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## **6th Sunday of the year**

### **14 February 2010**

#### **1st reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8**

Jeremiah urges faithfulness to God. His list of one curse and one beatitude prepares us to hear the fuller list provided by Jesus in today's Gospel.

#### **2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

Paul tells the Corinthians how important it is to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead.

#### **Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26**

Jesus provides a list of blessings and curses. He predicts reversals in the fortunes of those who are now apparently blessed and of those now apparently cursed.

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

Sanctus: 428 Acclamation: 434 Agnus Dei: 453

# Length

Sun rise is just after 7, sunset at 5 pm so the day gets longer and with more light everything stirs including the hibernating human heart. From the *length* of days comes our word, Lent. May the season ahead of us help our hearts to grow in the love of God.

When I was about 10, someone said, you should love God because he gave you everything you've got – I think looking back, that was really a motive for gratitude. My spirit did not thereby soar into love.

How does the spirit get inflamed by love except by Pentecostal fire? In fact the season ahead of us takes us to Pentecost.

Our loves, including divine love, have their occasions and the problem is ever how to keep love alive. With divine love the matter is simple – a matter of reflection, prayer and the implementation of good resolutions. It is a matter of finding the spirit and living by it. Two principles – one, God is generous with his grace and two- God gives grace in answer to prayer. One can have a greater measure of faith than one now has. One's love can be more intense than it now is. The long season of Lent-Easter is there to help us.

Interpersonal love is more difficult it seems, for in each relationship there are two loves from different circumstances and the tendency is to think there is just one. A child cannot imagine his or her company can become exhausting to a parent.

I have been staggered to read how on certain Greek islands divorce was unknown for hundreds of years and wondered how this came to happen. The answer seems to be a rather special form of women's liberation.

The suggestion is that the older ladies draw on their experience and helped the younger ones to see how to deal with this situation or that. Men you might say are good at technology but fools when it comes to love so a pattern of female wisdom based on generations of experience transformed the situation, and brought about not only the courage to be feminine but great stability and happiness in family life.

The idea then is more than "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world". It is the wisdom which can see what is truly to be desired and what is truly to be desired is the happiness and security of family life with perhaps some

decent crockery. I think it was in those islands that highly decorated items were first made.

We cannot translate ourselves back in time to a different age but we can I think use this season of Lent to understand better and renew our personal life with one another as well as our life with God.

Ideally the two dimensions go together for “grace builds on nature”. If our love for God is to grow more intense then we need to grow, to increase our capacity to be caught up.

In Lent, there is prayer, fasting, almsgiving. Perhaps this bulletin counts as a little reflection on prayer.

TVR

## Parish News

**Ash Wednesday** is a day of fasting (one main meal, two light snacks) and abstinence (no meat or meat products). This is obligatory but one is not obliged to go to Mass.

TVR

**Philosophy** on Tuesday at 8 pm in Damien House, TVR

### **Prayer and Benediction**

Not this Thursday 18 Feb, but on subsequent Thursdays our prayer and benediction service will move from Wednesday at 6.30 pm to Thursday at 7.30 pm. This Wednesday it is cancelled because of Mass at 8 pm. 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

## **Lent: a renewed call to Prayer**

During Lent we're particularly called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Here are some Prayer suggestions. There's a variety of booklets and this year's Lent Calendars available at the back of the church for you to take and use at home.

There are also opportunities for you to gather with others every day of the week. Each morning, Monday to Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- a small group say the Rosary in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 9 to 9.15; and
- Morning Prayer is offered from 9.15 to 9.30.

We are very fortunate that on Tuesdays and Wednesdays Fr Timothy celebrates Mass at 9.30. On the other days of the week, as Bishop Leo wrote, 'when the celebration of the Mass is not possible we still need to celebrate'. On Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays we have a lay led Celebration of Word and

Communion and on Saturdays in Lent we follow the Stations of the Cross. The Lord invites disciples to 'Come and see'. Why don't you make time to join us for at least a part of these prayers each week? If you have other commitments in the mornings, then come along for half an hour of Prayer and Benediction at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings. Joanna Hale

## **CAFOD**

On 26 Feb CAFOD celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first family fast day. To commemorate this event CAFOD is asking us to consider giving up something through Lent and give the money saved to help someone in need.

The usual Fast Day envelopes will be distributed next Sunday but in addition there will be small collection boxes available for use at home during Lent. Ray Newton

## **Prayer Intentions**

**Anniversaries:** We remember the following who have died.

**At IHM** on 14 Feb Elizabeth Gregory, Kathleen Smythe, 15 Sarah McHardy, 16 Romauld Luzar, 17 Mr & Mrs Rivas, 18 Mary Feenan, 20 Hazel Lockhead, Rita Burke, Tony James.

**At St Anne's** on 14 Feb George Graham, Nan Morell, 15 Charles Brincat, 17 William Hampson, Kevin Docherty.

**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.

## **The Parish Communications group**

meets Thu 25 Feb. If you've any comments or suggestions please speak to Paul Wooderson.

