

## *Message of the Holy Father for Lent 2003*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters!*

Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting and concern for those in need. It offers all Christians an opportunity to prepare for Easter by serious discernment about their lives, with particular attention to the word of God which enlightens the daily journey of all who believe. This year, as a guide for our Lenten meditation, I would offer a phrase taken from the Acts of the Apostles: «It is more blessed to give than to receive» (Acts 20:35). ...

Our age, regrettably, is particularly susceptible to the temptation toward selfishness which always lurks within the human heart. In society generally, and in the media, people are bombarded by messages which more or less openly exalt the ephemeral and the hedonistic. ... Faced with the tragic situation of persistent poverty which afflicts so many people in our world, how can we fail to see that the quest for profit at any cost and the lack of effective, responsible concern for the common good have concentrated immense resources in the hands of a few while the rest of humanity suffers in poverty and neglect? Appealing to believers and to all people of good will, I would like to reaffirm a principle which is self-evident yet often ignored: our goal should not be the benefit of a privileged few, but rather the improvement of the living conditions of all. Only on this foundation can we build that international order truly marked by justice and solidarity which is the hope of everyone.

*«It is more blessed to give than to receive».* When believers respond to the inner impulse to give themselves to others without expecting anything in return, they experience a profound interior satisfaction. The efforts of Christians to promote justice, their commitment in defence of the powerless, their humanitarian work in providing bread for the hungry

and their care for the sick by responding to every emergency and need, draw their strength from that sole and inexhaustible treasury of love which is the complete gift of Jesus to the Father. Believers are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, true God and true man, who, in perfect obedience to the will of the Father, emptied himself (cf. Phil 2:6 ff), and humbly gave himself to us in selfless and total love, even unto death on a cross. Calvary eloquently proclaims the message of the Blessed Trinity's love for human beings of all times and places. ...

The Son of God loved us first, while «we were yet sinners» (Rom 5:6), with an unconditional love which asks nothing in return. If this is so, how can we fail to see the season of Lent as a providential opportunity to make courageous decisions inspired by altruism and generosity? Lent offers us the practical and effective weapons of fasting and almsgiving as a means of combating an excessive attachment to money. Giving not only from our abundance, but sacrificing something more in order to give to the needy, fosters that self-denial which is essential to authentic Christian living. Strengthened by constant prayer, the baptized reveal the priority which they have given to God in their lives....

It is my fervent hope that believers will find this Lent a favorable time for bearing witness to the Gospel of charity in every place, since the vocation to charity is the heart of all true evangelization. To this end I invoke the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church and pray that she will accompany us on our Lenten journey. With these sentiments I affectionately impart to all my blessing.

## **JOANNES PAULUS II**

(Note: For the full text of the Pope's Lenten Message click on "Liturgical Year" at [www.Vatican.va](http://www.Vatican.va))

# MASS DURING LENT

VESCC SUNDAY MASS  
1 1:00, VOTIVE CHURCH

VESCC	OTHERS
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
12:00 Boltzmannngasse 7 7:00 Votive Church	12:30; 18:00 Christ-Hope of the World
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>	
<u>Mondays</u> 12:00 Seminary Chapel, Boltzmannngasse 7 <u>Thursdays</u> 12:30 Christ Hope of the World <u>Weekday Masses at Hohe</u> <u>Warte 46</u> as announced on the preceding Sunday. See p. 8 for map/directions.	<u>Mondays</u> 12:30 (African Community) <u>Wednesdays</u> 12:30 & 18:00 (Philippines Community) <u>Fridays</u> 12:30 (Indian Community) * All at Christ-Hope of the World
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	
<u>Ecumenical Services</u> : 1:00 every Tuesday <u>Eucharistic Adoration</u> : After 6:00 pm Mass, Monday, Wednesday, Friday (Carmelite Church -Silbergasse 35, 19 <sup>th</sup> District)	

**Note:** Father Kevin is also willing and ready to celebrate House Masses. Those interested can contact him at 0664 824 3630.

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## *Bible Alive*

*Bible Alive, the Lenten edition, is now available and provides reflections on daily readings for each day of Lent. It costs 2.50 Euro and will be available each Sunday after Mass as long as the supply lasts. It is also available from the office.*



## Lenten Charity Projects

Each year VESSC commits itself to fund projects as part of its Lenten charity activities. Donation boxes are available at the side entrance of the church after Sunday Mass. One of these projects is the support given to the education of street children. In this issue we present VESSC's involvement in CHILDHOPPE. The details of other Lenten Charity Projects will follow soon.

