THE PARISH OF ST.THOMAS MORE, KIDLINGTON & ST.HUGH OF LINCOLN, WOODSTOCK

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10th—18th March '18 **4th Sunday in Lent YrB - *Laetare Sunday*** **Week 4**

Fr Prem's Message: We welcome our area Bishop William Kenney as he makes his Diocesan visitation to our parish. As we all know he is no stranger to the parish as he lives within our parish boundaries. Indeed he has therefore a soft corner towards us. He will be celebrating all the masses in the parish and will be preaching to us exercising the Apostolic teaching authority of the church and give us the Papal Blessing. I am sure all of us will gather today to extend our warmest welcome, listen to him, and receive as faithful parishioners the blessing he imparts upon the parish. He will be sharing with us the vision of the Archdiocese and reflecting on various aspects in ways that our parish could fit into that wider vision of the Archdiocese and the Church. From which we shall take our lead.

I think it is right that the bishop has a brief about our parish, and so to hold our parish Assembly as well. I am sure you will be ready and prepared to report to him if he asks about any specific activity in the parish. Feel free to ask anything that you would wish to know or report to the bishop pertaining to the parish or to the Archdiocese. I am so pleased that I was able to give a breakdown of the finances of the parish, including the new church hall at St Hugh's. As I said last week, be at ease to pour your hearts out. In doing so one thing I ask, and that is to seek in all that you say and do, the good of the parish and not our self-serving or gaining interests.

In our normal day to day calendar of events it is also the *mothers day*. It is wonderful to see that many of us marking this day as *'sacrosanct'* indeed our mothers are special and very special. This day surely is a fuller expression of our love to our mothers which is there not just for this day. We shall keep them in our thoughts and prayers today in a special way.

All this shouldn't distract us from the liturgical significance of this Sunday, which is traditionally known in the Western Liturgical Calendar as the *'Laetare Sunday'* It comes from the Latin translation of the first two words of our Entrance Antiphon *(Introit)* for this Sunday; 'Rejoice O Jerusalem'. It brings a sense of joy to this otherwise austere season. It reminds us that the observance of lent though is austere in nature with fasting, abstinence, penance and prayer, it is done joyfully. This joy is not just in the doing of them, and so feeling heroic or holier, but this joy comes from knowing that we are longing to participate in the suffering, death and so why not indeed in the resurrection of the Lord. This is marked by the liturgical colour *'Rose'*. Ideally the priest will be wearing a 'Rose' colour vestment and the tabernacle veil too in the same colour.

As I write this I wonder why bother boring people with all these, when they are trivial, compared to much more other important things that we should concentrate on. Surely the suffering of children in the world, the abuse and treachery, the arms raise, economic elitism and what not! Probably all this is true because we failed to long for the risen, glorified life, that lifts us up from such wretchedness!

PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY FOR THE PREPARATION OF MASS Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come to us and renew us as we gather to celebrate this Sunday Mass. As we continue our pilgrimage of life, help us to become better Christians on earth so that we may rejoice with you for ever in Heaven.
To the Holy Trinity be glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Diary

- **STM Church Spring cleaning Friday 23rd March, 2.30pm.**
- **10th June 2018,** Sunday First Holy Communion Mass 3.30pm
- **17th June 2018**, at 3.30pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop Kenney

Fund Raising Events

- **Parish Bingo Evening** - 14th April, 7.30pm STM hall
- **St Hugh's Monthly Lottery draw** - 1st Sunday of the month. All welcome.
- **Every Friday During Lent**—Soup lunch after Midday Mass– in aid of Cafod

New Parish Safeguarding Reps.

Please take note that we have two new reps.
Anastasia Hargreaves-Hand (07786651916),
Lena Shams (07456851301)
We extend a big thank you former reps.
Sandra Lenagan and *Tony Clark*
for serving the parish for the past many years.

STM Church Easter Spring Cleaning

If you can spare an hour of your time please consider coming along on ***Friday 23rd at 2.30pm*** *and give a helping hand to people who clean your church every week, all year round.*
No experience needed, everyone welcome.
Many hands make the work lighter!

