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Sat 2 Feb	5.15 PM	CONFESSION in SACRISTY	
	6 pm Vigil Mass	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES	George Benzie R.I.P.
Sun 3 Feb	10 am Mass		For the Parish
	3.30 PM		Vietnamese Mass
Mon 4 Feb	12.30 pm	Funeral Mass	George Benzie R.I.P.
Tues 5 Feb	12 noon Mass	St Agatha	
Wed 6 Feb	10 AM Mass	St Paul Miki & Companions	
Thurs 7 Feb	12 NOON Mass	Funeral Mass	Maria Vagnarelli R.I.P.
Sat 9 Feb	10 am	Confession	
	6pm Vigil Mass	FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Robin Horscroft R.I.P.
Sun 10 Feb	10 am Mass		For the Parish

DIARY DATES

Sat 2 Feb – 5.15pm - Confessions in Sacristy
Sun 3 Feb – 3.30pm - Vietnamese Mass with
Baptism.
Tues 5 Feb – 7.30pm - PPC Meeting
Wed 6 Feb – MASS AT 10AM – Fr Peter Codd
Thurs 7 Feb – NO 9AM MASS
Wed 6 Mar – Mass at 9am & 7.30pm - **Ash
Wednesday**

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND: are in
memory of **Maria Vagnarelli** whose funeral is
on Friday. Please pray for her soul and that of
George Benzie. Their funerals are both this
week. Please also remember their families and
friends in your prayers.

Pope's intention for February

**For a generous welcome of victims
of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution,
and of violence.**

From the Parish Priest

I am sure we have all heard the dictum - ***today is the first day of the rest of your life.*** It contains a theological truth which is expressed right at the beginning of the Gospel for this weekend. Luke continues to show the reader that Jesus is the Messiah and that belief in Him is enough for Salvation; it is not dependent upon how long people have been practicing their religion. Notice how Jesus begins by having read scripture He looks at the people and says about Himself "**today this is being fulfilled.**" In other words from this moment, if you believe, it will be the first day of the rest of your new life. No wonder there would be trouble. It's a real drama and It gets even worse as we shall hear in the homilies for this weekend. Fr *Bruce*

Vocations is the theme for homilies in Lent. Fr John Cooke. Diocesan Vocations Director, will speak at Mass on 3rd March.++++++

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

Readers and Cantors at Mass: a change of seating arrangements. Please would Readers sit somewhere in the Nave or Transept and come up together for the first Reading and bow before the altar. There are two seats in front of the first bench in the Nave on which to sit.
Cantors: for 10 am Sunday Mass please come up with Readers and sit on one of the seats.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Ent: 240 Gloria: 5 Missa de Angelis
Off: 557 Holy, holy: 5 Missa de Angelis
Lamb of God: 5 Missa de Angelis
Comm: 235 Rec: 644

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 from St Cassian's 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.

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 13th 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.

Foundation Governors required for St Joseph's School. For more details, see Notice board in hall.

WELCOME CARDS are now available for people moving into the Parish. If you would like one for a house in your street, please contact the Parish Office. If there is new building or new people where you are, please let Fr Bruce or the Parish Office know so that a card can be put through their door.

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. If you could volunteer to help, either Martha Vickers (tel: 230046) or Eleanor Mullens (tel: 254700) would be very pleased to hear from you.

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 9 Feb: Maureen Slade

Sun 10 Feb: Gill family & Lola Emetulu

CLEANERS:

Fri 8 Feb: Clare Heald & Pauline Byrne

COUNTERS:

Sun 3 Feb: Jacqueline Frood & Graham

Spellman