CHILDHOPPE Asia Philippines has been one of the beneficiaries of VESSC's Lenten Charity Projects. CHILDHOPPE works towards the liberation of the child from the suffering caused by working and living on the street. Street children who live in the street come from broken families, are abused, mistreated, exploited and are abandoned to their own fate. Unless society intervenes they grow and die on the street without knowing the meaning of a normal life.

The major intervention strategy to make street children to stand on their own two feet and lead a normal life is education. CHILDHOPPE is providing such an opportunity to young street children towards which VESSC has been contributing. The nature of this intervention requires consistency of support. We must make sure that the children going to school through our contribution should be given the opportunity to complete their education. Therefore, this year's charity project should be part of that continuity. This point has been emphasized by the coordinator appealing to VESSC to continue supporting the continuation of the education of the 6 students who have been under our support. The following letter is self-explanatory regarding the continuation of VESSC support for the students successfully attending school.

### **CHILDHOPPE Asia Philippines**

The International Movement on Behalf of Street Children

6 February 2003

Dear Mr. Van Der Veen, Chairman of the VESSC Charity Committee:

#### **Re: A child's hope is in your hands**

*Thanks to the generous support of the VESSC in the year 2002, six street children from Metro Manila, Philippines, have been supported for their schooling for the school year (June) 2002 to (March) 2003. If you will recall, your donation of Euro 1,000.00 was transmitted to Childhope Asia Philippines (CHAP) in Manila and this was acknowledged by the Executive Director, Ms. Teresita Silva.*

*I am pleased to share with you a copy of the assessment of these six students, prepared by Miss Lorna D. Salen, the Social Worker who has been monitoring their performance in school and at home.*

*Your initial support covered the tuition and fees and basic school needs of these students for the first year of their high school studies. I am writing to appeal for the continuation of your support to enable them to proceed to the next year of the 4-years program. The amount involved is Euro 180.00 per student per school year or a total of Euro 1,080.00 for the six students.*

*Your continuing sponsorship is critical in enabling these students to continue their road to normalcy in their life. VESSC is giving hope to these children. Their education makes it possible to break the evil-circle of living in extreme poverty at the border of society. These children are then able to take a handle on their life, to gain self-confidence, to develop their potential for their own well being and for the well being of the society.*

For more information on Childhope, you may wish to visit its website [www.childhope.org.ph](http://www.childhope.org.ph).

Thank you and best regards.



Dr. Isabel R. Aleta  
Coordinator  
Childhope Austria

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**Pope John Paul II has called upon Christians to pray and fast for peace on Ash Wednesday, March 5.**

The pope said fasting that day should be an “expression of penitence for the hatred and violence that pollute human relations.” A peaceful future for the world cannot be won by terrorism or war, he said on Feb. 23.

The traditional abstinence from meat on the Fridays in Lent is encouraged by the Austrian Bishops, along with a freely chosen Lenten sacrifice according to individual conscience. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday remain days of fasting and abstinence with only one full meal; no eating between meals for ages 18 to 60 and no meat for age 14 and over.

# UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

HOLY SPIRIT; FILL US

Organized by women from the various English speaking churches of Vienna; Service written by the Christian Women from Lebanon

Date: **Friday 7 March 2003**  
Time: 9:30 am  
Place: Vienna Baptist Church  
Herndlgasse 6, 10<sup>th</sup> District

All ( young people, men and women) are welcome to attend this service, which will be followed by refreshment.

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## **Marriage Preparation Seminar in English**

**Saturday, 29 March, 2003**

**9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

For all couples planning to marry within the next year, there will be a one day course offered in English by Deacon Greg Felling. This will probably be the last one before next autumn. So, please, spread the word to English-speaking couples you know who are planning to wed during the summer or early next fall. Those interested need to register as soon as possible.

**Registration: Tel/Fax 402 18 30**

**Cost: € 38**

Place of seminar: Parish Hall, Rooseveltplatz 8

# COMMUNITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION

With Fr. Kevin

Saturday 5 April 2003

Venue: Haus Hohe Warte  
Soc. of the Imitation of Christ  
Hohe Warte 46, 1190 Vienna  
Time: 9:30-5:00  
Cost: € 10 to cover lunch  
Program includes talks, Mass,  
and adoration.

Please register by Sunday,  
March 30 by calling the office.

## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

will take place on  
April 6 beginning at 10:30 am.

Several priests will be able to hear individual confessions privately within the context of common prayer. Try to make use of this opportunity to prepare yourself for Easter.

