

# The Parish of Greenford Magna



## Stop Press

Our weekly newsletter at Holy Cross Church

Sunday 7th March, 2010

Third Sunday of Lent



The withered fig tree by Ian Pollock

There is a Horticultural theme in today's Gospel reading. Plants, earth, manure - it all sounds rather messy to a townee like me. I was brought up with a back yard, literally flagstones, not in any way a garden and I am well-known in my family as someone who doesn't even like getting his wellies wet or dirty, let alone my shoes!

A Fig tree features today and a rather patient gardener. No rush, but eventually, a decision needs to be made. In the end if it doesn't bear fruit, then it will have to go since that is its work, that is its purpose in life.

### This Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-9  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13: 1-9  
Intercessions  
Servers: MC – Susan Wyatt; Crucifer – John Sidebottom; Thurifer – Annabel Radville; Acolytes – Olivia Ross and Natasha Moses

### Lent Three

Priceless food freely available  
God is faithful  
A parable of the fig tree

### RCL p. 827-830

Brownies & Rainbows  
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Hymns 884, psalm, 837, 857, 765, 827 (twice)

Psalm antiphon O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS

After holy communion, the Holy Cross Choir will sing Only forgiveness by Patrick Appleford

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### **YOU ARE WELCOME AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

Under 6's welcome in the Crèche which is in the Parish Room.

5-12's are welcome in Chris...Cross except on Youth Sundays when we are all in Church.



## NOTICES for Sunday, 7th March, 2010

Midweek:

Tuesday

7.00am Said Mass

Friday

7.00am Said Mass in the Old Church

Saturday

11am A Talk about the Mothers' Union followed by lunch at noon

Next Sunday

## Sunday, 14th March, 2010

## Lent Four

8.00am

Said Mass in the Old Church

**9.30am**

**THE PARISH MASS**

### Next Sunday

Joshua 5: 9-12

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Intercessions

Servers: MC – Peter Fuller; Crucifer – Gerald Najera; Thurifer – Annabel Radville; Boat – Miles Bernadine; Acolytes - Annais Najera and Isabelle Najera

### Lent Four

A place named Gilgal

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation

The parable of the Prodigal son

### RCL p. 831-835

Sheila Mansell

Heather Moore

Pete Tolley

## Lent, 2010

### **Lent Lunches - next Saturday at 11am!**

There will be a talk about the work of the Mothers' Union at 11am and this is followed by Lent lunch at noon

Moneys raised will go to a school in Mozambique (see item 5) as part of the ALMA link with London, Mozambique and Angola. We are sharing the fund-raising with children from Edward Betham School.

### **Lent Boxes**

You may take away a small model of the church today which can be used for collecting your odd change and provide a little extra money during Lent for our charity. Return at Eastertide.





**HOT OFF  
THE  
PRESS !!!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS  
and  
ADVANCE NEWS**

### **1. CHRIS...CROSS**

As this is a Youth Sunday, there is no Chris...Cross session. Back on 14th March as usual.

### **2. VISITORS FROM GERMANY**

The dates are from 13th – 16th May, 2010 and we expect a large group, so please put the date in your diary today so that you can join in this enjoyable parish-to-parish event. We now have 12 firm hosts and we are seeking 8 or so more. Please respond today. The hosts are asked to provide suitable accommodation with breakfast, and join in as much of the fun as possible.

### **3. HOLY CROSS MOTHERS' UNION**

We meet every month on the first Monday at 8pm at the rectory or other venues. New members are always welcome and you do not have to be a mother or even female! Men, women, young and old are all included.



### **4. TODAY!**

Bacon rolls/toasted cheese sandwiches £1.50 each. Limited supplies! After the service on March 7th. Place your orders in advance with Jill Marsh or take pot luck on the day.

### **5. OUR LENT PROJECT - ALMA'S CHILDREN**

Lent 2010 will see us raising funds for Angola and Mozambique along with other church in the Diocese and we will be focusing on **All Saints' School**, or Escola de Todos dos Santos in Nacala, Mozambique. We will be combining our efforts with the pupils of Edward Betham School and the funds raised will be ear-marked for books for this school Please join in by filling in Gift Aid envelopes, coming to Lent Lunches and enjoying the Lenten groups available for 5 weeks.

### **6. PALM SUNDAY PASSION GOSPEL**

Members of the congregation are invited to become part of the team which will deliver the dramatised Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday, 28th March. See Tony Nayager.

### **7. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOOKS**

After the Mass, please return your hymn and other books to where you received them.

### **8. ELECTORAL ROLL 2010**

To be able to vote at our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** on **Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup>**, or stand for election - you must be on our **Electoral Roll**. Please check the current roll on the notice-board. If your name is not there, or the details have changed, complete a blue form and return it to **Beth**, or put it in the box provided -no later than **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Palm Sunday

### **9. COMING UP – TWO DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Quiz Night on 24 April (St George's day theme) and the Holy Cross annual Dinner Dance, 22 May. Reserve dance tickets now to avoid disappointment! See Annabel or Brian Radville and Peter or Rosemary Abernethy today.

### **10. CALLING ALL NEEDLEWOMEN AND MEN**

Edward Betham School are seeking support for a project involving sewing Please respond.

### **11. ANNUAL REPORTS**

Please will all those responsible for writing annual reports send them to Tracey Cameron by the end of February. The report should consider the year 2009. APCM is Tuesday 20th April.

## **12. EDWARD BETHAM FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

We are holding a fundraising auction of goods and promises on Saturday 20th March in Holy Cross New Church. Doors open 6.30pm to view, food served 7.15pm and auction starts at 8pm. Tickets are £6 per adult, £2.50 per child and include a fish & chip supper. Please book in advance as we need to order the food! For tickets and further information please see Louise Law or Melanie Weston after church service or call Melanie. Thanks.

## **13. CONFIRMATION, 2010**

We are setting up both adult and young persons' preparation for Confirmation which will be on Sunday, 27th June, at 9.30am. Please give details on paper to Neil as soon as possible.

## **14. CHRIS...CROSS CHILDREN**

Computer games distract the lesson and cause arguments. Please do not bring them.

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