## **Thriving Catholic Community**

*Third Annual Diocesan Evangelisation Day: 10.30am-4pm, Saturday 6 March at Chalfont St Peter*

*Training Day for Parish Singers on Saturday 13 March by Martin Baker, Master of Music, Westminster Cathedral at Beaconsfield.*

More details and booking via [www.nores.org.uk](http://www.nores.org.uk) (Events) or contact Joanna Hale.

If you have not yet picked up the questionnaire, it is also possible to access it on the parish website (address on front cover).

## **Lent 2010**

Churches Together have produced material 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](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/pdf_view.php?id=424) or contact Joanna for a photocopy.

## **Take & Read**

Here's an opportunity to learn about and share our faith: 'Take & Read: The Gospel of Luke' has study material on 12 gospel passages for use both in small groups and 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.

## **Churches Together Great Missenden Lent programme**

1) **Talks at IHM**, at 8 pm, followed by refreshments in Damien Hall.

Bishop Peter Doyle, Wed 24 February: *Walking Humbly with our God*.

Canon David Winter, Wed 3 March: *Hope in the Wilderness* (Exodus 3).

2) A **Lent series**, Sundays 21 & 28 Feb, and 14 & 21 March, at Oldham Hall, 6 – 7 pm. *Experiences with the Cross* (see notice for details). Speakers: Joseph Wolyniak & Elizabeth Costello. This exciting series will move us out of our comfort zone.

3) **Holy week: Morning Ecumenical Prayers** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Monday to Thursday at 7 am.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness** as usual –leaving our forecourt 9.30 am

## **Newsletter Items**

✉ leave at the Presbytery (address on front cover)

**Please note deadline 12 noon Thursdays**

## **Lent Course in Chesham**

'Here is Love' at the Broadway Baptist Church Wednesdays at 8pm from 24 February to 24 March.

## **Passion Play**

At SS Peter & Paul, 2 performances, 30 & 31 March. If you would like either a walk-on role or a speaking part please get in touch with Brenda Harris.

**Anne Roberts Foundation of Hope for Children** thanks Father Timothy and the Parish for the additional unexpected donation of £250. As mentioned earlier, with repairs and other work to "Anne's House" this summer we are truly grateful for this windfall.

## **Quiz Night Saturday 20 February.**

7.30 pm for 8 pm @ Oldham Hall. Tickets £12.50 including hot supper - from Maurice.

**Saturday 17 April, the Welsh Choir** - further details to follow.

## **50 years of Giving at Lent**

Parishioners at St Anne's will find a leaflet in today's newsletter about "Give it up" encouraging us to give up something and collect the money saved for CAFOD in this the 50th anniversary year of Lenten Fast Day. You can also go to [cafod.org.uk/giveitup](http://cafod.org.uk/giveitup) to find out more online. Envelopes and collection boxes will be distributed next Sunday, the first in Lent.

## **Pancakes & Prayer**

Everyone is welcome on Shrove Tues 16 Feb at 7.30 pm at Wendover Christian Centre for quiet space for personal reflection, an introduction to the Lent meetings and hot pancakes and coffee.

## **Lent in Wendover**

Our Lent course of 5 sessions entitled 'The Things He Carried'. Tuesdays 23 February and 2, 9, 16 & 23 March from 7.30 pm. 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."

## **Thriving Catholic Community**

We will show the 15 minute DVD to illustrate the Thriving Catholic Community, in Wendover Christian Centre on Friday 19 February after Vespers and Benediction (starts 7 pm in St Anne's) and on Sunday 28 February after Mass. All are very welcome to watch and stay to discuss for as long as they can. The meeting should not take longer than an hour in total.

## 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](http://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

## Quiet Garden Prestwood

This morning has changed to **Monday**s, but still runs from 9.45 to 11.45 am at the cottage in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church, Prestwood. Next meeting - MONDAY 15 February, led by Mary Sketch on the works of Henri Nouwen, with time for personal reflection and prayer. All welcome.

## Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

On behalf of all connected with the School, I thank Canon Timothy and all parishioners for the additional £500 recently passed on towards School funds. The continuing support of the parish, evidenced in such a practical manner, is very much appreciated. God bless you all. Michael Corcoran, Headteacher.

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 15 Feb	<b>8 am MASS (Polish)</b> 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 16 Feb	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer <b>9.30 am MASS</b>	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary
Wed 17 Feb ASH WEDNESDAY	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer <b>9.30 am MASS</b> <b>5 pm MASS &amp; Rosary (Polish)</b> <b>8 pm MASS with distribution of ashes</b>	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer <b>11 am MASS with distribution of ashes</b>
Thu 18 Feb	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	<b>10.15am MASS &amp; Rosary</b>
Fri 19 Feb	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer <b>10.15am MASS &amp; Rosary</b> 7 pm Vespers & Benediction
Sat 20 Feb	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer <b>9.30 am Service of Communion with Stations of the Cross</b> 10 am Confession <b>6 pm MASS</b>	11 am Confession
Sun 21 Feb 1st Sunday of Lent	<b>11 am MASS</b> <b>12.30 pm MASS (Polish)</b>	<b>9.15 am MASS</b>