## **ANNUAL WAY OF THE CROSS AROUND VIENNA**

VESCC shall make the Way of the Cross by visiting 14 important and beautiful churches. Each church will be a station of the cross where prayers of the Way of the Cross will be said. Explanations on the history of the church will be given. Join us.

Date: **12 April 2003, 9:00am**  
Duration: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Meeting Point: **Ruprechtskirche** (take U1 to Schwedenplatz and walk towards the inner city)  
Contact Jane Abaya for more details.

### Holy Week Services Summary

Holy Thursday	19:00	Votive Church
Good Friday	19:00	Votive Church
Holy Saturday	20:00	Boltzmannngasse 7
EASTER Sunday	11:00	Votive Church
Ecumenical		
Good Friday Service	12:30	Christ Church

## ***Liturgy Of Holy Week and Easter Sunday***

### ***Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - April 13***

*At the entrance we remember that Jesus entered Jerusalem humbly on a donkey. The children received him with loud cries of 'Hosanna'. They can do that anew at the procession with the branches.*

**11 a.m. Blessing of branches, Procession and Mass of the Lord's Passion - Please bring your own palms/pussy willows.**

### ***Holy Thursday – April 17***

*We begin the Easter Triduum of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, with the evening Mass of the Lord' Supper. This Mass, celebrated with the entire clergy and both congregations which worship in the Votive Church, stresses the unity of the Universal Church. After Mass we accompany Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane and are invited to respond to his invitation to "stay and pray with me for awhile".*

**7.00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (English/German), Votive Church**

## **Good Friday – April 18**

*12:30 Ecumenical Service at Christ Church (Anglican), Jauresgasse 12, 3<sup>rd</sup> District*

*Fr. Kevin would like to offer a Good Friday Afternoon Service (at Boltzmannngasse) specifically aimed at and for children, probably at 3:00pm, the hour of Christ's death. He would like to hear in advance what your response might be.*

### **7.00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Votive Church**

*This is the one day of the year on which the Eucharist is not celebrated. However, we gather for the solemn reading of St John's passion (Ch. 18-19) and in prayer ask for the needs of the church and the world. We solemnly bend our knees and adore the holy cross: "We worship you, Lord, we venerate your cross, we praise your resurrection. Through the cross you brought life to the world."*

## **Holy Saturday, The Easter Vigil – April 19**

### **Saturday, 8 p.m. Easter Vigil, Boltzmannngasse 7**

*The Liturgy of Light and Exsultet – Liturgy of the Word – renewal baptismal promises – Liturgy of the Eucharist*

*The Easter Vigil is liturgically the high point of the entire church year. We would like to try to encourage as many as possible to celebrate this moving liturgy with us. Please try to set aside this evening to be with us.*

## **Easter Sunday – April 20** **The Solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection** **Beginning of the Easter Octave**

### **11 p.m. Solemn High Mass, Votive Church**

## *Adult Retreat with Father Cyril*

A weekend retreat will take place with Fr. Cyril from 9 to 11 May 2003 at the Stift Vorau. The price will be €45 in a double room per person/night and €50 for a single room, full board. To reserve accommodation as well as for further information contact Miryam Wedekind at [Miriam.wedekind@undoc.org](mailto:Miriam.wedekind@undoc.org) or tel. 257 58 14 (res.) or 26060 5896 (office) as soon as possible but not later than March 14.

## *Spiritual Exercises*

Over 30 persons are attending the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in Daily Life as offered by Fr. Cyril on either Thursday evenings (7:00pm) or Friday mornings (10:00) at Rooseveltplatz 8. You are also welcome.

## *Alpha Course*

The course is geared to people who want to discuss important life issues and explores questions such as what is the meaning of life? What happens when we die? What relevance does Jesus have for our lives? How do we deal with guilt?

Day & Time: Each Wednesday evening 7:00 pm to 9:45 pm for 10 weeks from March 26 to 28 May 2003.

Venue: Donau City Church – Christ-Hope for the World (Donaucitystrasse 2, 1220 Vienna)

Cost: Free

Information and registration tel. 02236 23326; e-mail: [goaustria@ajmem.at](mailto:goaustria@ajmem.at)

## *ICON Painting Courses*

A week long course for Icon painting in the Russian tradition as well as the theology of Icons for beginners and advanced students will take place from Tuesday, 1 April to Saturday, 5 April 2003.

