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Sat 23 Feb	10 am	Confession	
	6 pm Vigil Mass	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Robin Horscroft R.I.P.
Sun 24 Feb	10 am Mass		For the Parish
Tues 26 Feb	12 noon Mass	Feria	For Spirituality Group
Wed 27 Feb	9 am Mass	St Gregory of Narek	For Parish Pastoral Council
Thurs 28 Feb	9 am Mass	Feria	For Vocations
	9.30 am - 10.30 am	Adoration	
Sat 2 Mar	10 am	Confession	
	6pm Vigil Mass	EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	George Benzie R.I.P.
Sun 3 Mar	10 am Mass		For the Parish

DIARY DATES

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

Sun 10 Mar – Children's Lent Preparation day –
after Mass to 3.30pm

Fri 15 Mar – CAFOD Family Fast Day

Mon 15 April – Penitential Service – 7.30pm –
St Joseph's Church

Pope's intention for February

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

Stations of the Cross take place on Fridays in
Lent, followed by **refreshments** and a talk by
various speakers each week. See poster.

It has been decided to reintroduce the **List of
the Sick** who would like prayer on the
newsletter. We must have their permission for
them to be included. If you would like to be
included, please contact the Parish Office.
Please pray for Linda Verner who asks for our
prayers.

From the Parish Priest

It's not easy to forgive. I have heard it said
that it's like a nail driven into a piece of wood.
Even though you try to fill the hole and
varnish over where the nail has been, there
will always be a scar - a place where there
has been damage. I think this is a fair
description of those who hurt us. We cannot
forget but we can try to forgive and Jesus
gives us a formula which will help us to do
this. He tells us that we should develop a
compassionate nature. This will be the
foundations of a person who can learn how to
forgive. I think it is a process which needs
working on as much as it depends on
deepening our relationship with the Lord.
Sometimes in our frustration of wrestling with
this difficult task of forgiveness, we need to
remind ourselves that it is God's forgiveness
and that there are times when we can only
say, like Jesus, "Father, forgive them for they
know not what they do" and trust that God will
do the rest.

Fr Bruce

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.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Ent: 576 Gloria: 480 (Laudate)

**Psalm Refrain: SUNG BY ALL : As the deer
longs for running streams, So I long, so I
long, so I long for you. (214 Laudate)**

Off: 470 Sanctus: 481 (Laudate)

Lamb of God: 594 (Laudate)

Comm: 553 Rec:693

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Flowers this week are in thanksgiving for Lola Emetulu's fiftieth birthday.

CAFOD Tues 5 March at St Joseph's Church, Kezia Harrow, talking about CAFOD projects in the Holy Land. 7:15pm till 9pm.

Eucharistic Ministers Training Saturdays 9th, 16th and 23rd March 10.00 - 12.00. Please speak with Fr. Bruce or to Francis (40968) for further information.



Lent preparation for all primary age children on Sunday 10th March beginning after Mass and finishing at 3.30 pm. 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: Self-raising flour 500 g and Sunflower oil 500 ml. The following items are low in stock: Stock cubes, chicken, beef & vegetable; Kitchen roll

West Berkshire Homeless Shelter Volunteers are needed. 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 contacting the Parish Office. This will enable the Parish to welcome the new residents by sending a card of welcome.

Registration Forms: If you have not registered as a member of the Parish, please take a form from the box file in the porch and return it to the Parish Office. Alternatively, email the Office and an electronic form can be sent out to you.

Andrew Pollard will be running the Palace Half Marathon in support of The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity on 17th March. Any donations can be given here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teampanda-halfmarathon>

LENT TALKS

Vocations is the theme for homilies in Lent. Fr John Cooke, Diocesan Vocations Director, will speak at 10.00 am Mass on 3rd March.

FRIDAY EVENINGS at 7.30pm

There are a number of lively Speakers covering a lively number of topics. I am grateful to them for sparing the time to come and give us these lent Talks. Please try to support these talks. We shall be joined by other members of local churches. All are welcome.

8th March – Aba Shields

Work of the Family Life Group

15th March – Fr Peter Codd

**Serving the Homeless
– A Joy or a Sorrow?**

22nd March – Sr Margaret Scott

Gospel Women at the United Nations

29th March – Br Ben Foy

**Catholic Christians encountering
LGBT People – How?**

5th April – Elsa Hewitt

**Our Work with the Orphans of Mexico
– An Update**

12th April – Nicholas Fogg

Weeds from the Same Dunghill

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 Mar: Pat Dixon

Sun 3 Mar: Lamb & Owen families

CLEANERS:

Fri 1 Mar: Pat Johnston, Bridget Lister & Noreen Postlewaite

COUNTERS:

Sun 24 Feb: Paul Brian & Ivy Goree