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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 1967

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Bishop's Hostel, Lincoln.

Dear People of St. John's,

By the time you read this I expect you will all have heard the sad news that we shall be losing Fr. Barry sometime after Easter. He will be going to a second curacy in the Parish of St. Lawrence, Frodingham, Scunthorpe, after serving here for three years.

Parish which he has served so faithfully under no less than three vicars!

I wonder how many other curates can claim to have had three vicars in three years? But in spite of what must have been difficult times, both Fr.

Barry and Anne have come through them all with flying colours, and I know how grateful you are for all they have done for St. Johns and the Parish during their stay here.

Their departure will also be a great personal loss to me. For, although I knew before I came that the time would come for them to move on, they have been very good friends to me. Their kindness and help have been the greatest assistance to me in settling into the life of the Church and getting to know the Parish.

appreciation to them in a practical way contributing gift for their new home. If, therefore, you would like to contribute towards this gift, please give - or send - your donation to one of the Churchwardens, either r.

Thomas, 83, Laughton Way or ar. Moore, 97, Browning Drive, by Sunday, earch 26th (Easter Day). Meanwhile I would commend Fr. Barry's future ministry in Scunthorpe to your prayers, and also ask you to pray that God will send us a suitable successor as soon as may be possible.

Yours sincerely, John Allen.

P.S. I still have no idea as to when I shall be able to move into the Vicarage, but I hope it will be before Easter.

Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent - falls this year on Feb. 8 when we shall have two celebrations of Holy Communion, at 9.15 am & 7.30

Lent is the special season in the Christian Year when our Lord calls us (1) to deepen our devotion to God by increasing the time and/or the evening celebration. quality of our worship, prayer and Bible reading; and (2) to discipline 10 Fri Womens World Day of Prayer. our lives by making a special effort to fight our temptations and sins and to correct our faults and failings.

Many Christians find that a Lent Rule helps them to do these things. But it should be simple and include the two elements of

- 1. Devotion: e.g. I will worship God in church every Sunday morning.
- 2. Discipline: e.g. I will deny myself some pleasure or luxury and give the money I save to the Missionary work of the Church.

Lent boxes for this purpose will be available in church and should be returned on Easter Day.

WHAT LEOUT THE WORKERS ?

For those who will be in town, working or shopping, at dinner time on Fridays in Lent, may we suggest the lunchtime services which will be held in St. Mary-le-Wigford. These will start at 12.30 p.m., will last about 20 minutes each and the speakers will include Rev. Brian Baker, Philip Race and the Bishop of Grantham. Take your own sandwiches and coffee will be available in the Hall.

LENTEN SERMONS

On Sunday mornings Fr. John Will preach the following series of sermons on "Our Lord Jesus Christ"

Feb 12 : His Divine Nature

Feb 19: His Virgin Birth

Feb 26: His Sinless Life

5 : His Undeserved Sufferings

Mar 12 : His Atoning Deeth

Mar 19 : His Descent into Hell

dar 26 : His Glorious Resurrection

2 Thu THE PURIFICATION Holy Communion 7. 30 p.m.

5 Sun QUINQUAGESINA Int: .. ploy Close

8 Wed ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion at 9.15 am & 7.30pm There will be a short address at

7.50 p. n. at Ermine Congregational Church

12 Sun LENT 1 Int: .. ylesby Close

19 Sun LENT 2 Int: Asterby Close

24 Fr1 ST. M.TTHI.S On this day we will join with the people of St matthias at their Evening Communion Service at 8.0 p.m.

26 Sun LTNT 3 Int: Allandale Cl & V.

BOOK IN YOUR DIARY

THE ANNUAL PARISH METING

WEDN SDLY 29th MARCH

A BIATH

We offer our congratulations to Margaret (nee Bailey) and Brian Charlton on the birth of a daughter, unnGwendoline on January 26th.

... AND BAPTISMS ...

Jan 8 Julie Dawn Foster Tracy Taylor Samantha Louise Smith Peter John Taylor

UNITY 1967 ...

In a spirit of unity we offer our prayers for the desion to be conducted at Our Lady of Lincoln Church from Feb 5th to 12th. We wish success to Fr. Gilby who is to preach each night that week. Fr. Weaver invites any of St. Johns who wish to go any of the ission Services at 7.00 p.m. each night.

? ? THINKING POINT ? ?

Christian giving in this country has now reached the national average of 5/6 per person weekly. In our Period the average is