Day-long courses are also available every Tuesday and Thursday (or by arrangement)

Venue: Rooseveltplatz 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

For further info contact Sonja Skrepek, Tel. 886 26 45

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**x**treme -

high octane, an interactive journey.

**x**ploring -

the christian faith.

**x**perience -

action, laughs, screams, questions, challenge,  
sacred moments.

**x**citing -

connecting, building, racing, analysing, creating together.

**x**plore -

faithspace, listening, sharing, reflecting, praying.

**x**amine -

with story, game, talk, rhythm, drama, techno scramble,  
team challenge.

**x**hale -

and take a break to eat, chill out, reflect and catch some  
'shut eye'.

**x**treme -

enlightening, entertaining,

**ex**hausting,...

energising.

# GXP WEEKEND FOR TEENS

The teens of our VESCC Community are invited to join in this year's second GXP Weekend Retreat. The first in fall was a great success. We've reserved 15 places for Confirmation candidates and interested youth. We'll be joining with Austrian teens from Ternitz for this bi-lingual event. To register please contact Lee Sperry or the Church Office (402 18 30)

**Where:** Franzikushof, Oberhoflein  
Pfarre Langau  
Tel. 02912/428

**When:** 4. - 6. April, 2003  
Arrival 17h00 Friday  
Program starts at 18h00  
Leave on Sunday at 14h00 - 15h00

**What** to bring:

- at least a change of clothes, sports gear with runners.
- Bible, pen, notebook
- Sleeping bag; towels

**Cost:** All inclusive 50,-Euros plus transportation  
(Bus transportation is being arranged.)

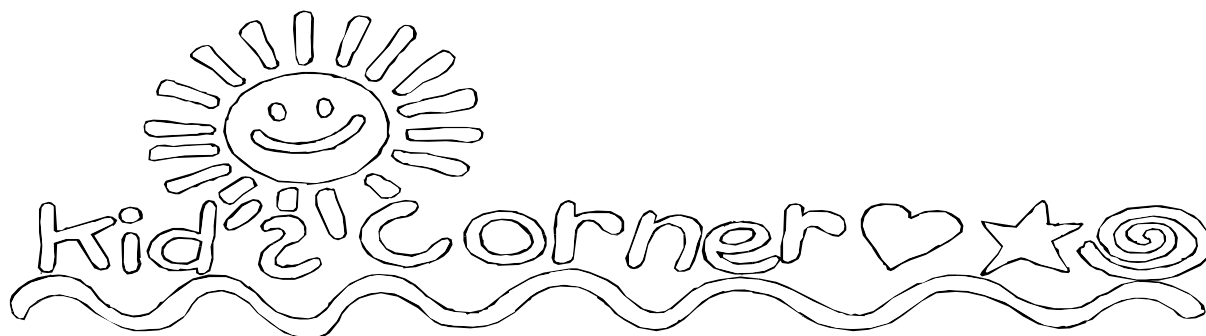
**Who for?** Catholic Youth ages 13 - 16 yrs For English and German speakers.

**Presented by:** Kerygma Teams Austria

**Kerygma Teams** is a branch of the international interconfessional lay-missionary organization Youth with a Mission. Kerygma Teams supports Catholic parishes, renewal movements, and groups active in evangelisation, mercy ministries and training in the Catholic Church.



**'Come and See'**



## DIS RELIGION CLASSES

Religion classes for Danube International Students  
Grades 5-7 take place at 4:15 at the Rooseveltplatz  
on Wednesday March 12, 26, April 2 and 23.

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## LENT CHILDREN'S MASS

on Sunday, March 30  
11:00am at Votive Church  
All are welcome.

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In preparation for Easter, there will be special  
Lenten Activities for those attending Religion  
Classes at VIS and AIS. Scheduled as of day of print  
are:

### AIS

- ❖ Fr. Kevin visits Religion Classes at AIS to  
"Kick-off" the Lenten Season on **March 11** at 3:15.
- ❖ Fr. Cyril celebrates Lenten Mass on **April 1** at  
3:15. Parents are also invited to join their  
children.
- ❖ Fr. Kevin and Fr. Cyril offer reconciliation  
service and individual confession on **April 8**.

### VIS

- ❖ Fr. Kevin visits Religion Classes at VIS to  
"Kick-off" the Lenten Season on **March 6** at 3:00.