APF Envelopes

Kindly collect your brown envelopes containing Spring edition of Mission TODAY, from the Church Porch.
Also enclosed a total of your contributions for 2017.
Many thanks
for your continued support of MISSIO.
~MARY LAINA

Could This be a Lenten Resolution

- Being consistent & on time to Sunday Mass. Daily Mass, may be coming to mass after dropping your child to school,
- Participating in Morning Prayer in the parish.
- Saying the rosary with the family in the week,
- Daily reading the scriptures at a given time of the day at home,
- Making a good confession,
- observing a fast day and Friday in obedience with the whole church.
- Abstaining from a habit or indulgence, at least on a chosen day of the week,
- Engaging in an act of charity forgoing something that you might have bought and give to charity,
- Helping at the food bank etc. Doing an act of mercy - visiting & helping a less able, elderly or home bound, such as gardening etc.
- Use your own creative way.

Be Still . . . . .

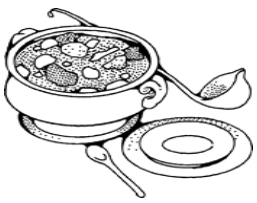
A time of prayer and meditation
Wednesdays in Lent
St Mary Magdalene's Church Woodstock
Come and join with Christians
from all the churches of
Woodstock and Bladon for half an hour
of quiet prayer and reflection on
Wednesday evenings in March at 8pm

. . . and know

- *Fr Prem will lead on the 21st March*

~ Canon Adrian Daffern, Rector Woodstock

Women's Day of Prayer - This service was cancelled on the 2nd March because of bad weather conditions, and now will be held on the 23rd March 2018 at St Hugh's. All are Welcome!!



Cafod Lent Fast Soup Lunches will be held every Friday during lent after the midday Mass - in aid of Cafod

Eucharist and Family Day -March 24th, 10am-3.30pm at Maryvale Institute B44 9AG. The day is free of charge but please bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided. For more information and to book a place please contact Paul Northam (fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk 0121 360 8118 ext 166) or Sr Gillian Murphy (parishesMV@maryvale.ac.uk).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Aidan Sollis, Charles Newland, Catherine Elford (McCann), Baby David Ruth, Jane Lemon, Lisa Crisp, Eileen Groom, Rebecca Lambert, William Hayes, Ella Osborne, Kit Murphy, Mary Couchman, Ray Hazell, Anne Howard, Sue Rugman, Fr Donald Cahill, June O'Leary, Tracy Richards, Bridget Spark, Jean Neale, Margaret Clancy, Pat Hornsby, Lord John Kerr, Pauline Lilley, Mona & Jimmy Doherty, Christopher Browne, Zoe Kamen, Pat Barfield, Amanda Ellington, Carmina, Joyce Franklin, Cliff and Sheila Cooper, Fr Chris Greaney, Geoff Boorman, Vinca Boorman, Baby Clara Joan Smithson,

(Kindly keep us updated to remove names from the sick list as and when required)

AND FOR ALL THOSE WHOSE DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR DURING THIS TIME

Molly O'Hanlon, Katherine Boden, Winnie Coyne, Evelyn O'Keeffe, Eileen O'Sullivan, John Clune, Sidney Alderman, Mick Leahy, Kathleen Darling, Maria Lavery, Wendy Anonuevo, Maria Gray and Catherine Deans

We Pray for the repose of the soul of John Williamson, Marcella's Husband, whose funeral takes place on Thursday 15th March, 12.00 noon at St Thomas More, Kidlington

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

Walk With Me booklets & Catholic today paper, your free copy - Take a copy with you for your prayer and reflection during Lent and pass it on to a to the sick, homebound or those lapsed in you area. You are called to share the joy and love of Christ that you enjoy. Be a missionary!!

Last week's Collection STM - £316.97, STH - £214.04 Retiring Collection -Cathedral Maintenance: £63.67

This weeks retiring collection is for Easter Flowers. Thank you.

First Holy Communion 2017/2018 Programme

PARENTS MEETINGS

~~Tuesday Feb. 27th 2018, 7.30pm~~

Tuesday May 22nd 2018, 7.30pm

Celebration Masses Sunday 11.00am

~~1st October~~, 12th November, ~~3rd December (Giving Mass), 28th January 2018~~, ~~25th Feb~~, 18th March, 22nd April, 20th May

First Holy Communion-Catechist Sessions

~~*14th Jan 2018*~~, ~~*28th Jan*~~, ~~*18th Feb*~~, ~~*5th Mar*~~, ***19th Mar***, *16th Apr*, *30th Apr*, *14th May*,

