. 08/01** 8:30 am † Mary Gaffigan  
 11:15 am † Francisco, Victoria & Adriano  
 Babluyat

**Sat. 07/24** **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 pm Mass  
 3:00 pm Indonesian Mass  
**Sun. 07/25** 8:30 am Mass  
 11:15 am Mass  
**No daily mass/communion services**  
**Thu. 07/29** **Office Closed**  
**Sat. 07/31** **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**  
 5:00 pm Mass  
**Sun. 08/01** 8:30 am Mass  
 11:15 am Mass

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION  
 AND  
 READERS SCHEDULE**

**July 24-25, 2010**

EMHC	Reader 1	Reader 2
5:00 pm T. Vanzant	P. Spaeth	B. Mulligan
8:30 am S. Boone	K. Beauford	D. Maas
11:15 am R. Herzog	B. Thienes	M. Pierson

**Thank you for your faithful support**

07/18/10 Groceries Rebate/Randalls	\$ 41.35
07/18/10 Regular Contributions	\$5,363.50
07/18/10 St. Vincent de Paul Collection	<u>\$2,011.00</u>
	\$7,415.85

**DSF**

Assigned goal for 2010:	\$39,893.00
Total amount paid to date:	\$36,734.32

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35  
**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43  
**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10; 16-21; Mt 13:44-46  
**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Jn 11:19-27 *or* Lk 10:38-42  
**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58  
**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12  
**Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90; Col 3:1-5, 9-11;  
 Lk 12:13-21

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

**Psalm** — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

**Gospel** — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).