**Find the following words out in this  
puzzle**

Way of the Cross	Penance	Easter
Lent	Charity	Palm Sunday
Ascension	Redemption	Triduum
Jesus	Holy Week	Good Friday
Crucifixion	Easter Vigil	Saviour
Fasting	Sepulchre	Holy Supper
Holy Thursday	Ash Wednesday	Passion
Paschal Mystery	Resurrection	

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**FIRST COMMUNION PREP.  
THRU EASTER**

Sunday, March 9, 9:30 Children & Parents  
Sunday, March 16, 9:30  
Sunday, March 23, 9:30  
Sunday, March 30, 9:30 Children & Parents

**CONFIRMATION PREP. SCHEDULE  
THRU EASTER**

Every Sunday at 9:30 from March 2 thru  
April 13.

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**Cub Scouts Working on Catholic Religious Awards**

Eight boys who are members of Cub Scout Pack 27 and members of the VESCC are currently working to complete their age appropriate religious award promoted and approved by the Catholic Committee on Scouting. The two awards, Light of Christ Award for boys in the 1st and 2nd grade and Parvuli Dei Award for boys in the 3rd and 4th grades, tie together the Church sacraments with the values promoted in Scouting. Additionally, they encourage the boys to learn more about their Catholic faith through the activities required for the award. Several boys have already begun to complete their award and will be having the medal awarded in the near future before the congregation during a Sunday Mass. If you would like more information on Cub Scouting and Pack 27, please see our webpage at [www.scoutsrock.com](http://www.scoutsrock.com).

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**Lent – An Ideal Season for Visiting Votive Museum**

The Votive Church houses one of the rarest old Gothic art treasure in the world, much older than the church itself. This is the Antwerp carved altar from the 1460s, also known as the Antwerp Passion Altar. The Altar consists of three reliefs: Carrying of the Cross; the Crucifixion of Christ; and the Mourning of Christ. Lent is a good time to visit the Passion Altar to admire its artistic beauty and to remind ourselves of the suffering of Christ for us. We recommend your visit. (entrance fee: € 2.90 for adults, children free)

## **How the VESCC Can Get Involved in Vienna's "Mission in the City" (Stadtmission) 2003**

Beginning 23 May through 1 June, 2003 Vienna will be the first city to host the annual International Congress for the New Evangelisation (ICNE) "Mission in the City". The streets, cafes, schools, churches, parks and train stations will be filled with people from all over the world spreading the Word of God. Conferences, workshops, concerts, banquets, and encounter sessions are planned to bring The Message to everyone. Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna has gotten 165 parishes, 20 international teams, 30 communities, including the Vienna English-Speaking Catholic Community, actors, politicians, sports personalities, artists, journalists and many others involved in this amazing project.

We are asking everyone involved in the VESCC to help make this first "Mission in the City" a successful one. Listed below are the key ways in which you can make a difference. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas please contact our VESCC *Stadtmission* liaison, Anamarija S. Sostaric at [anamarija.ss@chello.at](mailto:anamarija.ss@chello.at) or VESCC Council Member, Valerie Morris at 479-8058 or [taftmorris@aol.com](mailto:taftmorris@aol.com) for more information or to sign up.

- 1. Provide Bed and Breakfast Housing:** There are 20 students from the International Academy in Rome "School of Mission" who will need housing for two weeks from May 17-June 1. Their first week in Vienna will be devoted to the "Mission in the Schools" program organized by the ICNE. They will be talking to the AIS and VIS religious education classes as well as other schools in the city. During the second week they will be involved in the "Mission in the City" program. These students speak English and will be checked by the *Stadtmission* staff. Members of our community are asked to house at least two of these students for two or even one week and provide a morning meal.
- 2. Provide Evening Meals for Mission Team:** From May 18 to May 31 a team of 20 leaders (priest and staff from Franciscan University of Steubenville and Kerygma Teams) and college students are planning on staying with Fr. Kevin. This is the team that is going to be serving the English-speaking community with the event and any other things that we can think of during the mission. We need families from our community to provide one meal a day for this group and bring it to Fr.

Kevin's residence. This is an easy but important way to serve those who are directly serving the community.

- 3. Helping Organize the "Mission of Mercy" Event - Friday, May 30th at the "Christ, Hope for the World" Church:** This is the only all-English event and, as the largest international English-speaking Catholic Community, we are asked to help organize it. Chris and Michelle Benzinger from Kerygma Team here in Vienna have already rounded up some entertainment and activities for this event.

**18:00 International Dinner** for the students from Rome, the Mission Team, the Community, *Stadtmission* people and entertainers. Includes a testimony from members of the VESCC community preferably an adult and a teen. This would enhance the evening and bring the message a little closer to home.

