

Mass Times for the Week

1 – 7 March 2009		Cricklade	Reconciliation	9am	
First Sunday of Lent			Mass	9.30am	<i>Mary-Anne & Jesse Hancock Anniversary</i>
Monday 2	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>	Fairford	Mass	11.00	
		Fairford	Mass	8.00am	
Tuesday 3	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>	Fairford	No Mass		
Wednesday 4	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>	Fairford	Stations	6.00pm	
			Mass	6.30pm	
Thursday 5	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>	Fairford	Mass	9.00am	
Friday 6	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>	Cricklade	Mass	10.00am	
Saturday 7	<i>Weekday of Lent</i>	Fairford	Reconciliation	9.30am	
			Mass	10.00am	
Second Sunday of Lent		Fairford	Vigil Mass	6.00pm	<i>Margaret Schimmel-pfenning RIP</i>

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1 & Proper of Season.

Please pray for the sick and housebound:

Gwen Crampsie, Peter & Anna Herman, Adona & Sev Gander, Fr Antony Fejer, Iona McVean, Sarah Brophy, June Howell, Gerry Drumm, Tess Shirley.

Please pray for those who anniversaries occur at this time: John Dunne, Stephen Lawson, Patrick Lanney, Maise New, Anna Vince.

A Coordinator has come forward for Good Friday Children's Workshop in Cricklade. Now she needs to know who the helpers will be. Please ring Pam Cowler 01793 750771 to say if you are willing and whether you can attend a meeting at her home, 29 Paul's Croft, Cricklade on Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm.

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St Thomas of Canterbury, Fairford, and St Mary's, Cricklade

Newsletter

1 March 2009

First Sunday of Lent

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Please give generously to CAFOD's Lent Fast Day this Friday, 6 March, and help bring hope to people living in poverty. Envelopes are available in church this weekend. Don't forget to fill in your Gift Aid details if you are a taxpayer.

Climate change

The world's poorest communities are hit hardest by climate change – yet they have done the least to cause the problem. Add your voice to CAFOD's new campaign calling for global action on climate change. Take action online at www.cafod.org.uk/climatejustice.

Bishop Declan and CAFOD Director Chris Bain are among the speakers at a meeting in Bristol on Wednesday 25 March. See poster at back of church.

Lent Lunches

These are being organized by Churches Together around Fairford at the Community Centre, Fairford, on Fridays 13, 20 & 27 March, 12 noon to 1.30. Come and eat good soup and support CAFOD and Christian Aid.

Lent Groups in Cricklade

Churches Together will be running groups on the theme 'These Three', a reference to 1 Corinthians 13:13, starting in the first week of March. There will be a Monday Group (7.45pm at the Parish Room, Bath Road); a Tuesday Group (1.30 pm at 21 North Wall); and a Thursday Group (7.45pm at Cricklade United Church). You can 'mix and match' which and whenever you find most convenient.

Father Philip will be helping to lead some of the meetings. Participants will be invited to contribute to a joint meeting on the Monday evening of Holy Week.

Lent Groups in Lechlade

Likewise the four churches will be running meetings based on the York course and called 'Faith, Hope and Love'. There will be five 90 minute sessions, and again there is a choice of days and times.

To join please use the yellow leaflet at back of St Thomas's.

Know Him More Clearly

The next meeting is Wednesday 4 March.

WAGS – 11 March’09

Come and join a friendly group of parishioners for a sociable chat over a cup of tea and home made cake. We meet from 2.30pm to 4pm at the Presbytery on the second Wednesday in each month. Everyone is very welcome. Contact Sue Coakley 01367 253306.

Collections for 22 February

Fairford:£87.20 Cricklade:£102.40 Candles: £22.88
Catholic Children’s Society:191.02

To contribute via Gift Aid contact: James Midwood
01367 252107

‘155’ Club

Winners for January Draw:- £25 No.117 Stuart Thomson, £15 No.134 Martha Woehle, £10 No.147 Mrs H. Smart, £5 No.55 Mr D Heath.

If you wish to join, we have quite a few numbers spare, please contact Gerry Dudley (Cricklade) 01793 750107 or Pat Egerton (Fairford) 01285 712734.

The meaning and symbols of the Easter Vigil

A day of prayer and reflection on this theme is being held on 21 March at Holy Family Parish Hall, Patchway, from 10.30am to 3.00pm. It will be led by Fr Christopher Whitehead and Sr Elizabeth Ann Llewellyn and is open not only to those preparing to be received this Easter but also to anyone interested in learning more about the Easter Vigil in celebrating salvation. See applications at back of church.

Women’s World Day of Prayer

Friday 6 March at the Community Centre, Fairford at 3.00pm. This is an international ecumenical gathering for prayer. Please support it if you are free.

Do This in Memory of Me

The repeat of our Liturgy Day is on Saturday 14 March. Please see pink forms at the back of the church.

People for You

There is to be an event to launch this scheme in Lechlade. It is at the Memorial Hall on Friday 13 March between 10.30 and 12.30. The event will include stands by service providers who support elderly people in the area. Several parishioners are already volunteers for this scheme elsewhere in the parish.

Witnessing Reality in Israel-Palestine

This is the title of an illustrated talk by Paul Raymond, recently returned from the West Bank, at 11am on Saturday 7 March at the Friends’ Meeting House, 53 Thomas Street, Cirencester. All welcome at this meeting organized by the Gloucestershire Quakers.

Visit of Lyra from St Petersburg

Lyra is a Russian vocal ensemble, trained in St Petersburg Conservatory as musicians, dancers and opera singers, who are soloists at musical theatres in the city. Their main goal is to introduce and popularize the musical heritage of the Russian Orthodox Church, as well as Russian folk music. Churches Together in Cricklade is organizing a visit by Lyra on Wednesday 22 April at 7.45pm in St Sampson’s. Tickets from Churches Together reps.

Lourdes – Easter 2009

From Easter Sunday to the following Sunday (12-19 April): 5 nights coach travel, meals and accommodation in Lourdes – approximately £350. Please contact Fr Kevin Hennessey on 01452 713254. Travelling on this coach assists young helpers for the HCPT pilgrimage. There are 10 places left on the coach.

MASS TEXT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls to me, I will answer; I will rescue him and give him honour. Long life and contentment will be his.

FIRST READING (Genesis 9:8-15)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.®

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. ®

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. ®

SECOND READING (St Peter 3:18-22)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL (Mark 1:12-15)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.