



Dear All,

On the move....

It was popular in some circles in England a couple of decades or more ago - I don't know if it was so here - for folk to begin a conversation with the question, "How are you travelling?" It was a well being rather than a mode of transport question of course. Well meant, when used it was generally accompanied by a deep and meaningful glance, which somehow left me feeling rather uncomfortable, though I don't quite know why. Maybe because I had a slight suspicion that the person asking the question would be just that little bit disappointed if I answered that I was actually 'travelling' quite well...

In truth, on reflection, I probably do those questioners a disservice. It's a good not a bad question. It matters. And for many of us **how** we are travelling is so very much related to **who** we are travelling with. The **who** can have a great deal of impact on the **how**.

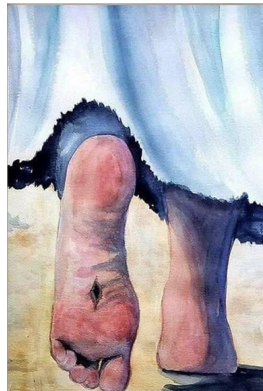
So here's a question from me to you, and to be honest, a question from me to me!

Who are you 'travelling' with?

And another one, **'Where are you going?'**

And now a suggestion for you and for me. Let Jesus be the 'who' over these next forty days of Lent, and let Jerusalem be the 'where'.

If you take the first suggestion, you might not always find the cabin sharing with your travelling companion entirely comfortable, and you may find yourself going out on the balcony to get away for some 'me' time. But, you will, I guarantee, find yourself strangely drawn back into the cabin and his company. And as for the destination? Well, even today Jerusalem is an extraordinary and often confusing mixture of earthiness and heavenliness, at once both exhausting and peace giving, so I can't quite say what your experience will be. But I do believe that you will be glad to be there on Easter Day, and glad to be there on the day of Pentecost 50 days later..



This is a man worth travelling with....

The Journey is from Ashes to Fire...

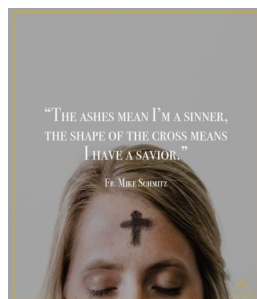
Somewhat excessive...?

Some might say that three masses in one day is somewhat excessive, and I must admit it is fairly unusual, unless of course we are speaking of a great cathedral or an R.C. parish with a congregation of hundreds.

But there will be three masses in little Christ Church next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, because I believe it is so important to offer everyone who wishes it, the opportunity to begin the season of Lent by being present at the Eucharist and to be marked with the sign of the Cross. In so doing we associate ourselves with the Lord as he 'sets his face' toward Jerusalem.

There will be **MASSSES with ASHES @ 7 am 10 am & 6.30 pm (with hymns)**

Let's make the decision to travel with him!



We will be helped on our journey from **Ashes to Fire** by Father John Stewart, a well known spiritual guide and experienced retreat conductor. (Fr John was the curate in the parish where I was a teenager!)



Those of you who attend the 10am mass will recognise Fr John who worships with us regularly

He has prepared a booklet to help us reflect individually on that journey, and on three Sunday he will help us reflect corporately.

Those three Sundays are:

Sunday 19th March @ 6

Sunday 23rd April @ 6

Sunday 21st May @ 6

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Fr John will introduce 'Ashes to Fire' during the 10am Mass this Sunday

Now, on an entirely different subject...The

SYDNEY ROAD STREET PARTY



takes place on SUNDAY MARCH 5th....

Needless to say, we want 'The Lamb' to be one of the 'go to' places on the day, and also use the opportunity to explain a bit about who we are at Christ Church. Among other things we may do a bit of a sausage sizzle.

If you can give a bit of a hand for an hour or two on that afternoon let me know or sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. Should be fun!

And finally, **GREAT NEWS** that our Cara will be back this week. It will be so good to see her! She found this place on St Giles' in Oxford last week. Surely a pale imitation.....Much love. +L



DON'T FORGET Bring your palm cross on Sunday for burning for Ash Wed.