

The Dreaming Spires of Oxford

When I was a student, my house mates and I would rush home on a Sunday evening after Church. We would take our seats around the TV and settle down with a gin and tonic in anticipation of the next instalment of the TV adaptation of *Brideshead Revisited*. Many of you will recall that the opening episodes of this series were set amid the dreaming spires of Oxford. Where rich young men lived the high life with their teddy bears! This is your chance to take your teddy bear to Oxford. For we have arranged a **Parish Day Trip to Oxford on Saturday, 19 April**. Our trip will include Mass at 11.30am at Pusey House, the Anglo Catholic Chaplaincy to the University. This will be followed by an optional tour of the building including the historic library. You will then be free to explore the Colleges, museums, shops, covered market or riverside walks of the City. It promises to be a good day out, though it is entirely up to you as to whether you bring your teddy bear.

The cost of the trip is £12 per adult and £7 per child payable in full by 23 March. To secure a place you will need to pay a deposit of £5 per person to Ann Babbington by 2 March.

Further details and arrangements will be given nearer the time.

Fr Paul

NEWS & VIEWS

Welcome – to everyone joining us today for our Mass. A special welcome to our celebrant and preacher, a much loved friend – Father Roger.

Tonight at 6pm Stations of the Cross in Church. Why not come along and walk the Stations of The Cross following Christ's footsteps to Calvary?

Lent Intention Tree – In the Parish Centre on the noticeboard there is our Lent Intention Tree. Just take one of the leaves and write your intention on it (you don't have to sign it) and place it on the tree using one of the map pins provided. See how our intentions will blossom on Easter Sunday!

Taize Evening – On Sunday 24th February at 6pm. Father Barry has kindly agreed to come to lead us in a Taize evening, which is a very beautiful form of devotion. Put this date in your diary and experience it for yourself.

Hello Dolly! - Ann has one ticket available if anyone is interested in going along to this famous musical. Please see her in the Parish Centre immediately after Mass.

Bible Alive – Margaret has spare copies of Bible Alive, please see her in the parish centre after Mass. This is a very useful little booklet to help understand the daily readings.

Friday Evenings in Lent – every Friday we will be having Mass and Stations of the Cross in Church. Each week the Stations are walked from the view of different people who were there at the time.

Women's World Day of Prayer – this year is on 7th March at 2.30pm at Maryvale. Further details from Vera Butler.

Walsingham – Ann is always happy to receive any payments towards Walsingham. Full payment is required by 15th March 2008.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

<u>Monday 11th</u>	7pm Mass
<u>Tuesday 12th</u>	10am Mass followed by coffee
<u>Wednesday 13th</u>	7pm Mass
<u>Thursday 14th</u>	10am Mass followed by coffee
<u>Friday 15th</u>	7pm Mass & Stations in church
<u>Saturday 16th</u>	10am Mass
<u>Next Sunday 17th February Mass at 10.30am.</u>	
	<u>Stations at 6pm</u>

DIARY DATES

- 14th February – Hello Dolly
- 19th February – Cinderella Highbury Theatre
- 24th February – Taize Evening
- 9th March – AGM
- 16th March – Holy Week
- 6th April – Great Barr Prays Together at Saint Lukes.
- 9th April – Trip to Oxford
- 25th April – Saint Mark's Patronal Festival
- 17th October – Saint Luke's Day

ROTAS FOR 17th February

Welcome Team: Peggy, Cheryl, Flo

Readers: Jim & Lavinia

Administer: Michael C and Jo P.

Coffee: Sheila, & John R.

Sunday School: Andrea Dot, Iris, Karen

Servers: Hayley, Sue/John Ann B Edith