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Sat 9 Feb	10 am 6 pm Vigil Mass	Confession FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Robin Horscroft R.I.P. For the Parish
Sun 10 Feb	10 am Mass		
Tues 12 Feb	12 noon Mass	Feria	
Wed 13 Feb	9 am Mass	Feria	
Thurs 14 Feb	9 am Mass	Ss Cyril & Methodius	
	9.30 am - 10.30 am	Adoration	
Sat 16 Feb	10 am 6pm Vigil Mass	Confession SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	George Benzie R.I.P. For the Parish
Sun 17 Feb	10 am Mass		

DIARY DATES

Thurs 14 Feb – Fr Peter Codd to say Mass
- RCIA

Fri 15 Feb – 6pm – Youth Group

Sun 17 Feb – Racial Justice Sunday
- 10am – Music Group

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

Pope's intention for February

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

Our congratulations to John Hayter who is celebrating a special birthday on Monday February 11th.

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

From the Parish Priest

I have been interested in the way in which the State is legislating more and more over matters concerning domestic behaviour which, in the past, was part of good Family life; there is proposed legislation concerning the food children eat - desperately trying to get children to eat fresh fruit and vegetables (Do you remember when you had to sit at the table and eat fresh cabbage, Swede and the dreaded Brussels sprouts as part of a proper well balanced meal)?! - desperately trying to get children to exercise each day (Do you remember a time when children had to be playing in the garden, going for walks with the Family and getting out in the fresh air)?! Now the latest move by the state is to push for legislation to get children to have less hours on their mobile phones, to stop them being used in the bedroom, to spend less time on laptops and computers and for parents and children to spend more time talking to each other. The intrusive nature of the State in these domestic matters signals a sad breakdown in the understanding of Family life and responsibility. I think that, as Christians, we recognize that there is a world of difference between a group of people who are just living together in a house and those who live together as a Family.

Fr Bruce

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Ent: 376 Gloria: 529 Laudate

Laudate Off: 771

Holy, holy: 553 Laudate

Memorial Acc: 554

Lamb of God: 591 Laudate

Amen: 555 Laudate Comm:234 Rec: 361

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

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.

HOUSE MASSES IN LENT - Wednesdays at 7.30pm. I am thankful for those who have offered their homes for Mass. If you would like to attend please just tick the column on the Mass list in the porch up to the capacity given.

Lent preparation for all primary age children Sunday 10th March beginning after Mass and finishing at 3.30. There is a cost of £5 per family in advance to help pay for craft materials. Volunteers to help run the day are most welcome. Sign up forms available after each Mass.

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.

West Berkshire Homeless Shelter in West Street (near MacDonald's) is now open and provides shelter to those not fortunate enough to have a place of their own.

Volunteers are needed for two shifts each evening / night; the evening shift is 18:00 – 22:00 and the night shift is 21:45 – 08:30. We need more helpers so that the load on those we have is not so onerous. If you can help at all, please contact Martha Vickers on 01635 230046 or Eleanor Mullens on 01635 254700 who can tell you more of what is involved.

NEW HOUSES and NEW RESIDENTS in the PARISH If you notice a new resident moving into your street or new housing being built near you, please let Fr Bruce know by signing the list in the porch or contacting the Parish Office. This will enable the Parish to welcome the new residents by sending a card of welcome.

FAREWELL TO JIM KAY will take place on Sunday 17th after 10.a.m. Mass. Donations for Jim's farewell should be in this week. Please use an envelope in the porch and mark it Jim and hand it in either to the Sacristy or through the Presbytery door.

Andrew Polland will be running the Palace Half Marathon in support of The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity on 17th March. The Royal Marsden do an amazing job supporting those with cancer. Any donations can be given here:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teampollanda-halfmarathon>

CTNA AGM – 24 Feb – 6pm – St Nicholas

Registration Forms: If you have not registered as a member of the Parish, please take a form from the porch and return it to 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 16 Feb: Michael Boyle Sun 17 Feb: Goree & Brooks families CLEANERS: Fri 15 Feb: Clare Huckle & Paul Cobb COUNTERS: Sun 10 Feb: Charlotte Syder & Olwyn Brian
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