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# THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Year A

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# "Be The Church" - Parishes Festival – France 27<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020

Dear Parishioners

We have just started this new year and already it's good to plan our summer time. Time's flying... Fr.Sebastian last week spoke about Cana week, for couples and families, which will happen at the end of July, in Cornwall. Next week we will communicate about a festival for young people: "Welcome to paradise".

However, this week I would like to invite each one of you, young, elderly, single, families to a Festival in France, called "Be the Church". It is an international Festival of the parishes entrusted to the Chemin Neuf Community. This event is an opportunity for our parish to spend some quality time together, for learning, praying, and experiencing a real family Holiday.

Two years ago, I invited some of you to something similar, and I asked Dominic Cox to share with us a bit of his experience to encourage us to go:

"In the summer of 2018, I went with my wife and a group of other parishioners to Fraternités Paroissiales Missionaires du Chemin Neuf week at the Abbey Notre Dame des Dombes near Lyons.

It was a spiritually inspiring, challenging and rewarding week for me. The programme of prayer, worship, teaching and sharing enriched my faith. The daily talks each morning focussed on an in-depth commentary on Mark's Gospel and how it relates to our personal Christian life and our life in our parish. Although the talks were in French the simultaneous translation was excellent. The sharing groups in the afternoon helped to put the teaching into the context of our daily life. We ate our meals in small groups; the only work we had to do was to wash up.

It was good to meet parishioners from other Chemin Neuf parishes from France and other countries. It was great to see the Chemin Neuf gathered together as a living community, greeting each other like family members that they may not have seen for months or years. There was a lot of beige!"

`This year it will be a Festival open to everyone, with free workshops in the afternoon. Everyone can build his programme. Please speak with me if you would be interested to go.

We will have a meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 8.00pm, St John's room (first floor).

More information on the website: <u>https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/cockfosters/parishes-festival-be-the-church-in-france/</u>





2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

# **PARISH GROUPS**

# Monday Prayer Group

Next Monday - 3 February at 8 pm - we look forward to the return of Andrew and Maggie Colvin; Maggie has such prophetic gifts which help evangelise! Thomas Aston will lead worship, we will pray over Parish prayer requests and people will receive prayer if they wish; everyone most welcome.

## Parent Toddler Group

Wednesdays - 9.30 - 11.30am

BT Club Thursday afternoons 1.30 - 3.30pm 6<sup>th</sup> February Play Your Cards Right 13<sup>th</sup> February Feel the Love

## Christian Meditation Group

Now that the busy Christmas celebrations are over we may continue to worship God in silence. In Christian meditation groups we listen to a short reading to focus our attention on God and we then spend 25 minutes in silence to allow the Holy Spirit to pray deep within us. Groups meet on Monday morning at 11.45am and Tuesday evening at 7pm. You are verv welcome to join us.

## **"PRAYING WITH ICONS"** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10am to 4pm.

The CCS invite you to this day to explore the history of Icons and how they can lead us into prayer and silence. The day will be led by Audrey Hamilton. Lunch and refreshments provided. Coffee from 9.30am. Suggested donation £30.00. Parish Concessions £20.00. We do not want cost to be a barrier so please pay what you can afford.



# LIVE SIMPLY ACTION

Join us for a cup of tea or coffee on Thursday 13th February at 7.00 pm in the Small Hall and help explore ways of living simply, as a parish community and as individuals. By making choices to live sustainably and in solidarity with the poor, we act as responsible stewards of creation. Your collaboration is very much appreciated.

#### PETER HYLTON

Long term and devoted parishioner. Died on 29<sup>th</sup> January. His funeral has been arranged for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

# EILEEN KELLY

Long term, devoted parishioner and CWL Member. Died on 26<sup>th</sup> January. Her funeral has been arranged for Wednesday 12th February.

Please pray for their souls

### **YOUTH MATTERS**

First Holy Communion preparation next session for the sacrament of First Reconciliation on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 9.45am for parents and children. Mass at 11am.



#### WINTER CANA WEEKEND **Communicating at a Deeper Level**

The weekend will give you as a couple dedicated time to focus on each other with a combination of talks, time for contemplation and prayer alone and together, within the safety of shared experiences with other couples.

22-23 February 2020 The Priory, School, Lane, Storrington.



#### **CANA WEEK Come Discover**

A six day journey to strengthen your marriage or long term relationship and deepen your spiritual life. It includes talks, prayer and time together as a couple.

26 July – 1 August 2020 Sclerder Abbey, Cornwall.



For more information : www.chemin-neuf.org.uk If you have children, they are looked after by DBS checked volunteers.

## A BIG THANK YOU

To all who were able to help with the refurbishment of the hall, electricians, painters, lunch makers, cake bakers, cleaners etc. We had 52 parishioners help in some way. A fantastic job has been done KNON! and the hall is now cleaner, brighter and greener!

Sunday 2 February 2020	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD year A Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Malachi 3:1-4. Ps. 23:7-10. Heb. 2:14-18. Lk. 2:22-40.	Thursday 30 January	St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Mass: 11.00am Readings: 1 Kings 2:1-4. 10-12. Ps. 1 Chron 29:10-12. Mk. 6:7-13.
Monday 3 February	Ss Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore, Archbishops of Canterbury Mass: 11.00am Readings: 2 Sam. 15:13-14. 30; 16:5-13. Ps. 3:2-8. Mk. 5:1-20.	Friday 31 January	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Eccl. 47:2-11. Ps. 17:31. 47. 50-51. Mk. 6:14-29.
Tuesday 4 February	Feria NO MASS Readings: 2 Sam. 18:9-10. 14. 24-25. 30 - 19:3 Ps. 85:1-6. Mk. 5:21-43.	Saturday 1 February	Our Lady on Saturday Masses: 11.00am & 5.30pm Readings: 1 Kings 3:4-13. Ps. 118:9-14. Mk. 6:30-34.
Vednesday 5 February	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr Mass: 11.00am Readings: 2 Sam. 24:2. 9-17. Ps. 31:1-2. 5-7. Mk. 6:1-6.	Sunday 2 February	FIFTH SUNDAY of year A Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10. Ps. 111:4-9. 1 Cor. 2:1-5. Mt. 5:13-16