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Services

SUNDAY	09:00 HOLY EUCHARIST (BCP) 10:30 SUNG EUCHARIST	Coffee / lunch in the Hall
WEEKDAY	Tuesday at 19:30 Thursday at 10:30 Saturday 10:30 Confession by appointment with the clergy	

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The Chaplain writes

Anyone looking at our website, or our facebook page - and I would heartily recommend a regular look - can be in no doubt that we do a lot at St Boniface. Certainly since Bishop Robert introduced Bishop Norman to us in December, we have all been very busy. Their visit was a happy occasion, and a historic moment in the Diocese in Europe.

Christmas was a joy, and this year began earlier than usual with a children's crib service complete with dancing stars! Our Christmas worship was offered in that beauty of holiness, which can only be achieved by a devoted team of cleaners, servers and singers . Then the confirmation... Over many weeks, our eleven young people came together to study the faith - supported by their families and the prayers of the congregation. At the confirmation service which was held on Candlemas, their responses were confident, and the atmosphere one of happy celebration. A great buffet and party rounded off the day.

Most recently, the fundraising lunch for elderly people in Uganda

was a great success, thanks to the devoted work of Stellan and her helpers in the Mothers Union group. All this activity is encouraging and shows us just how much we can do together.

Now we have a couple of weeks break before Lent begins. Then we take time out to reflect on our faith and what it means to live the Christian life. Do make every effort to ensure that this Lent really touches each one of us, and enriches our common life.

Perhaps you will come to an extra service in the week - there are plenty to choose from! Or you may resolve to prepare more thoroughly for those services you already attend.. Remember, you should always be saying your private prayers at least five minutes before the service itself begins.

You might consider joining one of our study sessions; or the women in our Mothers Union.

Are you a secret singer? Why not join the choir? Or you could make the effort to get to know a few more people over coffee, or at Sunday lunch

There is so much on offer at St Boniface, and I am sure there is so much that you can offer to St Boniface!

The Bishop's 2017 Lent Appeal Project Menedékház in Hungary

This year's Lent Appeal Project is for the Menedékház in Hungary. Founded in 2005 on the outskirts of Budapest it helps homeless families with children reintegrate into the workplace and society at large. We aim to fund the comprehensive renovation of the family washrooms, providing individual cabins or cubicles for family groups to change, wash, and shower.



Old
Shower
facilities

The proposed renovation will include:

- Three large bathroom areas, one on each floor of the building
- Ten to twelve cabins or cubicles in each washroom with doors and locks for individual and family use
- One or more baby-changing and washing stations

This work will include: Sinks, Toilets, Tile flooring, New walls, Ventilation, Showers, Upgraded electricity, Upgraded plumbing, Windows.

The estimated cost of renovation is in the range of £10 -15,000.

Sometimes it is the smallest things in life that count the most. With this project, we hope to improve the lives of those served by the Menedékház. Washing-up and toileting facilities may not seem exciting in the grand scheme of things but they are essential and much appreciated among those who are vulnerable or otherwise just getting by.

Donations to this appeal should be made through our vzw bank account (details on P2) and treasurer, Immanuel John, will forward these to the diocese. Alternatively, you can put your donation in a sealed envelope, marked Bishop's Appeal, and put it in the collection plate on a Sunday.

News from the parish

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2017: This will be from 26 to 30 June. If you would like to join us, please speak to Ann Turner or Fr Andrew. To book a place we ask for a €25 non-returnable deposit. The final cost is between €350 and €400 depending on the exchange rate and mode of transport.

Last date for reservation March 1, 2017!

Farewell and God speed to the Brown Family: Anna Brown and family, including their sons who were confirmed on January 29th are leaving Belgium and relocating to Chile. We wish them God speed!

R.I.P. Mimi Tcherkazian and Anna Barnard died recently. May they rest in peace.

Cleaning for Easter: Please join us if you can for a cleaning day on Saturday 8 April when we will make the church sparkle for Easter!

Easter Flowers: If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the Easter flowers or help arrange them please contact Pat Deckmyn, pat.deckmyn@scarlet.be , or Fr Andrew.

Low Emission Zone: St Boniface Church is within the city of Antwerp's low emission zone. Certain (mostly older) vehicles with elevated exhaust levels can be fined if they enter the zone; foreign cars (i.e. those not in the national database) are required to register. Please check the details for your vehicle at <https://www.slimnaarantwerpen.be/en/lez/conditions> and register if necessary.

Mothers' Union Group: The next meeting to which all mothers and supporters are very welcome will be on March 11th at 11:00. The young children and their parents are going on a trip to the zoo in Antwerp on February 12th. We look forward to some photos.

Up to date news and photos from the parish on boniface.be

Confirmations & Candelmas

January 29th 2017

On the last Sunday in January we celebrated the Feast of Candelmas and the Bishop of Richborough, Rt. Rev'd Norman Banks, confirmed eleven young candidates -Max Eduardo, Elin, Alix, Michael, Efuah, Nano, Amos, Abakah, Stephanie and Precious.

What a joyous festival this was! The church was full.

The candidates had been prepared during the preceding months and were confident and proud to answer the Bishop's questions to them at the moment of confirmation. Some of them had learnt the whole service by heart!

