

Fr Bob writes ...

'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

The Sacrament of Holy Orders is the continuation of Christ's priesthood, which He bestowed upon His Apostles.

"Ordination" comes from the Latin word *ordinatio*, which means to incorporate someone into an order. In the Sacrament of Holy Orders, someone is incorporated into the priesthood of Christ, at one of three levels: the episcopate, the priesthood, or the diaconate.

The Priesthood of Christ:

The priesthood was established by God among the Israelites during their exodus from Egypt. God chose the tribe of Levi as priests for the nation. Their primary duties were the offering of sacrifice and prayer for the people.

Christ, in offering Himself up for the sins of all mankind, fulfilled the duties of the Old Testament priesthood once and for all. But just as the Eucharist makes that sacrifice present to us today, so the New Testament priesthood is a sharing in the eternal priesthood of Christ. While all believers are, in some sense, priests, some are set aside to serve the Church as Christ Himself did.

The Ordination of Bishops:

There is only one Sacrament of Holy Orders, but there are three levels. The first is that which Christ Himself bestowed upon His Apostles: the episcopate. A bishop is a man who is ordained to the episcopate by another bishop (in practice, by several bishops). He stands in a direct, unbroken line from the Apostles, a condition known as "apostolic succession."

Ordination as a bishop confers the grace to sanctify others, as well as the authority to teach the faithful and to bind their consciences.

The Ordination of Priests:

The second level of the Sacrament of Holy Orders is the priesthood. No bishop can minister to all of the faithful in his diocese, so priests act, as "co-workers of the bishops." They exercise their powers lawfully only in communion with their bishop, as stated in the Common Worship

Ordination Service:

"Priests are called to be servants and shepherds among the people to whom they are sent. With their Bishop and fellow ministers, they are to proclaim the word of the Lord and to watch for the signs of God's new creation. They are to be messengers, watchmen and stewards of the Lord; they are to teach and to admonish, to feed and provide for his family, to search for his children in the wilderness of this world's temptations, and to guide them through its confusions, that they may be saved through Christ for ever. Formed by the word, they are to call their hearers to repentance and to declare in Christ's name the absolution and forgiveness of their sins.

With all God's people, they are to tell the story of God's love. They are to baptize new disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to walk with them in the way of Christ, nurturing them in the faith. They are to unfold the Scriptures, to preach the word in season and out of season, and to declare the mighty acts of God. They are to preside at the Lord's table and lead his people in worship, offering with them a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. They are to bless the people in God's name. They are to resist evil, support the weak, defend the poor, and intercede for all in need. They are to minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death. Guided by the Spirit, they are to discern and foster

the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.”

The Ordination of Deacons:

The third level of the Sacrament of Holy Orders is the diaconate. Deacons assist priests and bishops, but beyond the preaching of the Gospel, they are granted no special charism or spiritual gift.

In the Eastern Churches, both Catholic and Orthodox, the permanent diaconate has been a constant feature. In the West, the office of deacon was usually reserved for those who intended to be ordained to the priesthood.

The Minister of the Sacrament:

Because of his role as a successor to the Apostles, who were themselves successors to Christ, the bishop is the proper minister of the sacrament. The grace of sanctifying others that he receives at his own ordination allows him to ordain others.

The Effects of the Sacrament:

The Sacrament of Holy Orders, like the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Confirmation, can only be received once for each level of ordination. Those ordained are spiritually changed, which is the origin of the saying, "Once a priest, always a priest." He can be dispensed of his obligations as a priest (or even forbidden to act as a priest); but he remains a priest forever.

Each level of ordination confers special graces, from the ability to preach, granted to deacons; to the ability to act in the person of Christ to offer the Eucharist, granted to priests; to a special grace of strength, granted to bishops, which allows him to teach and lead his flock, even to the point of dying as Christ did.

St. Boniface

A Coffee Morning follows our 9.30am Mass on Tuesday 8th February.

Wednesday 23rd February, Prize Bingo, 'eyes down' at 7.30pm.

Looking ahead:

Don't forget Shrove Tuesday 8th March, and our St. Boniface Pancake Feast, 10am – 12 noon

Keep a look out for posters advertising our future events.

Fr Bob.

St Andrews

I do hope you have had a good start to the New Year, which has given you hope for the rest of 2011. The services over Christmas and Epiphany have been well attended and so we look forward with anticipation to planning exciting and innovative events with the church family throughout the year.

Of course there will be changes, life never stays the same. Let's approach our daily tasks and challenges with the following reminder of:

Rules For Daily Life.

Think of nothing you would be ashamed to tell God

Say nothing you would not like God to hear.

Do nothing you would not like God to see.

If tempted, get away from danger at once, and keep away.

If an evil thought comes to you, throw it out.

Pray for help. Say "Lord help me". "God help me".

"O Holy Spirit, come, Strengthen me".

