

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2009  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year

**JULY/AUGUST – ROSTER OF MINISTRIES**

Sunday Mass – 9 a.m. at St. William's

DATE	GREETERS	READERS	MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST
23rd August 2009	Billy Lettsome Joan Isidore	Xandra Adamson Christine Rraser	Suzanne Pazos
30 <sup>th</sup> August 2009	Rosetta Abraham Ken Guiste	Patricia Hanley Vanessa Simon	Rudolph Blaize

**SEPTEMBER SALE**

To be held on  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

*One man's trash is another man's treasure*

Please donate any items to aid the  
**Catechetical Programmes & Youth Work  
in the Parish**

**Farewell – Fr. Nihal**

At the request of Fr. Nihal, it was agreed at the Parish Council, that there will be no formal farewell for him. Instead, at the end of each of the Masses on his last weekend here (29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> August), a member of the Parish Council will make a few remarks. At the end of the Mass, the parishioners are invited to bring in any refreshments they desire, which will be shared among all. Further details from Monica Allen, President of the Parish Council.

**Steel Pan Group**

Several adults have expressed an interest in forming themselves into a group who would practice under the guidance of the teacher referred to as "BJ", who is well known in the BVI. The agreement is that the Parish will be responsible for paying the teacher. Those studying will make a contribution, which will be credited to the Parish.

**Calendar of Activities**

<b>Saturday</b>	5.30 P.M.	VIGIL MASS (ST. WILLIAM'S & ST. URSULA'S)
<b>Sunday</b>	9 A.M.	MASS, ST. WILLIAM'S ROAD, TOWN, TORTOLA
	9.30 A.M.	MASS, ST. URSULA'S, VIRGIN GORDA
	11 A.M.	MASS, MARY STAR OF THE SEA, EAST END
	6 P.M.	MASS IN SPANISH (ROAD TOWN)
<b>Wednesday</b>	5.30 P.M. --	WEEKDAY MASS
<b>Thursday</b>	5.30 P.M.	WEEKDAY MASS
	7 TO 9 P.M.	ST. WILLIAM'S PRAYER GROUP
<b>Friday</b>	5.30 P.M.	WEEKDAY MASS

**Caribbean Wellness Day - 2009**

Caribbean Wellness Day will be observed on Saturday, September 12, 2009.

The celebration of Caribbean Wellness Day was one of the decisions taken when the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Heads of Government, deeply concerned about the physical, economic and social burdens being caused by lifestyle-related diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure, strokes, heart disease, obesity and cancer, met in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 to design a plan of action to stop the epidemic of chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Ms. Ivy George, Health Promotion Officer, is the Focal Point for Caribbean Wellness Day. She can be reached at Tel: 494-3701, Ext: 2168, or email me at [ivygeorgewe@yahoo.com](mailto:ivygeorgewe@yahoo.com).

**JAMBOREE 2009**

*Diocese of St. John's-Basseterre*

After a lapse of many years it was with great anticipation that approximately 200 young people and adult youth leaders and catechists made their way to Antigua from all the islands of the Diocese for Jamboree 2009. Our theme was 'YOUNG AND ALIVE IN CHRIST – FANNING THE FLAME'. The first three days, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday were spent getting to know one another, attending Mass at the Holy Family Cathedral, a tour of Antigua and preparation for joining and then participating in the Vitus Carnival troupe. The 'general sessions' started on Wednesday and continued through Saturday – many of the young people did not fully appreciate that there is a serious side to Jamboree and thought it should all be fun and games. However, excellent presentations covered a wide range of topics: sex and sexuality, leadership models, youth delinquency, vocation choices and social graces.

Equal time was devoted to morning and evening prayer and liturgy – each island taking their turn for preparing these prayer services. The young people were divided into 5 groups with a youthful Saint as their patron. On the Tuesday each group was given the time to learn about their Saint and then, make a presentation to the rest of the groups.

Each island was also given the time to inform the main group about their island, the history of the Catholic Church on their island, bring some food that is typical [we took guava, pineapple and coconut tart along with coconut bread which everyone enjoyed] and then make a cultural presentation. The Saint William's Liturgical Dance Group wowed everyone with their dance to the theme song from World Youth Day 2008 in Australia. This was followed by an original arrangement of 'Lord, teach us to pray' and a rap on Tortola.

On the Thursday night we were treated to a trip to the theatre – to watch an Antiguan group perform 'My Birthright' – Friday night was 'Jamboree Rising Star night' – handily captured by

Hashim Lewis, then before we knew it, it was Saturday night and time for an elegant dinner under a massive tent, and the prize giving, exchange of e mail addresses and phone numbers, hugs and promises to keep in touch. Much hard work went into the organizing of this Jamboree and it is hoped that having revived the event, the enthusiasm engendered will bear fruit in the future. It was announced on the final day, that the Jamboree next year will be held in Tortola.

### **The Parish Priest Designate**

As announced by the Administrator of the Diocese, from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009, the Parish Priest of Tortola will be **Father Walter Michael Mendonça**. Born in Mangalore, India on 8th September, 1946, he joined the Divine Word Missionaries in 1961 and was ordained priest on 13th May, 1976. He has experience in several areas of priestly ministry. Starting work in the training of young candidates for the priesthood, he assumed more responsibility for their training as

Prefect of Student seminarians, and then as Rector of the minor seminary.

Subsequently, he worked for three years in the Mission area in North India and for eight years in Mumbai (two years as assistant parish priest and then six years as Parish Priest.)

He came to the Caribbean in 2004, serving for one year in St.Kitts/Nevis, and then, during the last four years as parish priest in Morant Bay, Jamaica.

We welcome Fr. Walter to the Parish and wish him a pleasant stay and a fruitful ministry among us. He will be in Tortola for the first Saturday/Sunday in September.