



**South Berkshire Pastoral Area
Corpus Christi Wokingham
40th Anniversary of the Church
February 21st 2010 – 1st Sunday of Lent, C**

Life is a journey (which we can also call a pilgrimage). We are a people on the move, bound for our homeland in heaven. We have not here a lasting city but we are pilgrims and exiles. This is the message of scripture. We don't think about it much, because it is the world of the here-and-now which absorbs our attention.

Lent gives us the chance to set out with new purpose on a journey which ultimately leads to God. Our immediate objective is Easter, the Christian Passover, which is a foretaste of the Easter feasts of heaven.

The 40 days of Lent correspond with the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert and the 40 years the children of Israel spent on their way to Israel from slavery in Egypt.

There are three disciplines of Lent: prayer, fasting and alms-giving. Doing these sharpens us for celebrating Easter. It is the discipline which matters.

Stations of the Cross every Sunday during Lent at 4.00 pm.

St Patrick's Dance at Sandhurst Community Hall on March 13. For information, call Bridie Reid 077907 38680

How can I pray better? As part of the 40th anniversary of the Church, there will be two meetings helping us to pray. They are on March 2nd and 9th from 7.30 – 9.00 pm in the Keenan Rooms. The two sessions will be run by lay people.

New translation of the prayers of the Mass. There are 2 meetings to look at the new translations of the prayers of the Mass on Tuesday February 23rd in the Keenan Rooms at 2.00 pm and 7.30 pm.

Children's Mass Sheets To help our children follow the Mass, please find at the back of the church laminated Mass Sheets for children. These use simple and colourful pictures to help the children follow the order of the Mass.

Life in the Spirit Seminars- dates for your diary. Corpus Christi will be running a programme of 7 Seminars, commencing after Easter, in the Keenan Rooms (7.45-9.30 p.m.): 21, 28 April; 5, 12, 19 May; and 8, 16 June. Please see parish website for more information; further details to follow.

Mass Intentions. There are no free days for Mass intentions on weekdays until the beginning of May, but there are a few free ones at some weekends.

Union of Catholic Mothers: AGM on Thursday February 25th at 7.30 pm in the Keenan Rooms, followed by refreshments. Annual subscription (£11) are due and can be paid at the meeting.

UCM Day of Recollection: Saturday March 20th in the Keenan Rooms, led by Fr Adrian Walker. Buffet lunch provided. Cost: £8.50, Please sign up in church porch. This isn't just for UCM Members but for all ladies.

Cafod Lent Family Fast Day: on Friday February 26th. This is the 50th anniversary of the very first Fast Day – you could mark it by giving up food or drinks during Lent and donating the money saved. Envelopes with gift aid available. The collection will take place on April 24/25

Fairtrade Fortnight: February 22nd – March 7th. Take part in the Big Swap by exchanging usual items for fairly traded ones. Look out for the Fairtrade symbol. Next weekend, we shall have our Tradecraft stall.

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Saturday 6.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 9.00am Private Intention
11.00am Patrick O'Hara RIP
 Tuesday 9.30am **Requiem for James Cleary RIP**
 Wednesday 9.30am Mary Hall RIP
 Thursday 9.30am Brooke Tyrrell RIP
 Friday 9.30am Steven & Lynne Terry

28th February, 2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday 6.30pm Dec'd known to the parish whose Anniversaries occur this month
Sunday 9.00am Henry Cossey RIP
11.00am People of the Parish

Rotas for the Week 21st February 2010

Counting: M Lennon & SA Bruce **23rd February**

Liturgy of the Word for Children 28th February

9am D Lenk, K Kingsbury, T Hunter & L Adams
11am A Thomson, M Lennon, L Hall, H Dunn & K Whatley

Readers, Bidding Prayers & Offertory 28th February

Mass	First Reader	2 nd Reader & Bidding Prayers	Offertory
6.30pm	N Stone	P Dawkes	Hall
9.00am	T Carter	B O'Neil	Robinson
11.00am	M Tomlin	R Lush	Patrick