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**Registered Charity Number 246871**

Sat 26 Jan	10 am 6 pm Vigil Mass	Confession THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES	Robin Horscroft R.I.P. For the Parish
Sun 27 Jan	10 am Mass		
Tues 29 Jan	12 noon Mass	Feria	
Wed 30 Jan	9 am Mass	Feria	Roy Barnes R.I.P.
Thurs 31 Jan	9 am Mass	St John Bosco	All Salesians
	9.30am - 10.30am	Adoration	
Sat 2 Feb	5.15 PM 6pm Vigil Mass	CONFESSION in SACRISTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	George Benzie R.I.P. For the Parish
Sun 3 Feb	10 am Mass		
	3.30pm		Vietnamese Mass

### DIARY DATES

Sat/Sun 26/27 Jan - **SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHEDRAL**

Sat 26 Jan – Parish Quiz Night – 7pm

Thurs 31 Jan – Pastoral Area Meeting – 7.30pm

RCIA Meeting – 7.30pm

Sun 3 Feb – Vietnamese Mass with Baptism – 3.30pm

Wed 6 Mar – Ash Wednesday – Mass at 9am & 7.30pm

### **Pope's intention for January**

**That young people, especially in South America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.**

**The Vietnamese Community Mass next Sunday at 3.30pm not only has a Baptism, but also celebrates an important event in Vietnam – the Lunar New Year – followed by a Reception. All are invited.**

### **From the Parish Priest**

St Luke shows us what a master craftsman of the written word he is by the well-rounded opening to the Gospel that bears his name. Indeed, the first few verses re-assure us that the account that he is about to give is one which is based upon eye-witnesses and careful analysis of the material available which tells of Jesus as the authentic Messiah and Son of God. Luke, writing to those outside the Jewish tradition, intends the reader to believe in the historical Jesus whose message is for all; as Jesus teaches in the synagogue, it is obvious that he is proposing a radical and universal message which cuts right through the accepted cultural norms of His day, and He is able to do so because he has the authority which only the Son of God can exercise. Jesus speaks to us and to all who are Theophilus (Greek = lover of God). His message is eternal and it is life.

*Fr Bruce*

This weekend we take the **annual collection in support of our Cathedral** in Portsmouth. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

**Vocations** is the theme for homilies in Lent. Fr John Cooke, Diocesan Vocations Director, will speak at Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Stations of the Cross** take place on Fridays in Lent, followed by **Adoration** until 8.30pm

### **HYMNS FOR SUNDAY**

**Ent: 121      Gloria: Belmont**  
**Off: 328      Holy, holy: Belmont**  
**Lamb of God: Belmont**  
**Comm:247      Rec: 529**

## **NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**CAFOD NEWS** On Tuesday 5th March at St Joseph's Church, London Road, Newbury RG14 1JP, Kezia Harrow, our Step into the Gap volunteer will talk about her recent trip to visit CAFOD projects in the Holy Land. The meeting will start at 7:15pm and finish by 9pm. **CAFOD Lent Fast Day** is on Fri 15 March. Please be prepared to be as generous as you can.

**Eucharistic Ministers Training** If you feel called to this very important ministry there will be a further course of training led by Fr. Gervase Holdaway OSB and Fr. Bruce Barnes at St Francis de Sales on Saturdays 9th, 16th and 23rd March 10.00 - 12.00. Existing Ministers would also be welcome to attend to help update their knowledge and understanding. Please speak with Fr. Bruce or to Francis (40968) for further information.

**Christian Aid Barn Dance & Supper** on Sat 2 Feb at 7pm for 7.30pm at St George's Hall. Adult £12 and Child £6. Licensed bar & Raffle. Tickets available from Sonya on 01635 228386 or after Mass.

**St. Joseph's School Vacancy for: Administration Assistant & Events Co-ordinator.** Part Time/Term Time 30 hours per week to start 11th Mar or sooner. Application pack can be obtained from the school website or the office please email office@stjosephs.w-berks.sch.uk. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged, please call to arrange. Closing date: 9am 4th Feb. Interviews: 8th Feb.

**House Masses** in Lent will take place on Wednesdays from 13<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to host a House Mass, please sign the list in the porch against the date. Please fill in the number of guests you can accommodate.

**The Foodbank** urgently need the following: Stock cubes, chicken, beef & vegetable; Dried onions 40 g; Mixed herbs 13 g; Garlic puree (tube) and Tomato puree (tube). The following items are low in stock: Self-raising flour 500 g and Sunflower oil 500 ml.

**People moving into the Parish** There is much building and movement of people in and out of the Parish. We now have some very well produced WELCOME CARDS which we want to deliver to those who are moving into our Parish. If you would like to help Fr Bruce simply deliver cards to new homes opening in the Parish, please sign the list and information will be coming your way.

**Farewell to Jim Kay** It is with sadness that we shall be saying goodbye to Jim, as he begins his new adventure of Ministry in the Diocese of Shrewsbury. Jim has been a valuable member of the congregation, Chair of PPC, musician and latterly training for the Diaconate. We wish him every success for the future and would like to say an Official Goodbye after the Mass on the Sunday 17th February. If you would like to make a contribution towards a farewell gift for Jim, please place your contribution in the basket and mark it JIM.

**West Berkshire Homeless** are opening a night shelter in West Street at the start of next month which will remain open until April and possibly longer. We have most of what we need but are short of pillows and are also looking for pieces of carpet to cover the concrete floor. Either Martha Vickers (tel: 230046) or Eleanor Mullens (tel: 254700) will be very pleased to hear from you. We would also welcome more volunteers.

**Deborah**, who cannot drive, would like a lift to Mass from Greenham. Anyone able to offer her a lift? Please contact the Parish Office.

**Bookings for Hall and Parish Rooms MUST be confirmed with Maureen Hudd, even for parish events and meetings, tel 30108 or email Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com**

### **WELCOMING:**

**Sat 2 Feb:** Elizabeth O'Keefe

**Sun 3 Feb:** Frood & Walentyne families

### **CLEANERS:**

**Fri 1 Feb:** Pat Johnson, Bridget Lister & Noreen Postlewaite

### **COUNTERS:**

**Sun 27 Jan:** Ivy Goree & Linda Verner