

**Weekly Notices**

Sunday 25th February      Sunday School at St. Francis directly after 6:30 am Mass  
 Sunday School at St. Mark's at 3:30 pm

Sunday 4th March      Holy Eucharist at St. Georges at 8:30 am.

1. Readings for Sunday 4th March, 2007.

**First Lesson:**      **STG.Com - Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18**

**Epistle:**      **Gender Affairs - Philippians 3: 17 - 4:1**

**Intercession:**      **FirstCaribbean - Form E**

2. Persons are kindly asked to contact Fr. Rohim at 461-3154 for inquiries of Baptism, Weddings, Sponsorship of the Bulletin or any other matters of the Parish.
3. **Mother's Union** meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4:30 pm at alternate venues every month; i.e. one month at St. Mark's Chapel and the following month at St. Francis Chapel at 4:30 pm. All members please take note and be present.
4. **The Brotherhood** meets at 6:00 pm every 1st and 3rd Mondays at St. Mark's Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.
5. **The Friends of St. Francis** meets at 7:30 pm every 2nd & 4th Mondays at St. Francis Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.
6. The **St. Francis Youth Fellowship** meets at 4:00 pm every 1st and last Sunday at St. Francis Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.
7. **StG.Com (St. George's on the Move)** meets at 7:30 pm every Tuesday at St. Mark's Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.
8. **The St. George's Choir** meets at 7:30 pm every Thursday at St. Mark's Chapel. All members are asked to please take note and be present.
9. The congregation are reminded that the Ushers are to ensure that those coming up for Holy Communion and Blessing do so in an orderly manner. Kindly co-operate with them at all times. Thank you!

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS:**

Maurice Barnes, Inez Bass (Montserrat), Ashby Benjamin, Casilda Bloodman, Carolyn Browne, Stanley Chalon (St. Thomas), Mildred Chiddick, Barbara Kaye Clarke-Daniel, Henry Daley, Mymin Davis (England), Cynthia Dublin, Olga Dublin, Glenfield Francis, Eustace Gardner, Neville Grigg, George Gloade, Alston Isaac, Daren James, Jacqueline James (London), Rupert James, Uriel James, Eunice Jonas, Celestina Joseph, Kathleen Joseph (U.S.A.), Foster King, Ruth King, Viola Lawrence, Cavelle Lewis, Idona Lewis, Walbridge Lewis, Agatha Martin, Amanda Martin, Alfred Matthew, Enroy Matthew, Edmund Norford, Henrietta Osbourne, Kelly Paul, Yvonne Peters, Solomie Phillip, Fitzroy Ramsey (St. Maarten), Doris Matthew-Robins, Frances Samuel, Yvette Tomlinson, Arden Thomas, William Thomas, Cecilia Thompson (Blue Waters), Leona Tittle-Minette, Alphonso Tonge, Gabriel Wade, Phyllis White, Rachel Williams, Vivianna Williams.

# St. George's Parish

With St. Mark's - Pigotts, St. Francis - Judges Hill

**LENT 1**

RECTOR: THE REV. FR. JOHN ROHIM

DEACONS: THE REV. CATHERINE EDWARDS, THE REV. GEORGE RICHARDS

LAY MINISTERS: MR. ALSTON ISAAC, MR. AUSTIN SMITH

EUCARIST MINISTERS: MARK FRANCIS, JULIUS GORE & WALTER BERRIDGE

THE VESTRY: ALSTON ISAAC, BERTRAND PHILLIP, LORRAINE DAVIS,

LORETTA IRELAND, JULIUS GORE, AUSTIN SMITH, CAREY THOMPSON,

CLEO HAMPSON, LESROY GRANT.



## Annual Thanksgiving.

Our Annual Thanksgiving in October will be called the “**HARVEST OF SOULS**”. The objective of this exercise is threefold.

- a. Restoration of Lapse
- b. Setting up a data base for the Parish
- c. Each parishioner is invited to raise \$320.00 as St. George's Church will be 320 years old this year.

This programme will be launched on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (15<sup>th</sup> April) at St. George's Church.

There are seventy-five (75) pews in St. George's Church. Each pew will have a Captain who will be responsible to invite persons to be a pew member. The Captain will be responsible for filling up a questionnaire which will provide basic information for the data base.

I am inviting every parishioner (young and old) to participate in this programme. Special envelopes will be distributed.

I shall be grateful for volunteers for the Pew Captains.

Remember: God is Good, All the time  
All the time, God is Good

**World Day of Prayer** will be celebrated on **Friday 2nd March, 2007 with a Church Service at the Holy Family Cathedral**, Michael's Mount at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend and to dress in their respective uniforms.

During the day there will be two periods of meditation, 10:00 am at Her Majesty's Prison & 12 noon at the Methodist Church on St. Mary's Street.