- NEEDED: 1. Potluck dishes from as many members of the VESCC as possible.
2. Help with set-up and clean-up.
  3. Testimonies from members of the VESCC community (Who is Jesus in my life? etc.).
  4. Attendance from VESCC families.

**19:00 "King's Kids"** perform (group of 25-30 kids ages 9-16 who sing, act, and bring Jesus to life). This program will last about 30 minutes and will include dances, drama, testimonies and crowd participation.

- NEEDED: 1. Help with set up and stage managing.
2. Attendance from VESCC families.

**20:00 Festival of Praise:** high school/college/young adult age will be challenged and encouraged to take a deeper step in their faith in many different ways: Music - Praise and Worship, drama, testimonies from East and West (young adults from Russia, Slovakia, Belarus, Poland), message, Eucharistic procession and commitment to Jesus, follow up for people who commit (and even recommit) their lives to Jesus. This event will last about 2 hours. The night is modeled around the Saturday night sessions at the Steubenville Conferences where thousands of teens and young adults experience Christ in a powerful way. It is basically a huge prayer meeting where we use a variety of ways to help people encounter God.

NEEDED: 1. Help with set up and stage managing.  
2. Participation and attendance from VESCC high school students, college students and young adults.

4. **Host a "Home Discussion Evening" on Saturday, May 24th:** On this night there will be open house meetings. Vienna residents are asked to open their homes and invite their neighbors and friends (atheists and agnostics, especially). Two people from *Stadtmission* will come and discuss "God In The World". They will explain the idea of the *Stadtmission* and share their personal spiritual experience. VESCC members may host an event in their home.
5. **Sponsor a Missionary:** Members of our community can donate any or all of 300 Euros to sponsor a missionary attending this event.
6. **Learn the Official Hymn of the City Mission:** Like all the other parishes and communities in Vienna, VESCC will be singing the chosen hymn of this event during our Masses. *Stadtmission* has been kind enough to translate it from German into English and French.
7. **Learn the Official Prayer of the City Mission:** We will also learn the chosen prayer of this event during Mass. Anamarija is having it translated into English and Croatian.
8. **Attend As Many Events As Possible:** We encourage as many of you to attend as many events during these 10 days as possible and bring your friends!

For more information about *Stadtmission* or to register as a "missionary" yourself visit [www.stadtmission.at](http://www.stadtmission.at).

## **Host Family Wanted**

Fr. Lazlo, the Co-ordinator of the Austrian Bishops' Conference for Foreign Language-speaking Catholic Communities, has asked Fr. Kevin to enquire if there is any family in our Community who might consider receiving his niece as a guest for one month this summer. She is a student of English in her twenties from Siebenburgen, Rumania, who would like to practice her spoken English. Fr. Lazlo knows her well and guarantees she is of fine character and willing to be of help to her host family. If interested, please contact Fr. Kevin.

### **Community Council**

The next Council meeting will take place on 7 March 2003 at 7 pm. at the Parish Hall, Rooseveltplatz 8. All members are kindly requested to attend.

## **SPRING IS COMING SOON**

Daylight-saving time starts on Sunday 30 March at 2:00 am. So don't forget to set your clocks and electronic gadgets 1 hour forward before retiring on Saturday evening.

### **Bulletin cut-off date**

Any item for inclusion in the next Bulletin should reach the office by fax, mail or e-mail by the latest on March 30, 2003. Your input is essential to make the Bulletin readable, informative and enjoyable.

# For Street Children in the Ukraine

**We invite you to bring used sport articles in good condition to the church on Sunday up to and including Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.**

What is being collected?

**SPORT CLOTHING** for children: Ski-suits, parkas, training shirts and pants, tennis shoes, sport shoes;  
**SPORT ARTICLES:** sledges, skates, trampolines, sport mats, ping pong tables & equipment, badminton rackets, balls of all kinds

All donated articles will be delivered to Caritas during the week following March 30. Caritas will deliver the goods to disadvantaged children who are being cared for in homes and special schools in the Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

## **VESCC**

### **Sunday Mass in English**

11:00am Votive Church, Rooseveltplatz, 9<sup>th</sup> District, Vienna

### **Confession/Reconciliation**

Sundays 10:30 Votive Church

Fridays 2:00-4:00pm, St. Stephens Cathedral

or by appointment via Fr. Kevin's handy 0664 824 3630

### **Baptism/Marriage**

Please contact Fr. Kevin or Deacon Greg well in advance.

### **Bank Connections**

Creditanstalt Account # 521 107 07 00

Vienna's English-speaking Roman Catholic Community

### **The Community Council**

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