**Catechists sessions exact days, times and place will begin before the 18th, and catechist will get in touch*

Confessions 5th June 2018 3.30pm

Rehearsals - 7th June 2018, Thursday 3.30pm

First Holy Communion Mass,

Sunday 10th June 2017 3.30 pm

coordinator: Sr Norbert Tel: 01865 426741

Email: quinnzita@gmail.com

Confirmation Programme—2017/2018

Parents Meetings

~~**27 /09/ 2017 - Wed, 7.30pm, Parents Meeting**~~

15/05/2018- Tuesday 7.30pm, Parents Meeting

Adoration & Benediction

18/05/2018 5 –5.30pm

Meeting with Fr Prem & Confessions

12/06/2018- (3.30–4.30)

Catechist's Sessions, Week Starting:

~~8/10/2017~~ , ~~13/11/2017~~, ~~14/01/2018~~, ~~25/02/2018~~, **11/03/2018,** 22/04/2018, 13/05/2018

Organising Mass—Saturday 6pm

~~30/09/2017 Saturday 6.00pm Mass, - Presentation of the Bibles~~

~~11/11/2017~~, ~~02/12/2017~~, ~~27/01/2018~~, ~~24/02/2018~~, **17/03/2018,** 21/04/2018, 29/04/2018, 19/05/2018

14th June (Thursday, 7pm) Rehearsals

17th June (Sunday 3.30pm) Confirmation Mass

Coordinator: Mrs Lena Shams

Email: lena.shams@physics.ox.ac.uk

The St Hugh's Centre, parish hall will be fully ours form the 19th March 2018.

The liability period for the snagging will be completed, and the Hall will be handed over. Those who served in the project committee and various other committees and involved with it in many ways are invited to mark the occasion sharing in a piece of cake & tea, at 10.30 am. A Sunday to thank those parishioners involved still awaits announcement!!

12th-19th March 2018 marks 10 years of Dementia Prayer Week

'Tea/ Coffee - chit chat' at the Hall after 9.30 and 11 Masses. Stop by for a sip!

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SATURDAY 10th March	**Sunday VIGIL MASS**	6.00 pm	*RIP Derek Osborne*	2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23 Psalms 136 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21
SUNDAY 11th March	**4th Sunday in Lent**	11.00 am	*Inten. Sheila Brockman* ***Pastoral Assembly - Visitation after mass***	
MONDAY 12th March	Lent Feria	9.30 am	*Well Being of Jonathan*	Isaiah 65:17-21,Ps 29 John 4:43-54
TUESDAY 13th March	Lent Feria	7.00 pm	-	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 Ps 45,John 5:1-16
WEDNESDAY 14th March	Lent Feria	11.30 12.00 Noon	***Way of the Cross* & Holy Mass at Woodstock**	Isaiah 49:8-15 Ps 144 John 5:17-30
THURSDAY 15th March	Lent Feria	12.00 Noon	*Funeral Service John Williamson*	Exodus 32:7-14 Ps 105,John 5:31-47
FRIDAY 16th March	Lent Feria	11.30 12.00 Noon	***Way of the Cross Holy Mass***	Wisdom 2:1, 12-22 Ps 33 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
SATURDAY 17th March	**Sunday VIGIL MASS**	6.00 pm	*RIP Sally Roberts*	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Ps 50 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33
SUNDAY 18th March	**5th Sunday in Lent**	11.00 am	*RIP Roy Bayston*	

St Hugh's, Woodstock (Morning Prayer daily at 11.30)

SUNDAY 11th March	**4th Sunday in Lent**	9.30 am	*Anne & Paddy (Anni)*
WEDNESDAY 14th March	Lent Feria	11.30 ------ 12.00 Noon	***Way of the cross*** ------ —
SUNDAY 18th March	**5th Sunday in Lent**	9.30 am	*Intentions of Anne Mallaghan*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 5-5.30 pm

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES
by appointment with Fr Prem
Please make sure you attend the parish regularly to ask for Sacraments.

Kindly make sure you are registered with the parish

Scripture Study Group **Monday, 12th March 1.30 pm.** Come join us to read a scripture passage, and then to reflect and pray together.
Contact Eileen Perkins on 01865 374129. **All are most welcome.**

Please email your news item to Fr Prem by Thursday

This Newsletter is for the parishioners and friends of the parish. It is for private circulation. Feel free to take it with you and share it with others especially the sick and the homebound.