Penny Prayers

Most of us carry coins around with us. The following is adapted from a school assembly. Whenever you find a penny in your pocket you can remember to pray thus :-

1. The penny is round – this helps us to remember to pray for the world and to give thanks to God for creation. It reminds us to be responsible for the earth.
2. The penny has the word “one” written on it – this helps us to remember that God loves everyone; that people should endeavour to be united, at one with each other. We pray for peace.
3. The penny has the Queen on one side. We pray for all leaders of countries.
4. On the “tails” side there is a portcullis – this reminds us to pray for those in prison and all the people trapped by fear, loneliness or illness. We ask God to keep us safe and protect us.
5. The penny is a very small amount of money. We remember to pray for those who are poor, who do not have enough food, and for the homeless.
6. The penny has a date on it. We remember to pray for today – for all that has happened and all that is going to happen.

Joyce Cappello.

Club 2000

Dates for your diary –

Friday 11th February - Cash Bingo in the Hall – 7.15 pm

Thursday 17th February - Coach trip to Snowdrop Valley (weather permitting). £10.50 each – list is in the Hall.

Daily Bread Group

The Daily Bread Notes published by Scripture Union provide notes on Bible readings for every day of the year and cost £14.40. Each month we read from 3 books in the Bible and then most of us like to meet to look at the books we have just read and exchange thoughts.

You will be most welcome to join us.

We meet at 1 Sandringham Gardens at 7.00pm on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Sadie Yates

Traidcraft

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Traidcraft Stall in the Hall and at the back of the Church (11.00am service).

I hope to have it on the third Sunday of each month, the next one being 20th February.

It is an excellent way to support workers in the Developing World – buying direct from the producers.

There is a large range of goods available – food, drinks, household goods, stationery, clothes and jewellery. Any items in the catalogue can usually be obtained within 2 weeks.

See you on Sunday 20th February. *Jean Kitson*

Send A Cow

A sincere thank you to all who supported Send A Cow this Christmas. Cheques have been sent for £226.00 which will help to provide livestock and plants for desperately poor families in African countries.

Sadie Yates

Parish Ladies' Group

There are three events on our schedule for February.

The first is our Snack & Chat meeting at The Livermead House Hotel on Monday 21st February at 12.30pm.

The January lunch was very well attended, so we hope that snacking and chatting will become even more popular. The bus stops outside the Hotel and a few of you have bus passes!

On Sunday, 27th February, we hold our annual lunch at the Palace Hotel. Booking and menu forms are now available if you did not attend January's meeting.

Father Bob will Chair our A.G.M. on Monday February 28th at 7.30pm and will speak to us after the business has been completed. Three things are very important; firstly be there, secondly to check with the person concerned if you wish to nominate somebody for office (this will save embarrassment) and thirdly to consider which charity we should support next year.

We have already received a letter of thanks from Paignton Hospital's League of Friends, acknowledging the £300 we raised for them in December. Thank you.

Audrey Smith

Mothers' Union

We were pleased to welcome Fr Roger to celebrate our first Corporate Communion of the New Year and we look forward to working with him in the future.

All our I.M.P.C. members were visited and taken gifts at Christmas. They all appreciate being kept in touch with our branch.

Due to circumstances beyond our control the Mothers' Union is no longer able to accept the holiday vouchers. Thank you for your support in the past.

Lady Day. There will be a service to celebrate Lady Day on Friday March 25th at Stoke Gabriel Church at 2.30pm.

Corporate Communion will be on Wednesday February 2nd at the Parish Church.

Sue O'Brien

Parish Holiday

Twenty five of us are off to the Lake District in May for five days, staying at a 4 star hotel overlooking Lake Windermere.

Some people cannot join us owing to their Sunday responsibilities, so another holiday is planned departing on Monday 19th September for 5 days – cost £269 plus insurance.

We will be staying at a 3 star hotel in Scarborough with three included excursions to York, the North York moors to include Whitby and calling at Goathland (TV Heartbeat series), and a half day to Filey and Bridlington.

Please let me know if you are interested as soon as possible.

Sadie Yates

Bell Ringing News

What's bell ringing all about?

Bell ringing is a team activity that stimulates the brain and helps keep you fit ... it also makes a glorious sound! Many consider ringing to be their contribution to church life, others do it for the pure pleasure and the company it brings. Ringers come from all walks of life and range in age from ten to those in their eighties.

"When I'm ringing I forget all the tensions and frustrations of the day. Even better, I couldn't wish for a nicer group of friends!"

Could I become a ringer?

"If you can ride a bicycle you can ring!"

Ringing is well within the capabilities of most people. The initial learning takes several weeks, after which you can begin to ring with the rest of the band. Most ringers practise once or twice a week and ring before church on Sunday.

Why learn to ring?

Friends around the world; lifelong learning experience; maintain a traditional skill; a service to the church; team activity; a great mental workout and an opportunity to visit amazing places.

Come and see

Listen for the bells at the church, then come along and see what ringing is all about, or contact the Captain, John Kelly, 556208. We generally practise on a Tuesday 7:30 to 9:00pm.

