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11th February 2007

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUICK NEWS

• Offertory collection 4th February:

Loose cash & envelopes

£537.26

St'g Orders £533.00

Total: £1070.26

Special Collection for the
**Catholic Education
Service** raised **£257.14**

Thank you very much for
your kind donations

Special Collection next
Sunday 18th February for
**Catholic Children's
Society**

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Baptisms: Preparation
session is **TODAY, Sunday
11th February at 3pm**,
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

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Ash Wednesday (start of
Lent) is **21st February**.
Our Lenten Reconciliation
Service will be on Sat. 24th
March, at 10:30am

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.

OUR LIVES WITHOUT GOD

God as we perceive him is the creator of all that we see. Even things we perceive to be man made in terms of innovations in science & technology, God has a hand in their coming to reality. There is a God somewhere; that is what we Christians believe.

God is our father. Just as a child would trust their father and jump from a height hoping to land in the arms of the father without coming to hurt, we as children of God are called to trust in God in all we do.

There is a tendency to think that we are independent and that we can do things on our own, but listen to St. Paul: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

The poor referred to in the Gospel are those who, despite their richness through God's blessings, still depend on God to guide them. To be poor in spirit is simply to trust in God to direct your ways. In whatever we do or plan in our everyday activities, we must trust God to be the author and finisher of our lives. Without God life is worthless; of this we must remind ourselves again and again.

Our relationship with God should always be seen as that of a father and a child on the play ground, the father placing the child on a height and asking the child to jump. The child will only jump because of trust.

God is saying to you and me, "Trust me and jump into my waiting arms." The word of God tells us too; "Cut off from me you can do nothing."

Father Anthony

Bishop's visit to our parish - Bishop Crispian is visiting all parishes in the Diocese, and the date for him to visit our parish is **Sunday 25th February**. He will celebrate the 11am mass for us, have coffee with the parish & will then meet with the Parish Management Group. Note the date in your diary!



Clean carpets You will notice that the church carpets have all been cleaned. One of the problems was the amount of spillage & crumbs, especially in the Dominic Barberi Room. Please will everyone using the DB Room try to ensure that children do not drop biscuits or spill squash. If you do drop a biscuit can you please try to clear it up immediately. Picking up one biscuit takes very little time but it can be a problem if they get trodden into the carpet. Thank you for your co-operation

USING YOUR GIFTS & TALENTS – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & SERVERS

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:** the **dates** for our parish Marriage Preparation sessions have **changed!** They will now be on Saturday 10th March 11am-4pm, Wednesday 21st March 8pm-9.30pm, and Wednesday 28th March 8pm-9.30pm.
- ♥ Any couples wishing to join please contact the Parish Office ASAP. Thanks!

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

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8 **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 1 "Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord" **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

MASS TIMES: 11th FEBRUARY - 18th FEBRUARY

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 11 th February	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Harry & Dora Ward RIP (Foundation mass) Dan Grant RIP Martin Brannelly RIP	3pm: Baptism Preparation Session , D.B. Room
Monday 12 th	NO MASS			2.00pm UCM meeting, D.B. Room
Tues. 13 th	9.45am		Panch Panchalingham (rec. dec.)	8.00pm KSC meeting, D.B. Room
Weds. 14 th	9.45am	St. Valentine	Mrs. Liz Motherway (rec. dec.)	8.00pm Choir practice for 11am mass
Thurs. 15 th February	7.20pm		Ed McCullagh RIP (rec. dec.)	Rosary followed by Mass Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Delaney
Friday 16 th	9.45am		Dan Grant RIP	
Sunday 18 th February	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Kathleen Dempsey RIP (anniv.) Betty Ledger & family	

*** NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY this week – HALF TERM! Re-starts 25th February ***

*** NO BEAVERS / CUBS / SCOUTS THIS WEEK – HALF TERM! ***

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

Mary Wallace (1987), Ann Mackie (1992), Maria Giovanni (1987), Robert Green (1991),
Christopher Coles (1989), Lauren Savage (2002), and Henry Ward (1988).



✦ **THIS WEEK!** Our parish **Senior Citizens' Dinner** will be held on Sat. 17th February. **We need extra drivers** at 12:30pm and 4:00pm, so if anyone can help, please ring Angela on 0118 987 3784. Thank you

✦ **THIS WEEK! Fr. Francis Maple in concert** - country/folk music, on Friday 16th Feb, St. James Church, Forbury Rd. 7.30pm. All welcome - bring your family & friends! See Father Maple's website: www.francismaple.co.uk

✦ **THIS WEEK! Splash!** Prospects is a Christian voluntary organisation supporting people with learning disabilities. Some local members will be **swimming the length of channel** on Sat. 17th Feb., at Leighton Park swimming pool - please sponsor their efforts & cheer them on! See poster in Advent Room

Day of Prayer: Bishop Crispian will be leading a day of prayer during Lent, in the Cathedral on Saturday 3rd March from 10.30am - 3.00pm. There will be Mass and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. No charge - just bring a packed lunch. Refreshments will be available

Reading University Chaplaincy and Amnesty International present "**Nick Yarris: My Life Beyond Death Row**" - hear one man's view of the Death Penalty, Friday 9th March at 7pm, at Palmer Building, Whiteknights Campus. See posters & flyers in Advent Room

Churches Together in Berkshire offers an opportunity for all Christians in Berkshire to gather to consider issues under the theme of **Reconciliation**; Sat. 24th March, 10am - 3.30pm at Kennet School, Thatcham. £10 per delegate. See flyers/posters (Adv. Rm.) for further details

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 of reflection and celebration on Sunday 25th March at Park United Reform Church, 6pm - designated *Freedom Day*. All welcome

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

Worth Abbey and Catholic Bible School- 2007 calendar of events now available for each venue; see leaflets in DB Room

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

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