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3rd December 2006

First Sunday of Advent

QUICK NEWS

• Offertory collection 26th November:

Loose cash & envelopes

£553.33

St'g Orders £550.00

Total: £1103.33

Thank you very much for your kind donations.

Sorry - our collection for **APF** was in October! (Mission Sunday.) **£369.88** was raised.

CONFESSIONS: available on request (to be held in the confessional). Please contact the Parish Office to request a suitable time.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES in our Pastoral Area:

- ♦ **St. John Bosco:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10am.
- ♦ **Christ the King:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10am.
- ♦ **St. Thomas More:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10.30am.
- Our Lady of Peace,** Wargrave: Sun. 9am.

Advent Reconciliation Services in our PA:

St. John Bosco:
Tues. 12th Dec., 7.30pm
For **St. John Bosco** 1st Holy Communion Children:
Wed. 13th Dec., 4.30pm

Our Lady of Peace:
Fri. 15th Dec., 7.30pm.

Christ the King:
Mon. 18th Dec., 7.30pm.

Do you now attend St. John Bosco Saturday 6.30pm mass since ours stopped? If so, please **REGISTER** at that parish, so they have your contact details incase you ever need a priest. Thank you

It's Advent! What is that?

This is a relevant question. For some it is the first Sunday in the count down game; for others it is time to start fixing beautiful colourful lights, shopping and preparing for Christmas. Is this your impression of Advent? You may be right. Material preparation is very important and desirable, but should we place it over and above our spiritual needs during this period? No. Spiritual preparation must be paramount on our priority list. This however can take many forms: to be worthy to celebrate the Lord's birth, we need to immerse ourselves in his grace through prayers, confessions, and our good works. What else? Forgive and make peace. May God bless you this season.

Fr. Anthony

Advent Giving Tree - A reminder: our lovely tree is now in Advent Room and laden with tags - so choose a tag, then **all gifts need to be Christmas wrapped and left with tag attached, & delivered back to foot of tree by 17th December**, when they will be taken to the charity (Reading Age Concern) in time for Christmas!

"Walk with Me" - an Advent Journey of Prayer, available in Advent Room, to guide you through this season of Advent. Only £1 each, so have a look & buy one!



CHURCHES TOGETHER: CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

Our allocation of leaflets for distribution in local roads is now in the Advent Room. Each bundle has been counted, so please could we have volunteers to pick a road & deliver the appropriate bundle of leaflets, by next week? Thank you

Only 1 week to go! Pastoral Area Christmas Social - 9th December

Join with the 4 parishes of our Pastoral Area next Saturday, 9th December in our parish hall. See posters in Advent Room. **Tickets are on sale after masses this weekend—your last chance!** Skittles, table tennis, quizzes, good food, music & dancing - fun for all ages - so come along, bring the kids, join in the fun, & meet other people from your Pastoral Area!

New readers for 5pm mass - we would like more readers to add to our rota. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to help. Many thanks in advance

Mass intentions - reminder: if you wish to have a mass said for a particular intention, please complete the mass intentions diary (on repository in Advent Room), and please remember to only use **ONE intention per mass**. Please follow instructions on front of the book! Please write as clearly as possible to enable Father Anthony to read out your intention at mass & your intention to be put in newsletter. If the day when you want mass said already has an intention, please choose the next available date to write in your intention. Masses on **Christmas day** are always offered for **friends and family of the parish**, so please do not write any more intentions for Christmas masses! Thank you

Confirmation: our parish confirmation programme will begin in the new year for our 33 Confirmation candidates. **URGENT** - we still need more Catechists and helpers to run the programme. **If you are willing to be involved, please leave your name with the Parish Office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** Many thanks to those who have already offered to help; we will be in touch with you soon

Mass readings: **Cycle C.** 1st Sunday of Advent **1st Reading:** Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 24 "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul"
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12 - 4: 2 **Gospel:** **Luke 21: 25-28; 34-36**



