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25th February 2007

First Sunday of Lent

QUICK NEWS

• Offertory collection 18th February:

Loose cash & envelopes

£591.66

St'g Orders £533.00

Total: £1124.66

Special Collection for the

**Catholic Children's
Society** raised **£469.62**

Thank you very much for
your kind donations

**Special Lenten collection
next Sunday, 4th March for
Asian Students Christian
Trust (ASCT) -**

a charity founded in 1975 to
help extremely poor children
of the Philippines, by giving
residential care and
educational support:
www.asct.org.uk

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

Please leave money
in basket

CONFESSION: available
on request (to be held in
the confessional). Please
contact the Parish Office to
request a suitable time.
Our **Lenten Penitential
Service** will be on **Sat.
24th March at 10:30am**

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.

WELCOME!

We extend a very warm welcome
to Bishop Crispian today as he
visits our parish and celebrates
the 11am Mass for us. We hope
he enjoys his visit to our parish!



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

Today we also bid a fond
farewell to Deacon Anthony and
Diana Cairns. Thank you for all
your hard work and support; we
wish you both every happiness
in your new home. We hope
you'll come back to visit us!

**Lord, help us to understand the meaning of your Son's
death and resurrection. Teach us to reflect it in our lives**



Lent Fast Day - Friday 2nd March: please take an envelope home today and
help CAFOD to support poor communities by sharing what you can. Thank you

Stations of the Cross will be held **Fridays 7.20pm AND Sundays 4:30pm** in Lent

Look out for next edition of Portsmouth People -
it should include some photos from our Christmas Pastoral Area Social!



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 & new Ministers**. This will start with Mass and be
followed by a session of Spiritual Guidance and a re-cap on practical side
of being a Eucharistic Minister. It is important that ALL ministers make
the effort to attend this retreat as part of their commitment of being a
minister. Thank you

Formation of Parish Liturgy Group- Advance notice

Arrangements are in hand to form a **Parish Liturgy Group**. Representation will be
from groups already existing in the parish like choirs, ministers, catechists and
others who are interested. Paul Inwood from the Diocese will address a meeting on
14th March at 7.30 pm. Further information to follow

Change for 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 today bless the new Parish Pastoral
Council during 11.00 Mass. Existing members of the Management Group will remain
on new Council but we are seeking 4 more members to bring us up to recommended
membership of 12 (including Fr. Anthony). If you are interested please use one of
the blue forms in Advent Room and return it to 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 Council stand down
every year to allow more people to take part in this work within the parish. Thanks!

"As One" - CD of worship songs - from Reading, for Reading! Cost **£10**. Recorded
at The Globe with a congregation from churches across Reading. All songs & music were
written by local Christians, and all musicians/technicians involved in recording are based
in our town. Profits from sale of CD are being donated to **Christian Community Action**
(CCA), a Reading-based charity. CDs are in Repository www.as1.org.uk

- ♥ **Marriage Preparation 2007:** the **dates** for our parish Marriage Preparation
sessions are Saturday 10th March 11am-4pm, Wednesday 21st March from
8pm-9.30pm, and Wednesday 28th March 8pm-9.30pm. Any couples wishing
to join please contact the Parish Office ASAP. Thanks!



MASS TIMES: 25th FEBRUARY - 4th MARCH



DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
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 3pm Confirmation meeting (Church)
Mon. 26 th	NO MASS			
Tues. 27 th	9.45am	St. Gabriel	Deceased members of parish	
Wed. 28 th February	9.45am	St. Oswald	Bridie Keelen	8pm Choir practice for 11am mass
Thursday 1 st March	9.45am	St. David	Holy Souls	
Friday 2 nd March	9.45am		Nan Laffey RIP (Found'n mass) Euphrania Matete	7.20pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
Sunday 4 th March	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	2 nd Sunday in Lent	Marie Fahey RIP (anniv.) John Reid RIP Thomas Burke RIP (rec. dec.)	3pm 1 st Holy Communion session 5 - Reconciliation (in the <u>Hall</u>) 4.30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

***** CHILDREN'S LITURGY at both 9am and 11am Masses each 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:
Marie Fahey (1995), Nan Laffey (1997), and Kenneth Adkins (1992).



Bicentenary of Abolition of Slave Trade: next meeting 1st March at St. Nicholas church; also Ecumenical Service of reflection & celebration on Sunday 25th March at Park United Reform Church, 6pm - "*Freedom Day*". All welcome!

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 2nd March - see poster in Advent Room for details of venues and speakers

Day of Prayer: Bishop Crispian will be leading a day of prayer in the Cathedral on Saturday 3rd March, 10.30am - 3.00pm. With Mass & exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. No charge - just bring a packed lunch!

The Big Picture: Christianity and the Environment
Join this exciting and interactive day at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol, on Sat. 3rd March 10am-4pm. Cost £10/£5 concess. Run by BBC producer & Clifton parishioner Mary Colwell. See posters in Advent Room for more information

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

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 TODAY, Sunday 25th February, from members of the Scout Group!

44 mile Sponsored Hike Sat. 17th March: The Three Towers hike is a challenge to Scouts & friends of Scouting. Leo McCarville, Nigel Paterson & Nick Taylor will be trying to raise money for Save the Children; please sponsor them! Fundraising page at: <http://www.justgiving.com/3towershike> Thank you!

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 & out? Both are in good condition & looking for a good home, not sale. If interested please telephone Brian on 966 8679. Thank you

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

A big THANK YOU to all who helped with Senior Citizens' dinner on Saturday 17th Feb.—a great time was had by all!

Follow Me Living God's Word: Loud and Clear conference 2007 16th - 19th July 2007 at Exeter University. See posters & flyers 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