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13th Sunday of the year

27 June 2010

1st reading: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

Anointed as Elijah's successor, Elisha prepares a banquet for his followers before taking up his new task.

2nd reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Paul urges us, having been freed by Jesus from the slavery of sin, to become Spirit-centred rather than slipping back into the old slavery of self-centeredness.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

As Jesus sets out for Jerusalem, where death and resurrection await him, he makes clear what is expected of all would-be followers.

11 am Sunday Mass Settings

Gloria: 406 Sanctus: 433 Acclamation: 435 Agnus Dei: 454

Man, emancipated, undermined

A cousin wrote urging me to get on the internet and I have tried to justify my recalcitrance by saying, I am trying to understand the books I already have. I do not want to be taking in and giving out at the level of information but rather to be in process, in a personal growth of some sort to a greater personal and interpersonal fullness. One could say the growth I seek is to greater wisdom and love, but these great confident concepts give the impression that you already know what you are to be, whereas what I seek is sought because it is not yet possessed. I am claiming that the human spirit even if only armed with pen and paper is a greater thing than the wonderful achievement of the internet and it is in the area of the human spirit itself that I seek advance. I am about this area I think when I find myself in prayer.

All that we know seems to be out there, in libraries, on the internet but everything known has been consciously grasped by someone, sometime. What is this conscious side of things without which nothing was ever known? That seems a big question but something each one has to sort out for himself.

Someone described our modern world as a place where being is lost as if, while we have books and the net the world around us has reduced itself to mere phenomena. If the world has its own being, we do not know about it – we live with transient experiences like shadows seen on a wall by Plato's observer who on turning round will see what causes the shadows.

Important aspects of life – like marriage - get reduced to entirely optional evanescent experiences. Losing being one loses the meaning of life. The fragile dewdrop of significant personal living loses its lustre little by little.

It is a huge turn around from transient shadows and experiences to recognise God the cause of all things visible and invisible. Here is an explanation of "all" which becomes a possession of the mind. The sciences may find this or that, but what they find is what God made. The historians scan the track of man across the centuries but recognise

man in his spirituality finding God again and again for religions leave their mark. The philosophers if they make the turn leave behind common sense linguistics and grasp to express ineffable. The humanist concerned with benevolence who opens himself to the divine will find a goodness which challenges his paltry performance, grants awareness of sin and rouses everlasting hope.

In this turn around the subjective, conscious side of things undergoes a huge change from an unknowing enjoyment of the transient to a growing clear knowledge of God and his achievements, his plans, his purposes. It is not the internet which is fashioned in the image and likeness of God, but man himself.

Man's outward sense using consciousness, rising to knowledge, comes to an affirmation not only of what is exterior and its infinite cause but also to a knowledge of man's conscious, intentional, purposive self with its faults too. If we can face the truth about ourselves we find we need a redeemer personally, socially and historically.

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

Holy Day of Obligation

St Peter and St Paul, Tuesday
29 June. Mass times
9.30 am Great Missenden
11 am Wendover
8 pm Great Missenden. TVR

Philosophy moves to Wednesday 30 June at 8 pm, Damien House. TVR

We had a collection last week for the Apostleship of the Sea, except at GM, 11 am. We will have this at 11 am this week. TVR

Thanks so much for “lunch” last Sunday. 38 years is not really an anniversary, so I think this happy event was our response to “the year of the priest”. TVR

11 am Sunday Mass rotas now available. If you haven't received your copies by e-mail please ask me for a copy. Maurice Roberts

Prayer Intentions

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

At IHM Peter Sessions, Tim Keane. Patrick Mead, Winifred Rich.

At St Anne's Wiktor Sosinski, Sylvia Smith, Constance Barnes, Charlotte Carroll, David Peel.

Seasonal Intentions: During this season we are asked to pray for the following intentions.

Christian/Jewish relations, esp on 9 August (St Benedicta);

Victims of Persecution/Oppression, esp on 22 June;

Europe, esp on 11, 23 July, 9 August;

Human life, esp on 25 July;

Seafarers, esp on 11 July.

Pastoral Council Meeting IHM

On Monday 28 June there will be a Pastoral Council meeting at the Immaculate Heart of Mary at 8 pm.

There will be reports from the Parish groups including those created as a result of the "Walking Humbly with our God" questionnaires and John Lumsden, our Pastoral Area Secretary, has kindly agreed to speak to us about out the groundplans for our Pastoral Area that have now been sent to Bishop Peter.

If anyone has an item for discussion please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.
Keyna Godward

Lost and Found

After the First Holy Communion celebration a 1 GB 80x speed Compact Flash computer card was found. Please contact Maurice

Churches Together

It's boring - unbelievable & irrelevant! David Winter

Friday 2 July, at 7.30 pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Wycombe Rd, Prestwood

Tickets £5 including wine - 01494 868537 or 863627 or www.htprestwood.org.uk. Maurice Roberts

Workaid needs you!

Can you spare a few hours per week to help in our workshop, office or our newly opening shop in Chesham?

I became Chairman of Workaid in July and would very much welcome any parishioner joining me at this, the most worthwhile charity I know.

If interested please call me or Bill Duperouzel, Chief Executive, at Workaid 01494 775220. Workaid's website for further information is www.workaid.org. Peter Harper

Newsletter Items

✉ leave at the Presbytery (address on front cover)

Please note deadline 12 noon Thursdays

Hannah Bysouth in Uganda

I would like to thank you all for the support you have shown for my trip to Uganda to visit the Bega Kwa Bega (BKB) health and education projects.

I became involved with BKB through waiting with my brothers at the annual supper which has been going for 7 years now. Mike, Marguerite's and the team's efforts have raised hundreds to support the health and education of orphans and their communities in Uganda. I will be staying in a village with the community for some of my time, meeting people who are helped by the projects and learning about how their health is affected by different vectors. I shall be also lending a pair of hands and learning about how healthcare is delivered.

I would like to say a special thank you to Mike and Marguerite Spain for getting me started with £180 from the annual supper raffle, the Catholic Women's league for very kindly donating £200, Wendover Community Trust for donating £500, all who gave generously for the bike ride raising £250

and King's College travel award bursary for £530. This is a fantastic total of £1690 with donations still coming in!

How will this money be spent? £960 has been spent on travel and insurance with an estimate for £150 for vaccinations, £20 for a visa and some money to contribute to my hosts for my keep. The rest be made as a donation to BKB via Mike Spain. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone, the support you have shown me has been tremendous! Thank you, very much, Hannah Bysouth.

Live in carer

Working in Great Missenden is looking for another position in the area. Presently available on a “three weeks on / three weeks off” basis, but could be more full time in a few months’ time. Contact Isabel De Lara Ossset for more information. Note from TVR: I think there are good references here.

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 |
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| Mon 28 June St Irenaeus mem | 8 am MASS (Polish) 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS | 9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer 10.15am Service of Word & Communion & Rosary |
| Tue 29 June SS PETER & PAUL | 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 30 June First Martyrs of the Church of Rome op mem | 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS | 9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer |
| Thu 1 July St Oliver Plunkett | 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion 7.30 pm Prayer and Benediction | 10.15am MASS & Rosary |
| Fri 2 July | 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 3 July ST THOMAS | 9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS 10 am Confession 6 pm MASS | 11 am Confession |
| Sun 4 July 14th Sunday of the year | 11 am MASS 12.30 pm MASS (Polish) | 9.15 am MASS |