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1st reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah is overwhelmed by the majestic presence of God in the Temple. But the holy God purges him and sends him to preach his message to an unjust society.

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Despite his unworthiness, Paul is convinced that the risen Christ has called him to be an apostle.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Peter is afraid in the presence of Jesus, who brings about an amazing catch of fish. Jesus calms his fears and sends him to catch people.

11 am Sunday Mass Settings

Sanctus: 428 Acclamation: 434 Agnus Dei: 453

How to get full employment ...?

Money which has been earned by households by work tends not to be saved, but spent on goods and services, and thus to maintain employment. This purchasing power is the mover of the economy, rather as sunlight gives direction to the growth of plants. If something is selling well then the diligent entrepreneur will increase the supply thereof, to do which he will increase employment.

The increase of employment comes in two ways. If he has the capital equipment lying idle he can put men to work directly to produce the extra output. If though he is out of the needed capital equipment (say vans to sell hamburgers from) then he purchases vans, and perhaps the van makers increase their employment.

His firm may have some money stashed away but he may also need to borrow some money to make the extra purchases. This is where the banks come in. They can make the needed loan, share the risk and share the profit.

Where banks go wrong is that they fuel speculative booms say in house prices. This way they not only make money by making nothing, but they increase the prices of old houses faced by first time buyers. The first time buyer cuts out hamburgers and lives on bread and cheese to buy his house. So the producer of hamburgers has to reduce the number he employs.

The Pope said recently, "Every economic choice has moral consequences." So in a slump finance should go to funding real core economic happenings which employ people and inflation of second hand houses and second hand shares – "the stock market" – should be avoided. As J M Keynes put it rather elegantly "inflation should be avoided like hell fire".

The key matter is to recognise the core economy where things are actually being made or where people are being professionally trained and a fringe which by raising prices causes trouble.

My mother, a war widow, actually used to live by buying an old ruin and making it into a house and garden of some beauty. Whenever she ran

out of money she had to move. She would talk expertly about RSJs and employ her own workmen. In Goleen, West Cork, her foreman Jack was head of the local IRA it was rumoured which was very useful when we needed some dynamite to blow up some rocks. She was working on old houses but in the core economy, employing people. When there was a bank strike her cheques weren't presented but were used as a sort of local currency. Her team of workmen were called upon to dig the grave for the parish priest (for which she was not paid!) and to rescue wild goats which had clambered too far down the cliff. The lightest member of the team was let down over the edge with a lasso!

Two principles arise from this. 1 – Recognise the core economy and don't imagine you have done any good if you make old house prices rise, even by injecting £200 billion into the economy from nowhere, and 2 – the way to increase employment is to let prices of goods and services fall, so that existing consumer demand becomes more powerful.

TVR

(PS "To help the poor, study Economics")

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

Philosophy Tuesday 9 Feb, at 8 pm in Damien House. TVR

Tything

Someone suggested we should tythe! In the days of tything, the parish was responsible for such things as roads, schools, health etc! In giving away c£40,000 per annum though we are giving away more than a third of our collections, which I guess is a Christian sign. TVR

Second collection

Next week, for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. The Holy Father has recently reminded us to protect human life at every stage, to be instinct for life. TVR

Diocesan directory

The new Diocesan directories have arrived, full of useful information about our diocese, its clergy and parishes. Available, for £4.50, from the bench at back of IHM church. Please put money in the papers box in the narthex. Copies should also be available at St Anne's. Liz Clark

Lent 2010

Churches Together have produced material in partnership with BBC Radio which can be used by individuals or groups to reflect upon People on the Edge of His Pain for the 6 weeks of Lent. It's downloadable from http://www.ctbi.org.uk/pdf_view.php?id=424 or contact Joanna for a photocopy.

Prayer Intentions

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

At IHM on 7 Feb Violet Stevenson, 9 Jeff Curtis, 11 Nora Clark, 12 Zettie Clarke, Jo, Lawrie & Jeff King.

At St Anne's on 7 Feb Hilda Cullen, Neil McConnell, 9 Iris & Patrick Smythe, 10 Molly Kinchin, 11 Francis Timoney, 12 John Curtis, Charles Verrall, 13 Margot Murmane.

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

Peace on earth; Christian unity, Children, students & teachers;

The unemployed, esp on Sun 14 Feb;

The sick & their carers, esp on 11 Feb.

Lumos Please pray for the young people of our Diocese and their leaders, including several of our Confirmation Group, who are at Lumos this weekend.

Thriving Catholic Community

These Diocesan events are very local to us. Come and see how you can help us fulfil the characteristics of a Thriving Catholic Community: Third Annual Diocesan Evangelisation Day: 10.30 am-4 pm, Sat 6 March at Chalfont St Peter Training Day for Parish Singers, Sat 13 March by Martin Baker, of Westminster Cathedral, at Beaconsfield. More details and booking via www.nores.org.uk (Events) or contact Joanna Hale.

Take & Read: The Gospel of Luke

Here's an opportunity to learn about and share our faith: study material on 12 gospel passages for use both in small groups & individually. If you'd be interested, please contact Joanna 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 copies for individuals or continuing groups) or if you might consider hosting or leading a group. Joanna Hale

Lent course in Chesham

There is a great series of talks 'Here is Love' at the Broadway Baptist Church Wednesdays at 8 pm from 24 Feb to 24 March. Joanna Hale

Churches Together Gt Missenden Lent programme in IHM, at 8 pm

Bishop Peter Doyle, Wednesday 24 February. "Walking humbly with our God".