It is quite a while since so many candidates were presented on one day and the first confirmation service in St Boniface by Bishop Norman. The sea of candles, the gold vestments and the personal encounter with our Bishop will have created a lasting memory for our young people.



When they are older and asked where they were confirmed they will hopefully remember "St Boniface at Candelmas," wherever in the world they happen to be.

The service was followed by a well-supplied party. Our thanks to all who provided food -nothing went to waste!

We hope that these eleven young people will grow in their faith, be encouraged by those around them and be regular communicants.

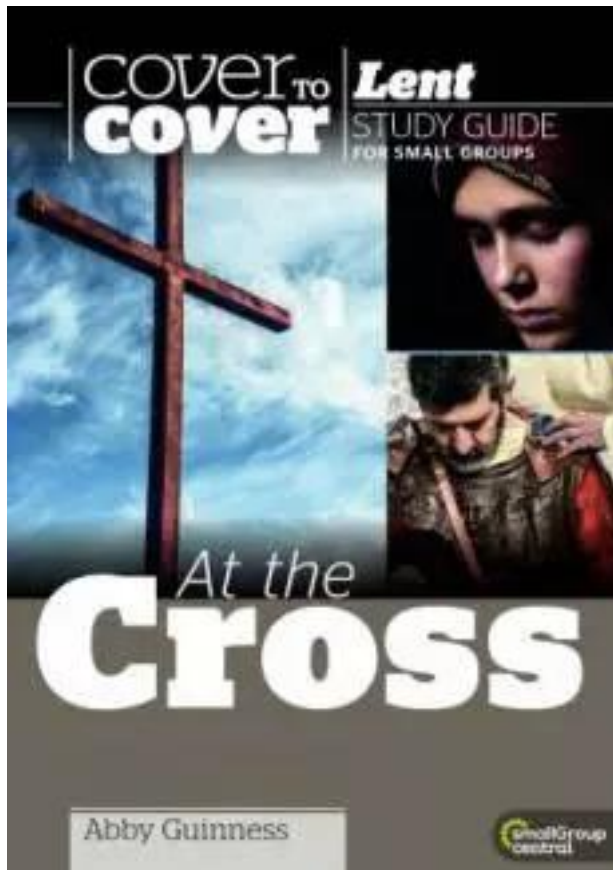


Lent course 2017

In our Lent study this year we shall consider the experiences of six Bible characters who witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus.

Their stories and responses can help us find a fresh perspective on the death and resurrection of Jesus and the wider implications of what was achieved for individuals and all humanity.

The course will be offered twice a week: Men's breakfast on Wednesdays 7:30 to 8:30 and Thursday morning after 10:30 Eucharist. The study book is available at €5.



DIARY DATES

March 1 Ash Wednesday	10:30 Eucharist 19:30 Sung Eucharist
Sunday March 12	12:00 Mothers Union Group meets after the Eucharist
Saturday March 25 Holy Trinity Brussels	10:30 to 15:50 ACB Quiet Day for Lent led by Ven. Paul Vrolijk, Archdeacon of NW Europe
Tuesday March 28	20:00 vzw meeting in Hall
Saturday April 1 at 20:00 St Boniface Church	Concert by Kyran Ryan for benefit of the Alice Fonds vzw -see posters and website for details
April 16 Easter Day	See 'Lent & Easter, P10 for times.
April 23 at noon	Friends of St Boniface & St Boniface Church AGM's

Check out the details and follow-up on events:

Photos on **boniface. be** on **Facebook** or **Twitter**

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will be published quarterly from now on.

Up-to-date dates and news are always available on church notice boards, and on-line via Facebook, Twitter and the website.

May Fair - 13 May, 2017

This year our summer fundraiser will take place in the church and Parish Hall from 11 to 17:00 on Saturday, May 13th. We really need your support on this day- please visit us and bring friends! There will again be a selection of stalls in the garden and food and drink all day in the Vicarage and Hall. We really look forward to offering you all a warm welcome!

Stalls & Refreshments:

If you are interested in helping with a stall or working in a team preparing and serving refreshment (Morning Coffees and Afternoon Teas in the Vicarage, or lunches in the Hall) then make a note in your diary for the planning meeting on Sunday 30th April at 12 noon after the main service. We hope to greet new faces: remember "Many hands make light work!"

Lent and Easter 2017

Ash Wednesday:	March 1st at 10:30 and 19:30
Lent Study Course:	Thursday March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and 6 April after 10:30 Eucharist
Men's Lenten Breakfast:	Wednesday March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 7:30 - 8:30

Palm Sunday : **April 9**

Holy Week : Daily services, see website for details

Easter Day: Mass of the Dawn: April 16 at 07:00* *please check -
Breakfast to follow*
The Eucharist (BCP) at 09:00
Sung Eucharist at 10:30

The time for early Easter Day service is at not yet confirmed- please see church notices or website closer to the day!

For further information visit our website, boniface.be or Facebook page

Nyumba Ya Wazee



The benefit lunch for **Nyumba ya Wazee**, supporting an old people's home in Uganda, took place in the Church hall on Sunday 5 February and was a great success! Over €600 was raised for the project and this will help to purchase medical supplies. A big "Thank You" to everyone who came or donated!

Further information on the home and its aims is available from Stellah Kakura, via **seniorenhuis@gmail.com**.

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