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18th February 2007

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUICK NEWS

• Offertory collection 11th February:

Loose cash & envelopes
£706.61

St'g Orders £533.00

Total: £1239.61

Thank you so much for
your very kind donations

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

**Please use a GIFT AID
ENVELOPE if you can!**

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Lent begins this week on
Ash Wednesday,

21st February -

Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses: 9.45am & 7.30pm

To aid your Lenten journey
of prayer, "**Walk With
Me**" books now available
in Advent Room, 1 per
family - **only £1 each!**

Some "**My Day by Day**"
books also available

Please leave money
in basket

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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.

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

YES! SERVES HIM RIGHT!

Our God is forgiving; we ought to forgive each other and not wish our brothers and sisters evil. Can you recall the many times your friends, brothers & sisters were in trouble, and how you reacted? Perhaps all you could say was, "Served them right". This sort of utterance is not expected of a good Christian.

The Gospel of Luke 6: 27 invites us to be compassionate to one another because one day we may find ourselves in the same mess knowing fully well that we are not perfect, we are all trying to be holy, we all stand in need of God's mercy.

Each time we pray the Lord's prayer, can we stop for a moment and consider the implication of the words: "...Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who sin against us..." We have no right whatsoever to stand in judgement over our brothers or sisters; leave judgement to God alone. "...Do not condemn and you will not be condemned yourselves... the measure you give out is the measure you receive..."

Let us love one another; this is the greatest of all the commandments.

Father Anthony

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings

Bishop's visit to our parish - this year Bishop Crispian is visiting all parishes in the Diocese; he will be visiting our parish **NEXT SUNDAY, 25th February**. He will celebrate the 11am mass for us, have coffee with the parish & will then meet with Parish Management Group. Don't forget!



Change for the Parish Management Group - With Bishop Crispian's blessing and with the agreement of Fr. Anthony, the Parish Management Group is re-naming itself as the **Parish Pastoral Council**. The Bishop will bless the new Parish Pastoral Council during 11.00 Mass on 25th February. Existing members of the Management Group will remain on the new Council but we will be seeking 4 more members to bring us up to the recommended membership of 12 (including Fr. Anthony). If you are interested please use one of the blue forms in the Advent Room and return it to the Parish Office. If we receive (as we hope we will) more than 4 volunteers then we will organise an election to take place before Easter. The intention in future is to have 3 members of the Council stand down every year to allow more people to take part in this work within the parish. Thank you!

Parish baptisms for those who attended Baptism Preparation last week will be in MAY!

USING YOUR GIFTS & TALENTS – 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. Thank you

- ♥ **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.** Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26: 2-23 **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 102 "The Lord is compassion and love" **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49 **Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38**

MASS TIMES: 18th FEBRUARY - 25th FEBRUARY

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 18 th February	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Kathleen Dempsey RIP (anniv.) Betty Ledger & family Nancy Currie RIP (anniv.); Everton Fruvall RIP (rec. dec.); Tony & Dulcie Dias RIP (anniv.)	
Mon. 19 th	NO MASS			8.30pm SVP mtg., SJB Parish Centre
Tues. 20 th	9.45am		Eddie McCullagh RIP (rec. dec.)	
Wed. 21 st	9.45am 7.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY	Tom Brazil RIP (rec. dec.) Harold Auch	
Thurs. 22 nd	2.00pm	Chair of St. Peter	Funeral Mass: Theresa Walsh	
Fri. 23 rd	9.45am	St. Polycarp	Holy Souls	
Sunday 25 th February	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	1 st Sunday in Lent	Deceased members of the Ducey family RIP Dan Grant RIP	Celebrant: Bishop Crispian Followed by refreshments in hall

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

*** 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:

Henry Ward (1988), Gisella Nottingham (1979), Gerard Conway (2005), Stanley Tompkins (1989), Frances Newman (1983), Gerald O'Sullivan (1992), Edgar Wheeler (1994), Tadeusz Wielogorski (2006).



Everton Fruvall, cousin of Cedric Dias, died recently in Australia. Please remember all the family in your prayers

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

Modern Islam - Understanding & Responding as Christians: Seminar, Sunday 4th March, 6.30pm, at Wokingham Baptist Church, to be lead by Baroness Cox. For more details contact Secretary: una.standen@btinternet.com or Mrs. Jennifer Wright, Vice Chairman: jenwright@orangehome.co.uk

FROM THE SCOUT GROUP: Anyone for Bingo?
The 99th Reading Scout Group is holding a bingo night in the church hall on Saturday 10th March at 7:30pm. It promises to be a fun night for all the family! Tickets for this great **fund-raising** night will be available after all masses next Sunday, 25th February, from members of the Scout Group!

Is there a parishioner with mobility problems who would benefit from an **electric reclining chair** and/or **electric wheel chair** suitable for use both indoors and out? Both are in good condition and looking for a good home, not sale. If interested please telephone Brian on 966 8679 for information. Thank you

Taizé evening: an evening of prayer in the style of Taizé Community, organised by the University Chaplaincy, on the fourth Wednesday of every month, including most of those that fall outside term-time. **7.45pm** song practice and **8.15pm** for hour of prayer. Held at St. William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading. All most welcome! For further details, e-mail chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk

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

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

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