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

Catch the Fire Ministries — Soaking in God's presence

Fri 12/Sat 13 Feb, 10 am, 2 pm & 7 pm, at Holmer Green Baptist Church, The Common, Holmer Green. To register phone 01978 - 353984 or e-mail uk@ctfministries.com. Single £30; Married couple £45. Details on leaflets at back of IHM church. Maurice Roberts

Passion play at St Peter & Paul Parish Church, two performances - 30 & 31 March. They are inviting members of other churches to take part. If you would like to be involved in either walk-on roles or speaking parts get in touch with Brenda Harris. Maurice Roberts

Newsletter Items

✉ leave at the Presbytery (address on front cover)

Please note deadline 12 noon Thursdays

Friends of the Belarusian Children's Hospice (UK)

would like to thank the parish for the unexpected & delightful extra cheque of £250, to be used to continue providing care to chronically & terminally ill children in Belarus. See the Charity Commission's website for our published annual report and accounts: www.charitycommission.gov.uk. Daryl Ann Hardman.

Pancakes & Prayer

7.30 pm Tue 16 Feb, at Wendover Christian Centre. All welcome to 'Pancakes & Prayer' on Shrove Tuesday: quiet space for personal reflection, an introduction to the Lent meetings & hot pancakes & coffee.

Lent in Wendover

Our Lent course this year is entitled 'The Things He Carried'. There will be five sessions: Tuesdays 23 February and 2, 9, 16 and 23 March from 7.30pm. Mary Sketch adds: "Having read the material in advance, I would particularly recommend this series for Lent, but do come to whatever you can manage."

Lent lunches

Unfortunately there are not enough volunteers to provide Justice & Peace Lent lunches this year. We usually offer the monthly Austerity lunch in Wendover Christian Centre every Tuesday in Lent. If anyone would like to help, please contact Win Woods on 01296 620745. The Austerity lunch will happen on Tuesday 2 March, Tuesday 6 April, then subsequent Tuesdays as usual.

Ecumenical Kirkentag

The second ecumenical Kirkentag will take place in Munich from 12-16 May. The theme is "That you may have hope". The first Ecumenical Kirkentag took place in 2003. For Christians this huge gathering was an impressive experience and a valuable self-affirmation which sustained them for a long time afterwards. For details click on www.zdk.de which is the website for the Central Committee of German Catholics. It is easy to click on the "translate" button so that the pages appear in English. Jane Larkham

Saturday 13 February at the Christian Centre, Wendover, there will be a morning (9.45 for 10 am) about *listening* to others. This follows on the 2 sessions about unemployment, but is open to anyone who would like to improve their listening skills

Parish walk

The date for the next parish walk will be Sunday 16 May. This will be a local circular walk of about 5 miles, starting from Damien Hall. Not much in the way of 'up', just a lovely walk with splendid views. Details will appear nearer the time. Roy Crisp.

Gardening advice and help needed in the IHM church garden. If you know about growing lilies in garden containers, please contact Margaret Chitty

Women's World Day of Prayer

The celebration of the annual Women's World Day of Prayer will take place at the Immaculate Heart of Mary this year on 5 March at 11 am, followed by a soup lunch in Damien Hall. The service will be preceded by bible study in preparation for the readings, on 26 Feb at 7 pm in Damien Hall. Further details from Lynne Newton or Jackie Morgan

Catholic Women's League & Cafod

To mark the 50th anniversary of the first family fast day which was the forerunner of CAFOD, the Wendover section of the CWL have donated £100 to the charity to help them in their endeavours to "turn biscuits into bicycles and wine into water" as described in the article in the February edition of The Vine.

The League has been involved from the start 50 years ago and members will be attending the celebratory Mass at Northampton on Saturday 13 February at 2 pm. Read more about it on p3 of The Vine. Anne Holt

Date	Time	Event
Tue 16 Feb	7.30 pm	Pancakes & Prayer, Wendover Christian Centre
Sat 20 Feb	7.30 for 8 pm start	Quiz Oldham Hall, for Anne Roberts Foundation
Tues, 23/2, & 2,9,16,23 March	7.30 pm	Wendover Lent Course, Christian Centre
Wed 24 Feb	8 pm	Lent talk – Bishop Peter, IHM
Wed 3 Mar	8 pm	Lent talk—David Winter, IHM
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
Mon 8 Feb St Josephine Bakhita op mem	8 am MASS (Polish) 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
Tue 9 Feb	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
Wed 10 Feb St Scholastica mem	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS 5 pm MASS & Rosary (Polish) 6.30 pm Holy half hour with exposition	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer
Thu 11 Feb Our Lady of Lourdes op mem	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	10.15am MASS & Rosary
Fri 12 Feb	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am MASS & Rosary 7 pm Vespers & Benediction
Sat 13 Feb	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 10 am Confession 6 pm MASS	11 am Confession
Sun 14 Feb 6th Sunday of the year	11 am MASS 12.30 pm MASS (Polish)	9.15 am MASS