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## **3rd Sunday of the year** **24 January 2010**

### **1st reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10**

Ezra the priest reads the Law to the people and declares a day of celebration and thanksgiving for so great a gift.

### **2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

St Paul teaches about the great diversity within the unity of the body, and sees in this an image for the Church.

### **Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

Jesus reads from the scriptures to indicate what his mission as the messiah will involve, and then preaches on the text.

#### **11 am Sunday Mass Settings**

Sanctus: 428 Acclamation: 434 Agnus Dei: 453

# Finite being

Brought into being from nothing whether through Big Bangs or some other means we find a world has evolved of minerals, plants, animals and man. Through Revelation we recognise angels. Causing the whole thing is God who made all things visible and invisible. Man who is composed of matter and spirit straddles the whole creation. Able to decide, to know and to love, Man is made in the image of Father, Son and Spirit.

In his body man is radically finite, confined to a place and a time but in his spirit man is potentially unlimited, capable of knowing and loving all that is and called to see the face of God. Being finite one way and infinite another man could treat his finite side as if it were infinite and so wear himself out and abuse the world. Exhausting his limited psyche in a thousand drives he falls back in depression. Expecting infinite happiness from a finite set up such as a marriage, a parish, a profession, a political party the grass seems greener the other side and he becomes inconstant, inconsistent, a confused personality who is a puzzle and a problem to himself. I recall Dom Hubert van Zeller writing that if we multiply commitments we multiply omissions. Faces become long, life sad and sin unrecognised because God is not in the picture.

When Pope Benedict asks us to respect nature to make paths to peace he is asking for a development in understanding that things are finite and everything precious, telling in its way of God the creator.

Such a development in understanding is a development not in man's physique, or finances or temporal power but rather a humble development in man's spiritual life of knowledge. Such knowledge is a permanent attainment which changes one's outlook. If things are finite then that one's income is finite is not the end of the world. It is to be expected.

It is worth noting that such knowledge enters the fabric of one's being in a permanent way – our Lord speaks of having a spiritual treasure house, in which there are things old and new. What has attained entrance can then be spoken of and so culture, from being mainly

pragmatic, gains an element of wisdom. Not only personal attitudes change but institutions begin to reflect the wisdom gained. So for example marriage becomes more stable or religion more fervent. Where a whole community makes a development in wisdom then new possibilities emerge and new policies become possible. For example with Bismark I think the policy was "If you want peace, prepare for war". There is though another teaching: "Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you." How might this policy be applied say with North Korea?

The thing about a development in wisdom is that it is not static, for it provides a basis for further development, rather as we see the sciences making endless progress. For example, if my life in time and space is radically finite, what use might I make of it, could I make of it, should I make of it, will I make of it? A small turn on the wheel of a great ship slowly changes the whole direction.

TVR

### **Sunday Tea and Coffee**

Wendover Christian Centre after 9.15am Mass at Wendover  
Damien Hall after 11am Mass in Great Missenden

Do come along and meet your fellow parishioners  
Visitors are most welcome

# Parish News

## Requiem Mass

There will be a Requiem Mass for Mary Brennan on Friday at 10.15 am at St Anne's. TVR

## The Blessed Sacrament, Wendover

I am so glad to report that in answer to prayer the Blessed Sacrament has been returned. When I told the bishop he said, "Deo gratias". TVR

## Collection for Haiti

I am proud to report we have sent £1,673.47 to Cafod to help in Haiti. TVR

**Thanks** to those who helped make the bishop's visit last week such a success. TVR

## Philosophy

After Christmas, we are free to start again this Tuesday at 8 pm. Feel free to come along. Damien House. TVR

**Confirmation** Please pray for the young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation who will be visiting Douai Abbey on Saturday 30 January. Joanna Hale

## First Communion and Reconciliation

The children's session for Immaculate Heart of Mary are now running on Saturday evenings at 5 pm finishing before 6 pm Mass. Please pray for the children and their families. Joanna Hale

## Prayer Intentions

**Anniversaries:** In the coming week we remember the following who have died.

**At IHM** on 24 Jan Eileen Nockles, 25 Mary Bennet, Therese Dureau, 26 Freddie Wolff, Christina Viola, Joe Rynne, Jimmy Howard, Joseph Zarb, Edward Lowe, Ron Potter, 27 Michael Howard, Mary Wilcox, 30 Sarah Wright

**At St Anne's** on 24 Jan Catherine Parkinson, 27 Catherine Keogh, 28 Madge Brackpool.

**Seasonal Intentions:** During this period of Ordinary Time, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Peace on earth, esp on Sun 17 Jan;

Christian unity, esp during the octave 18-25 Jan;

Children, students & teachers, esp on Sun 31 Jan;

The unemployed, esp on Sun 14 Feb;

The sick & their carers, esp on 11 Feb.

## **The poster "At the Heart of the Thriving Catholic Community"** & a questionnaire about the 12 signs are available for all at IHM and St Anne's. Thanks if you have already returned your questionnaire.

A DVD showing Clergy & laity around our diocese voicing their observations about life in their parishes in relation to the 12 signs will be shown after Mass on Sat 23 and Sun 24 Jan at IHM .

Bishop Peter urges us to gather, to discuss the information on the poster & relate back via the questionnaire our own reflections, our hopes and our aspirations. If you have not yet picked up the questionnaire, it is on the parish website (address on front cover).

