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14th Sunday of the year

4 July 2010

1st reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the peace and joy the Lord sends to his people.

2nd reading: Galatians 6:14-18

St Paul states that he has nothing to boast about except the cross of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples to share his mission of proclaiming the good news of the kingdom.

11 am Sunday Mass Settings

Sanctus: 428 Acclamation: 434 Agnus Dei: 453

Innovation and tradition

In some ages things stay the same, generation on generation, with the odd war or plague or famine, whereas at times there are innovations which come to stay, farming, the motor car – but the innovations can be at the level of the mind as well as practicality. So in Greece from 500 BC there was the discovery of mind while a tribal people put their faith in God, living and true, from about 2000 BC, with Abraham our father in faith. Though the Greeks saw the need for a first mover they did not attain to the idea of creation out of nothing. The original Hebrew word for "create" – *barah* – meant "fashion" as in fashioning a writing instrument. Perhaps we should translate the first words of the Bible: "In the beginning God fashioned the Heavens and the Earth".

Gradually the scholarliness of the Greeks combined with the faith of the Church and theology gained in discipline and precision. So in 1215 the Lateran Council declared: "God made all things, visible and invisible, out of nothing." Thank you, Lord, for the gift of creation.

This discipline of thought led to wonder about the order of creation but also led to acknowledgement of a higher order where creation and God meet. So Philip the Chancellor of Paris came up with the term "supernatural" to define grace, and the seven sacraments were enumerated. Practise the faith and you have a path to Heaven. Catholics who don't practise are rather like opera goers who hope to get in without a ticket. I hope they make it, but it is precisely God's mercy they are rejecting. The inner darkness of ignorance will have to be their excuse to escape the outer darkness.

The realisation that nature has its created order promoted natural science, technology, medicine so that world population moved from 2 billion in 1800 to 6 billion now. A new mode of thought was involved, using maths to chart movements and endlessly producing better theories. Caught in this mode of thought it is hard to attain certainty. Is the idea that God made everything out of nothing just the best theory we have or is it absolutely true? In a scientific age how does one ground knowledge which is certain, true and transcending experiment and observation? The autonomy of science begins to elicit a worthy

philosophy if what has been attained in the way of religion is to be retained to guide man in hope to Heaven.

As it dawns upon the mind that we live in a race where great innovations have occurred we become aware of history. A lifetime can be spent studying Abraham and Ur. History shows up magnificent goodness and abysmal evil and so sets up the need for a critique of conduct, including one's personal conduct. Where do I stand? What am I for? What am I against? Do I need the help of God to find the courage to live well? We find ourselves challenged anew by the gospel and enlightened anew by Church teaching.

Our traditions and innovations produce a new situation for man today, hinted at by sociologists and psychologists: man is free to know, to love – or to be truncated by ignorance, ruled by desires and facing absurdity in the lonely crowd.

The Delphic oracle urged that we should know ourselves. We should know ourselves today as set on a great stage by innovations that have become traditions – a stage which waits to see what personal innovations we will make out of our self transcending, unselfish freedom and love.

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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 8 pm in Damien House. There are some more papers at the back of IHM church which may be taken. TVR

11am Sunday Mass Rotas

now available. If you haven't received your copies by e-mail please ask me for a copy. (MR)

Caroline Burke

Chris, Jessica, Joe, Pauline (Caroline's sister) and the extended Burke and McKeon families would like to thank all IHM parishioners who have supported them spiritually, emotionally and in practical ways following Caroline's death. Special thanks to organisers and providers of the music and of refreshments at Caroline's funeral. Chris Burke

Prayer Intentions

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

At IHM Pepe English, Fr Gerard Collins, John Langton, Edgar Marshall

At St Anne's William Manning, Lynne Matthey, Hilda Hearn, George Berry.

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;

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

Human life, esp on 25 July;

Seafarers, esp on 11 July.

Papal Visit 16-19 September

We'll all need to be prepared to witness to our faith by answering questions from people that we encounter in every walk of life during the papal visit. There are some great resources available to help us. We're meeting to explore our preparations for local initiatives on Thursday 8 July, at 8 pm (after Evening Prayer and Benediction). If you're interested but can't join us, have a browse through the material and let me know what you think might work. There are a few copies of 'Papal Visit 2010 and Parish Resources' (an A4 booklet). The resources to which it refers (and the booklet itself) are available online at <http://www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/parishresources>

The blue A5 booklet 'The Pope in the UK: Heart speaks unto heart' is available for everyone. It aims to answer some simple questions about the visit itself, the call of faith and its unfolding in daily life and the role of the Catholic Church. It includes 10 questions, ranging from why the Pope is meeting the Queen to the contribution of the Catholic Church to British society and why the Pope will be beatifying Cardinal Newman and is available at the back of the churches and online. More information from Joanna.

Newsletter Items

✉ leave at the Presbytery (address on front cover)

Please note deadline 12 noon Thursdays

Evangelisation is one of the marks of a Thriving Catholic Community that we want to do better. There are some great opportunities for inspiration:

- NORES lecture at 7.30 pm on Friday 9 July will be given by Fr Gerard Kelly, President of the Sion Community, 'The Church exists to evangelise.'
- Diocesan Summer School 'The Missionary Church' at Milton Keynes from 27-30 July. You could attend every day or just some days. More details on this and other events: <http://www.nores.org.uk> or from Joanna.

Last call — Lost and found

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

Pigeon Holes at IHM

Uncollected letters for the following have been there for ages, some for several months. If the names ring bells for senders or recipients, please collect / deliver before we clear them.

Thanks, Maurice Roberts
Ally Kerr; Stephan Kopieczek; Mrs McAlister; Pat O'Loughlin; Teresa Paulite; Chris Petford; Marianne Stewart; Varley family; Wayne family; Mr. Robin??
Wright.

Vacancies for Lighthouse

Craft helpers for all age groups, Craft preparation, First Aid, Adult LHKs – all (less urgent in 6s), Music (keyboard and bass player, brass/sax - Grade 5 at least), Security, Toddler, Toy sale, Café & Café Leader.

Open Gardens for the Iain Rennie Hospice At Home Charity. Five gardens in Wendover will be open on Sunday 11 July, including Tony and Mary Sketch's at 44 Hale Road, from 2 till 5 pm. Do come.

Justice and peace lunch

Tuesday 6 July at the Wendover Christian Centre at 12.30 pm. Do come and support Help for Heroes, our current charity. Win Woods

Refurbishment at St Mary's

The last time St Mary's, Wendover, closed for refurbishment was in the nineteenth century so it is time for them to conserve what is good in the old building but at the same time provide 21st century facilities, especially audiovisuals. This means that St Mary's will be closed from 11 July until just before Christmas. Please keep our partners in Churches Together in Wendover in your prayers during this busy and stressful time. Jane Larkham

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 5 July BI Thomas Belson	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 6 July BI Thomas Alfield	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 7 July	9 am Rosary 9.15 am Morning Prayer 9.30 am MASS	9 am Ecumenical morning Prayer
Thu 8 July	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 9 July St Augustine Zhao Rong & Co	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 10 July	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 11 July 15th Sunday of the year	11 am MASS 12.30 pm MASS (Polish)	9.15 am MASS