

The Great Television Mutiny

Every year we, as a family, debate what we will give up for Lent. Last year we all gave up the television and when this was mentioned as a possibility for this year, the youngest three members of our household mutinied. It seems for 2008 giving up the TV is a sacrifice too far! Instead, we have decided not to make harsh, sarcastic or tittle tattle remarks about one another. To be frank, I think this might be harder than giving up the TV! What thought have you given up for Lent?

Lent is not only a time of abstinence when we practise restraint and self denial. It is also a time to recharge our spiritual batteries. Here at St Luke's there will be a full programme of events to help ensure we all have a holy, prayerful and reflective Lent. A list of these events is included as an insert to this newsletter.

Father Paul

NEWS & VIEWS

Welcome – to everyone joining us today for our Family Mass. We especially welcome our young people and any visitors. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall afterwards where there will be a chance to buy a ticket for both our raffles and the opportunity to make new friends.

This Wednesday – is Ash Wednesday and we will be holding a joint Mass & Imposition of Ashes here with Saint Marks at 7pm. This is an important celebration for all Christians.

Cinderella – John Biddell is happy to book places for this, which is to be performed at The Highbury Theatre 19th-23rd February. On Tuesday 19th there will be transport available. The total cost is £9.50.

Taize Evening – Sunday 24th February at 6pm. An opportunity not to be missed, even if you have never experienced this before do come along and enjoy this very moving and spiritual form of worship.

Mary Poppins – Please see Ann Babington if you would like to put your name down for this lovely musical.

Please preserve – silence before and after Mass. This is very special to Saint Luke's and it is a time for silent prayer.

Oxford – on the 19th April we are planning a trip to Oxford, including a visit to Pusey House for Mass. Adults £12 children £7. Further details next week.

Rotas – Please let Mary know if you would like to go on the welcome team, readers or tea rota. All offers gratefully received, just put your name on the sheet on the contact table! We **especially need people for the tea rota** and we are grateful to those few who regularly provide us with our much sought after refreshments after Mass.

Bible Alive – If you would like a copy of Bible Alive to help you with your Lenten study then please see Margaret in the parish centre.

Next Saturday – we begin the first of our Lenten Studies. Breakfast or tea/coffee will be served after Mass and before the beginning of our session.

Sundays in Lent – at 6pm next week we will be having Stations of the Cross. Why not come along and join this reflective form of worship?

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

<u>Monday 4th</u>	7pm Mass
<u>Tuesday 5th</u>	10am Mass followed by coffee
<u>Wednesday 6th</u>	7pm Mass & Imposition of Ashes
<u>Thursday 7th</u>	10am Mass followed by coffee
<u>Friday 8th</u>	7pm Mass
<u>Saturday 9th</u>	10am Mass
<u>Next Sunday 10th February Mass at 10.30am.</u>	

Please note that other than on a Thursday, all mid week masses will be in the Walsingham Chapel

DIARY DATES

- 6th February – Ash Wednesday
- 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 10th February

Welcome Team: Margaret & Ray

Readers: Anne Bennett, Sheila Morris

Administer: Ray, Angela

Coffee: Dot and Iris.

Sunday School: Cheryl, Flo, Gill, Sue

Servers: Patrick, Alan K, Alan B, Sue, Stan.