MASS TIMES: 3rd DECEMBER - 10th DECEMBER



DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 3 rd December	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	1 st Sunday of Advent	Alice Willson RIP (Foundation mass) Eric Vinet RIP	
Monday 4 th	NO MASS			
Tues. 5 th	9.45am		Mr. R. F. Moniz RIP (rec. dec.)	7.45pm Children's Liturgy Planning mtg.
Weds. 6 th	7.20pm	St. Nicholas	Eric Watson RIP	Rosary followed by Mass 8.00pm Choir practice for 11am mass
Thurs. 7 th	9.45am	St. Ambrose		
Friday 8 th December	9.45am	Immaculate Conception	Helen Evans RIP	
Saturday 9 th	NO MASS		☆☆☆ 7pm Pastoral Area Christmas Social, in the Hall ☆☆☆	
Sunday 10 th December	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Deceased members of Durnin & Harvey families Nunzio Esposito RIP	3.00pm 1 st Holy Communion session, in the Hall

*** CHILDREN'S LITURGY at both 9am and 11am masses every weekend***

*** BEAVERS Thursdays 5.45pm/ CUBS Mondays 6.45pm/ SCOUTS Fridays 8pm ***

Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Alice Willson (1999), Michael Clarridge (1993), Eric Watson (1997), Diane Smith (2001), and James Eighteen (2005).

Please also pray for **Maureen Newer** from Mulberry House, who died recently.

LAST CHANCE! Job vacancy: St. Dominic Savio School KS2 Teacher, Fixed Term Temporary Contract for 1 term to cover maternity leave. **Closing date: Wednesday 6th December.** See poster in Advent Room.

The **UCM** would like to thank all who supported the Christmas sale in aid of the Senior Citizens' annual dinner. With donations & sale of goods the excellent amount raised was **£348.35** - many thanks again!

Help with lifts - Two aged parishioners require lifts to 9am Sunday mass: one from 1/2 mile down Wokingham Road & the other from Sutton Court in Earley. You will be rostered for 1 in 4 or 5 Sundays. If you can help please drop your name & number into Parish Office in an envelope marked "Lift Offer", or contact David on 9268860 or Jack & Melly on 9698595. Thank You

Thanks to all who helped with smooth running and welcoming for "Back to Church Sunday" & for all who participated. It seems all masses enjoyed a great welcome & some great hospitality! Copies of the 'welcome reflection prayer' are now available in Advent Room for the many who requested it.

Parish Website: The website has had a small makeover to try and bring it up to date, by the new webmasters (Kevin & Colin). Could we ask the various group leaders and members to check their pages & let us know if there is anything you wish to change. For the rest of the parish, can we point out that the site contains a lot of useful information and links, as well as what is forthcoming within the parish - so pay it a visit, & if you have any suggestions we'll be pleased to consider them! Thank you, from Colin Forrestal & Kevin Wallace

Woodley Jumbulance Group: Our holiday next year has been booked for 9th to 16th June. Travelling to Brittany in France by Jumbulance with no overnight travel. Accommodation in two farm houses specially adapted for people with disabilities. Vacancies for helpers and unable, both male and female. For more information contact either John, Tel: 9694769; Marie, Tel: 9691927; or Anne, Tel: 9585841. Thank you

2007 Bicentenary of Abolition of Slave Trade Act An Ecumenical Group of Churches will celebrate it; meeting Sunday 10th December, 4pm, St. Nicholas church. Poster in Advent Room. Please tell Office if you wish to go!

Catenians Catholic Men's Association have funds available for suitable community projects; see leaflet in Advent Room

Reminder... If something needs to go in the weekend **newsletter**, please make sure it is at the Parish Office **by 9am Wednesday** of the preceding week. If you need an **announcement** made after all masses, please inform the Parish Office **by 2pm Friday**. Please remember it is best to have only 1 announcement after each mass; only urgent items are worthy of announcement after masses! Thank you for your cooperation!

**The Coordinating Pastor for our Pastoral Area is Fr. Gerard Flynn (Christ the King).
Monsignor John Nelson (English Martyrs) is the Co-ordinating Pastor for our neighbouring PA.**



The Parish Office is open Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Fri., 9.00am — 2.00pm.

