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4th February 2007

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUICK NEWS

• Offertory collection 28th January:

Loose cash & envelopes
£579.72

St'g Orders £533.00

Total: £1112.72

Thank you very much for
your kind donations.

Special Collection today
Sunday 4th February for the
**Catholic Education
Service**

Free complimentary copy
of **The Catholic Times**
from the Advent Room

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Baptisms: Next baptism
preparation session is on
Sunday 11th February,
with baptisms at masses
on Sunday 18th February
(before Lent, which begins
on 21st Feb.). Thanks to
those who have sent in
completed baptism forms -
available in Advent Room

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NB - Please note the
Wednesday mass time
this week!

CONFESSION: 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.

Do not hesitate, God expects a "YES"

Often we hear the call that comes ringing, like Isaiah's: "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" It is difficult to take a decision to follow and serve the Lord, to say YES or NO to God's call. Sometimes we are afraid because we are not sure of our ability. You do not need to worry about how to go about your task; God will see you through.

All the prophets had difficulties in their days in trying to answer God's call. By virtue of your own baptism you are prophets of your time, and your fears are genuine as human beings, especially considering our world of today.

The words from Prophet Jeremiah are so strong to support us; "And every where you are to go, my hand will follow you; you will not be alone in all the danger that you fear, you will find me very near, your words my own". So like Isaiah, say a YES, "Here I am, send me".

Father Anthony



**Father, watch over your family and keep us safe in
your care, for all our hope is in you**

USING YOUR GIFTS & TALENTS – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & SERVERS

New Eucharistic Ministers – especially for 11am and 5pm Masses

At 7.30pm on **Wednesday 7th February** there will be a training session for new Eucharistic Ministers. Please think about whether God is calling you to be there. There is a form in the Advent Room for you to volunteer.

New Altar Servers at 5pm Mass

You do not have to be a youngster to serve – maybe you served Mass in your younger days and would like the privilege of serving again – well now is your chance! There is a list in the Advent Room for you to volunteer. And don't worry, training will be available.

ALL Eucharistic Ministers

At 9.30am on Saturday 3rd March there will be a morning retreat and reflection for all old and new Ministers. This will start with Mass and be followed by a session of Spiritual Guidance and a re-cap on the practical side of being a Eucharist Minister. It is important that ALL ministers make the effort to attend the retreat as part of their commitment of being a minister.

- ♥ **Marriage Preparation 2007:** dates for parish Marriage Preparation sessions are Saturday 24th February 11am-4pm, Thursday 1st March 8pm-9.30pm, and Wednesday 7th March 8pm-9.30pm. Any couples wishing to join please contact
- ♥ the Parish Office ASAP with details of your wedding. Thanks & congratulations!

It's Marriage Week 7th - 14th February! See pink sheets in Advent Room

**January issues of "The Vine" and "Youth News" on display in Advent Room,
with details of all forthcoming Diocesan events**

MASS READINGS: **Cycle C.** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8 **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 137 "Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord" **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 **Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11**

MASS TIMES: 4th FEBRUARY - 11th FEBRUARY

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 4 th February	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Roberto Fiorani RIP James Ward RIP (rec. dec.)	
Monday 5 th	NO MASS			8.30pm SVP meeting, D.B. Room
Tues. 6 th	9.45am		Charles Fry RIP	7.45pm Children's Liturgy planning mtg.
Weds. 7 th February	9.45am		Anthony Kulatunga RIP	7.30pm Training New Euch. Ministers 8.00pm Choir practice for 9am mass
Thurs. 8 th	9.45am		Michael Henegan RIP (rec. dec.)	7.30pm Parish Management Group mtg.
Friday 9 th	9.45am		Aidan McDonald RIP	
Sunday 11 th February	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm		Harry & Dora Ward RIP (Foundation mass) Dan Grant RIP Martin Brannelly RIP	3pm Baptism Preparation Session, D.B. Room

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

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



Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Mena Bryant (1977), Monica Carroll (1997), Anna Pelickan (1978),
Roselyn Fernando (1990), and Kathleen Patience (1977).



Lift required for Sunday 5pm mass: An aged parishioner residing literally within 400 yards along Wokingham Road requests a lift to the Sunday 5pm mass. We are looking for 4 to 8 volunteers to form a rota for a turn once in 4 to 8 weeks. Please contact Melly and Jack on 0118 9698595. Thank you

Catholic Head Teacher required for Sept. 2007 (or sooner) for St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Farnborough, Hampshire. See poster in Advent Room, or for an application form contact School's Recruitment & Development Team on 01329 316221 or e-mail: eps-recruitment@hants.gov.uk Closing date: Friday 23rd February 2007.

Green table cloth - did you kindly donate one to help our nativity display? If so, it is still here - behind the Repository; please collect it! Thank you

Theatre Club - "EVITA" - Saturday 10th February 2007. Coach will leave OLoP car park (Aldbourne Avenue) at 11.30am. We'll give out all tickets on coach! Fran & Ann

Fr. Francis Maple in concert - Friday 16th Feb, St. James Church, Forbury Road, 7.30pm. All welcome - bring family & friends! Fr. Maple's website: www.francismaple.co.uk

Splash! Prospects is a Christian voluntary organisation which supports people with learning disabilities. Some local members will be **swimming length of channel** on Satur. 17th Feb., at Leighton Park swimming pool! Please sponsor their efforts & cheer them on! See posters in Advent Room

Bicentenary of Abolition of Slave Trade: next meeting 1st March at St. Nicolas' church; it would be great to have more parish involvement - if interested, please contact Parish Office. Also Ecumenical Service on Sunday 25th March at Park United Reform Church, 6pm. All welcome

Church singing workshop for parish choirs: on Sat. 9th June, St. John's Seminary, Womersley; poster in Advent Rm.

Job Vacancies: Mission Writer for BMS World Mission - see orange flyer in Advent Rm. for details, and **Administrative Assistant at the WELL Centre** - see poster in Advent Room for more information

The Chrism Mass - a beautiful liturgy celebrated by Bishop Crispian and priests of our Diocese: would you like to join them?

I wish to attend the Chrism Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, on **Tuesday 3rd April 2007** departing at **8.30am** from Christ the King church. I would like to book _____ seat(s) on a coach, at a cost of **£12.50** per person, departing Portsmouth at 3.30pm.

A reservation for **lunch** will be booked at a nearby restaurant; please indicate below if you wish to join the group for lunch.

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

I / we would / would not like a lunch reservation (please delete as appropriate)

Please complete and return **by Friday 16th March** to:

Christ the King R.C. Church
408 Northumberland Avenue
READING RG2 8NR

Please make cheques payable to PRCDTR Christ the King.

Thank you

Parish Office: open Tues. - Fri., 9.00am - 2.00pm