The Rt. Rev. Howard Gregory, suffragan Bishop of Montego Bay, Jamaica, has written to ask Mr. Anthony Hampson (Leader of Le Chateau D'Or) to accommodate a group of young people for a summer camp of this year (23<sup>rd</sup> July to 10<sup>th</sup> August). Mr. Hampson took a group of young people to Jamaica two (2) years ago for a similar exercise.

As a Parish we ought to be blessed to have such a band connected with us and I wish to urge Parishioners to support this proposed trip. I believe two (2) Anglican Priests will accompany the group.

I would appreciate if persons in the Parish can assist in providing accommodation. If you are interested in offering accommodation please contact Fr. Rohim as soon as possible.

### First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26: 5-11

<sup>5</sup> "And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father; and he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup> And the Egyptians treated us harshly, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried to the LORD the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice, and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression; <sup>8</sup> and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror, with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which thou, O LORD, hast given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God; <sup>11</sup> and you shall rejoice in all the good which the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.



### Second Lesson: Romans 10: 8b-13

<sup>8b</sup> The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); <sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says,

"No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. <sup>13</sup> For, "every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."



### **The Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13**

<sup>1</sup> And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit <sup>2</sup> for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup> And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup> and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours." <sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" <sup>9</sup> And he took him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here; <sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you, to guard you,' <sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" <sup>13</sup> And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.



### **Do You Know?**

The Dove is a symbol often seen in Religious books, ornaments and Churches. The picture of the dove with an olive leaf in its mouth refers to the story of the flood recorded in Genesis 8 and symbolises the deluge, victory and an expectation of new life.

In the early centuries of the Christian Movement the dove was pictured on monuments, expressing the innocence of the loved ones who were committed to the Lord's keeping. The association between the dove and rest may be seen in the statement "On that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest". Psalm 55:6. Jesus had told his Followers to be "innocent as doves" (Matthew 10:16), so the dove engraved on burial monuments may well have expressed the conviction that the person thus commemorated was innocent and pure in heart.

The dove with an olive leaf or palm branch in her beak on burial monuments today is symbolic of eternal peace won.

Pictures showing the dove emerging from the mouths of dying martyrs indicate that the dove is also emblematic of the Soul.

In religious art our Saviour, Jesus Christ, is sometimes surrounded with seven (7) doves, which represent the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, might, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. Six of these traditional gifts are mentioned in Isaiah 11:2. Piety was added late. The list from Revelation 5:12 consists of power, wealth, wisdom, might, honour glory and blessing). Sometimes each dove holds a scroll in her beak with a virtue inscribed on it in Latin.

When a pair of turtle doves is shown, reference is made to the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. The dove pictured above the water is symbolic of creation (Genesis 1:3), especially when the artist indicates the deity with a three-rayed nimbus.

**The St. Mark's Youth Fellowship** will be hosting it's **11th Anniversary Cantata on Sunday 25th February, 2007** at 4:00 pm at St. Mark's Chapel in Pigott's Village. Admission \$5.00. Please give us your support.

**StG.Com**

**5th Anniversary Week of Activities**

- Sunday 4th March Corporate Worship at St. George's
- Monday 5th March Bible Study at 7:30 pm at St. Mark's  
Facilitator: Mr. Julius Gore
- Tuesday 6th March Lecture - "Stress & Pressure faced by Families"  
at 7:30 pm at St. Mark's  
Facilitator: Mrs. Constance Moe  
Retired Nurse & Co-ordinator of  
Parenting Department - COPE
- Wednesday 7th March Lecture - "Chronic Diseases - Diabetes and  
Hypertension" at 7:30 pm at St. Mark's  
Facilitators: Dr. Leslie Walwyn-Venugopal  
Family Physician  
Ms. Rosalie Hughes  
Nutritionist
- Thursday 8th March Free
- Friday 9th March Social Evening
- Saturday 10th March Visiting of the Sick and Shut-In in the Parish

Persons interested in becoming members of **StG.Com (St. George's on the move)** are asked to contact Mrs. Pamela Stevens 461-3600, Miss Garilyn Joseph 461-5334, Miss Lisa Kentish 775-3911 or any other member of the Group.

Each organization is asked to please submit the names of all its members and their respective positions within the organisation, to Fr. Rohim as soon as possible. This information is needed for the Website [www.dioneca.org](http://www.dioneca.org). Check it out. Thank you.

The **Provincial Mother's Union** is inviting participants for Sunday School and all Youths to participate in an **ART COMPETITION** on the theme "to address the escalating cases of rape and violence against women and children". Please contact any member of the Mother's Union for further information and entry forms.



Today we would like to extend a warm St. George's welcome to Fr. Reid Simon who is the visiting Priest today in the Lenten Exchange.

Also a special welcome is extended to all those who are visiting with us for the first time or the first in a long time.

*"We embrace you all with enthusiasm,  
with open hearts, open minds, open doors;  
and we hope that you will enjoy sharing in fellowship with us."*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to all celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries  
today or during the week.



