

Shape of the Lent Course Meetings

There will be a music session in Church from 6 45 pm. Then:

1 **On arrival - hot fluids**

2 **This Sunday's Scripture** Talk (30 minutes)

- in which Fr Philip will briefly present Sunday's choice of Scripture, sketch in a bit of background, and prepare the ground for the group effort which follows

3 **Break rapidly into groups to play *Select The Theme***

- in which you share your thoughts about the principal message of the Liturgy. You can reflect on what needs addressing in your own life, the life of the parish, and the life of the wider community in which we are set.

One method:

- (i) choose the most significant phrase from the Scripture
- (ii) choose the most significant phrase from the Liturgy
 (*see especially the Preface & the Priest's Prayers*)
- (iii) cock an ear constantly for any specific Music that suggests itself

4 **Help the Homilist**

Had you the awesome responsibility, what would *you* decide to preach about this Sunday? Avoid pet hates and hobby-horses, and sincerely try to build a bridge between the Word of God, the Sacraments, and our lives.

5 **Offer an intention for prayer**

Groups will be given an area from among the classical divisions for the Prayer of the Faithful (the Bidding Prayers) viz.:

- (i) The Universal Church
- (ii) The World
- (iii) The Needy
- (iv) The local community
- (v) Those present at the Liturgy

Select something for the congregation to pray about in response to the chosen theme.

6 **Feedback**

To compare and contrast the groups' responses, which will also be offered to the congregations at Mass on Sunday.