Handbell Ringing

The Paignton Handbell Ringers relaxed a bit this year and rang for eight events and still managed to raise just over £661 for the benefit of Dame Hannah Rogers School, Ivybridge. Having fewer events made life a bit easier and more relaxing. The majority of the handbell ringing was on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Thank you to all who helped and gave and with everyone's kind generosity and support.

Michael Webster

The Friends of Paignton Parish

Did you know the present church is the fourth building on this site?

First, came the Saxon church of which nothing remains above ground however foundations found under the floor of our present church indicate it occupied roughly the eastern half of the present church site. Second, came the Norman church (about 1100) when this was built it stretched from the present high altar almost to the present tower site. The north and south chancel walls, the font and the west door survive. The remainder was demolished about 1250-1300 to make way for the third ("Decorated") church, when the north and south aisles, the doorways, south porch and lower half of the tower were built. Fourth, about 1450-1500 the church was transformed into the building we know today by the heightening of the aisles, the erection of the two transepts and two choir chapels, and the completion of the tower.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF PAIGNTON PARISH CHURCH?

If the answer is yes, then pick up one of the new guide books kept at the back of the church for a small fee and contact me about becoming a Friend. *Karen Morris*



Wedding	31 st December	Ali Sharpe & Natalie Maslin
Funerals	13 th January	Betty Foale
	19 th January	Stuart Choak
	20 th January	Brian Turner
	21 st January	Laura Searson
	25 th January	Mabel Callow

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

2	Wed	10.00am	Mothers' Union Corporate Communion: Parish Church
			Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass
6	Sun	12.30pm for 1.00m	Parish of Paignton Sunday Lunch: Riviera International Centre, Torquay
7	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Church
8	Tue	10.00am	Coffee Morning following 9.30 Mass: St Boniface
9	Wed		Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass
11	Fri	7.15pm	Club 2000 Cash Bingo: Parish Hall
13	Sun	6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: St Boniface
14	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Church
		7.00pm	Daily Bread Prayer Group: 1 Sandringham Gardens
16	Wed		Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass
17	Thu		Club 2000 Coach Trip: Snowdrop Valley
		12.30 for 1.00pm	Thank You Lunch: St Andrew's
20	Sun	9.30am	Traidcraft Stall: Parish Hall and after the 11.00am Service at the back of the Church
		6.00pm	Wholeness & Healing: Parish Church
21	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Church
		12.30pm	Parish Ladies' Group Snack & Chat: The Livermead House Hotel
		2.30pm	Prayer Group: Parish Church Gallery
23	Wed		Lunch at St Andrew's following 11.00am Mass
		2.00pm	Bible Study Group: 1 Roundham Crescent
		7.30pm	Prize bingo: St Boniface
27	Sun		Parish Ladies' Group Annual Lunch: The Palace Hotel
		6.00pm	Evensong & Benediction: St Andrew's
28	Mon	9.00am	Time Out: Parish Church
		7.30pm	Parish Ladies' Group AGM: Parish Hall

*Please can the Secretaries of the different groups in the Parish please let Ann Howard have their report for the **Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting** by Sunday 13th February. The date of the APCM this year is the 6th of March.*

INTERCESSIONS FOR FEBRUARY

1	Tue	St. Brigid	All Religious
2	Wed	Feria	The Mothers Union
3	Thu	St. Anskar	An end to slavery
4	Fri	St. Gilbert of Sempringham	Parish clergy
5	Sat	St. Agatha	Persecuted Christians
6	Sun	5th Sunday before Lent	Our Parish Lunch
7	Mon	Feria	Our 'Time Out' mornings
8	Tue	St. Jerome Emiliani	The Elderly and Infirm
9	Wed	Feria	Paignton Hospital – Patients & Staff
10	Thu	St. Scholastica	The Ministry of Women
11	Fri	Our Lady of Lourdes	World Day of Prayer for the Sick
12	Sat	Of Our Lady	Walsingham
13	Sun	4th Sunday before Lent	The congregations of our three churches
14	Mon	Ss Cyril and Methodious	The Moravian Church
15	Tue	St. Sigfrid	Torbay Deanery Synod
16	Wed	Feria	Our Parochial Church Council
17	Thu	Feria	Nursing Homes in the parish
18	Fri	Feria	Christian Together in Paignton
19	Sat	Of Our Lady	All Mothers
20	Sun	3rd Sunday before Lent	Our Churchwardens
21	Mon	Feria	The needy & hungry of the world
22	Tue	The Chair of St. Peter	Pope Benedict XVI
23	Wed	St. Polycarp	Our Young People
24	Thu	Feria	All Aid Agencies
25	Fri	Feria	The schools in the parish
26	Sat	Of Our Lady	Family Life
27	Sun	2nd Sunday before Lent	Those being baptised today
28	Mon	Feria	All traditional clergy