*"MAY YOU HAVE ALL THE JOY YOUR HEART CAN HOLD  
ALL THE SMILES A DAY CAN BRING .....  
ALL THE BLESSINGS A LIFE CAN UNFOLD.  
MAY YOU HAVE GOD'S BEST IN EVERYTHING"*



**MAY THE LORD BLESS YOUR BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY.**

AS PART OF OUR LENTEN DISCIPLINE THERE WILL BE A FIVE (5) MINUTE BIBLE STUDY BEFORE THE SERMON. PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WALK WITH THEIR BIBLES TO CHURCH.

**FR. JOHN ROHIM, OUR PARISH PRIEST,** IS TODAY CELEBRATING MASS AT ST. PAUL'S & ST. BARNABAS AS A PART OF THIS YEAR'S LENTEN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME. **PLEASE REMEMBER HIM IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

EVERY WEDNESDAY WE PROVIDE A MEAL FOR 50 SENIOR CITIZENS. YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. KATHLEEN PHILLIP, MR. AUSTIN SMITH OR FR. ROHIM.

I am happy to inform you that Last Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) was one year since we commenced the feeding programme for our Senior Citizens in the Parish. With God's help and with your support and generosity we were able to engage in this Social Outreach Ministry for one year. I look forward to your continued support and contribution. Sincere thanks to the team of ladies who cook the food each week and for the team who transport the lunches to the various homes. Thank You! Thank You!

The **Staff of the FirstCaribbean International Bank** each year has a year of activities. This year, they wish to start their yearly activities with a Church Service at **St George's on Sunday 4th March, 2007.**

**International Women's Day is March 8th, 2007.** The Committee in charge of activities in celebration of Women's Day, in association with the Directorate of Gender Affairs, will be celebrating a week of activities beginning with a Church service at **St. George's on Sunday 4th March, 2007.**

The **Faith and Hope High School Past Student Association** will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary with us at St. George's on Sunday March 11th, 2007. Though the school is no longer in existence, the Association is presently working on a project to open a Primary School. Its founder, Agatha Goodwin, has made significant contributions to Education in this country.

### Treasurer's Corner

Sunday 18th February, 2007

The Treasurer's Corner is designed to provide weekly information on church offerings as well as attendance. It is also intended to appraise parishioners of the importance to support the various ministries within the Church. Your generous contribution is most appreciated.

#### Attendance at St. George's Parish Church:

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>285</b>
<b>Communicants</b>	<b>89</b>
Stewardship	\$ 3,902.75
Loose	1,030.49
Walk-Up	358.74
Bulletin	500.00
New Year's	55.00
In Thanksgiving For	100.00
Birthday	100.00
Loan	66.70
*Others	247.50

Total church offerings for Sunday 18th February was **\$ 6,361.18**

\***Others** represents:- Loan Repayment, Insurance Payment, Discretionary Offering and Almanacs and St. Mary's Contribution to Vestry Seminar.

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT.

Wed. 21st Feb.	Ash Wednesday	6:30 am Mass at St. Mark's 6:30 pm Mass at St. Francis
Fri. 23 Feb.	Mission Service & Bible Study	at 6:30 pm at St. Mark's
Fri. 2nd Mar.	Mission Service & Bible Study	at 6:30 pm at St. Francis
Fri. 9th Mar.	Mission Service & Bible Study	at 6:30 pm at St. Mark's
Fri. 16th Mar.	Mission Service & Bible Study	at 6:30 pm at St. Francis
Fri. 23rd Mar.	Mission Service & Bible Study	at 6:30 pm at St. Mark's
Fri. 30th Mar.	Mission Service & Bible Study	at 6:30 pm at St. Francis

### HOLY WEEK

Sun. 1st April	- Palm Sunday	8::30 am at St. George's Blessing & Distribution of Palms Solemn Procession - Holy Eucharist
Thurs. 5th April	- Maundy Thursday	7:30 pm at St. George's Feet Washing Ceremony & Holy Eucharist
Fri. 6th April	- Good Friday Service	7:30 am at St. Francis - Good Friday Service at 7:30 am at St. Mark's - Good Friday Service 12:30 pm at St. George's
Sat. 7th April	- Holy Saturday (Paschal Mysteries)	Holy Eucharist at St. George's at 10:00 pm
Sun 8th April	- Easter Sunday	- Deacons Administration 6:30 am at St. Francis - Deacons Administration 6:30 am at St. Mark's - Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am at St. George's

**OUR ANNUAL CHURCH DINNER WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 27TH APRIL, 2007 FROM 6:30 PM AT THE UNDERCROFT AT ST. MARK'S, PIGOTTS. TICKETS ARE \$20.00 AND ARE AVAILABLE FROM ANY MEMBER OF THE DINNER COMMITTEE.**

THERE WILL BE A **MEETING OF THE PASTORAL COMMITTEE** ON WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 2007 AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL AT 6:30 PM. **ALL** ARE ASKED TO BE PRESENT AND TO **PLEASE BE ON TIME.**