## **St Vincent de Paul Society Annual Party**

**Sunday 7 February, 3 to 5.30 pm**

If you would like to attend the re-arranged SVP party, please contact Diana Dove, Keyna Godward or any other member of the SVP for further information

## **Take & Read**

As you reflected on the various aspects of a Thriving Catholic Community perhaps you too felt in need of more opportunities to learn about and share our faith. Here's your chance! Some may recall the excellent material on the Gospel of Mark that we used a few years ago. We now plan to use the newly published 'Take & Read: The Gospel of Luke', with study material on 12 gospel passages, for use both in small groups and individually. There's more information about the Take & Read publications in the current edition of Bible Alive. If you'd be interested, please contact Joanna Hale with a note of the time(s) of the week that it might be possible for you to join a group (or just to let her know to order you a copy for your own use). Joanna would be especially pleased to hear from anyone who might consider hosting or leading a group.

## **Anne Roberts Foundation of Hope for Children**

**Sat 20 Feb** - Quiz Night @ Oldham Hall. Tickets £12.50 inc hot supper - from Maurice

**Saturday 17 April:** The return of the Welsh choir - further details to follow.

## **Newsletter Items**

✉ leave at the Presbytery (address on front cover)

**Please note deadline 12 noon Thursdays**

## **Churches Together Gt Missenden Lenten programme**

We have Bishop Peter and David Winter visiting us at IHM. Please note the dates in your diary. Bishop Peter Doyle, Wednesday 24 February. "Walking humbly with our God"

Canon David Winter from the Anglican Diocese of Oxford. Wednesday 3 March. "Hope in the Wilderness."

## **Next Churches Together meeting**

Wednesday 27 January, at 8 pm in Damien Hall.

## **Haiti**

In addition to the Parish collection for the Haiti Disaster Fund, St. Anne's SVP Conference has sent £200 through Northampton SVP Central Council to the Twinnage Disaster Fund. Northampton SVP CC has sent a first donation of £30,000 to the fund. Marguerite Spain

## **St Anne's Pastoral Council**

The next meeting will be held in the Christian Centre on Thursday evening 4 February commencing at 8 pm. Please make every effort to attend. Jane Larkham'

## **Wendover Break-in**

The St Anne's parishioners would like to thank all the parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary and other local churches for joining us in great numbers at the Mass of reparation which Timothy said on Monday 18 January. Your support has helped us in our hour of need. Jane Larkham

## **Christian Aid in Wendover**

St Anne's need another Christian Aid rep to help Diane Marston with this valuable work. If you would like to witness a meeting with no obligation, please contact Jane Larkham.

## **Ten years of Christian Unity in Wendover**

**10.30 am Sunday 24 January, St Mary's**

Although the churches in Wendover have been working and worshipping together for many decades, it is ten years since a covenant was signed with pledges to continue to work together and learn from one another, to be open and honest with one another and to pray for one another. This tenth anniversary will be marked in various creative ways throughout 2010 at services and events organised by Churches Together in Wendover. All are welcome at the first special service on Sunday 24 January at St Mary's Church at 10.30 am. This occasion has been chosen for its significance in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Everyone is welcome to stay for coffee afterwards so that we can get to know one another better. Jane Larkham

### **Coping in a Crisis**

**Sat 30 January from 10 to 11 am**

Following on from the first meeting on Saturday 16 January, there will be another meeting on Saturday 30 January. You are welcome to join us for coffee and croissant from 9.45 am with discussion from 10 to 11am in Wendover Christian Centre on Aylesbury Road. The forum will explore how the Churches in Wendover might respond to issues of Unemployment, Redundancy and Debt and give practical support. Please tell your friends. We hope you can help us: we hope we can help you and the people you know. Revd. Canon Peter Louis (St Mary's)

### **Induction of Heather McIntyre**

**Sat 30 January at 3 pm**

Wendover Free Church would like to offer an open invitation to all our friends at St. Anne's to join us for the induction of our new Minister, Reverend Heather McIntyre. This will take place at 3 pm on Saturday 30 January, with refreshments afterwards in Wendover Christian Centre.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sat 30 Jan	10 – 11am	Coping in a crisis—Wendover Christian Centre
<b>Thur 4 Feb</b>	<b>8 pm</b>	<b>St Anne's Pastoral Council, Christian Centre</b>
Sat 6 Feb		Parish Quiz night at IHM
<b>Sun 7 Feb</b>	<b>3—5.30pm</b>	<b>SVP party</b>
Sat 20 Feb		Quiz Oldham Hall, for Anne Roberts Foundation
Wed 24 Feb		Lent talk — Bishop Peter, IHM
Wed 3 Mar		Lent talk—David Winter
Sat 6 March	8 pm	Piano concert at Challoner's High School,

### **Hall Bookings**

Damien Hall      Keyna Godward

W Christian Centre      Sue Abbott

# This week's services

	Immaculate Heart of Mary Great Missenden	St Anne's Wendover
<b>Mon 25 Jan</b> <b>CONVERSION</b> <b>OF ST PAUL</b>	<b>8 am MASS (Polish)</b> 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer <b>9.30 am MASS</b>	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15 am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
<b>Tue 26 Jan</b> <b>SS Timothy &amp;</b> <b>Titus</b> mem	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer <b>9.30 am MASS</b>	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15 am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
<b>Wed 27 Jan</b> <b>St Angela</b> <b>Merici</b> op mem	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer <b>9.30 am MASS</b> <b>5 pm MASS &amp; Rosary (Polish)</b> 6.30 pm Holy half hour with exposition	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer
<b>Thu 28 Jan</b> <b>St Thomas</b> <b>Aquinas</b>	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	<b>10.15 am MASS &amp; Rosary</b>
<b>Fri 29 Jan</b>	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer <b>10.15 am REQUIEM MASS</b> 7 pm Vespers & Benediction
<b>Sat 30 Jan</b>	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 10 am Confession <b>6 pm MASS</b>	11 am Confession
<b>Sun 31 Jan</b> <b>4th Sunday of</b> <b>the year</b>	<b>11 am MASS</b> <b>12.30 pm MASS (Polish)</b>	<b>9.15 am MASS</b>