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11th March 2007

Third Sunday of Lent

QUICK NEWS

• Offertory collection 4th March:

Loose cash & envelopes

£618.90

St'g Orders £533.00

Total: £1151.90

Thank you very much for your kind donations

Thank you for your generosity on Lent FAST DAY - the parish raised the great sum of **£1091.88** for CAFOD's work!

Special collection TODAY for **Asian Students**

Christian Trust (ASCT). David Sinclair will speak at Masses to make the appeal.

Special collection next Sunday 18th March for **Clergy Assistance Fund**

Our parish Service of Reconciliation for Lent will be on Mon. 26th March at 7.30pm - put it in your diaries!

Regenerate Lent leaflets are now available from Advent Room; please take one and note all the key forthcoming local events - especially Walk of Witness on Good Friday, 10am in Forbury Gardens.

Also East Reading Picnic in the Park is at Sol Joel Park, not Palmer Park

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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.

ALLOW CHANGE - continued

The unrepentant heart is not acceptable to God. We become the enemies of the cross of Christ as described by St. Paul. If we think of our sinful actions as shameful and allow a change of heart, then "Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body" and then our act of faith shall be counted as righteousness.

Origen, a 3rd century Biblical scholar in explaining how the transfiguration of Jesus can change our lives, said: "When he is transfigured, his face also shines as the sun that he may be manifested to the children of light who have put off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, and are no longer the children of darkness or night but have become the sons of day, and walk honestly as in the day. Being manifest, he will shine unto them not simply as the sun, but as demonstrated to be the sun of righteousness."

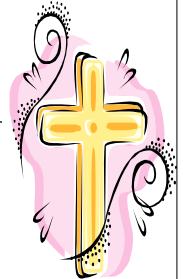
Wake up from your slumber to see the glory of God; see what lies ahead of you on this journey, and make sure you enjoy the glory of God.

Father Anthony

We warmly welcome back Father Terry Burke to our parish!
He kindly visited us last weekend for 11am Mass and will also celebrate the 9am Mass for us today.

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.*

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



Our 1st Holy Communion children will receive Sacrament of Reconciliation at a service on Friday 23rd March at 7:30pm. This will be a great opportunity for all prayer sponsors to meet their 'allocated' child and to pray for them as they celebrate receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so all will be most welcome to attend the service. Thank you all for your continued prayers for the children

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS, 6th April:

This year instead of there being several locally organised walks around the area, **Regenerate** are organising one Walk through the centre of Reading. They are hoping to see 2007 people on the walk and request that walkers wear something red if possible. The Walk assembles in **Forbury Gardens at 10am** and walks through Broad Street. Please join the Walk if you can



♥ **CAN YOU HELP?** - Are you a recently married couple? Would you like to share your experience and help us with future marriage preparation sessions for couples in the parish? You don't have to attend all the sessions, and lots of different input would be ideal! Any couples wishing to join in and help, please contact the Parish Office ASAP. Thanks!

Change for the Parish Management Group - With Bishop Crispian's blessing and with the agreement of Fr. Anthony, the Parish Management Group is now the **Parish Pastoral Council**. The Bishop blessed the new Parish Pastoral Council during 11.00 Mass on 25th February. Existing members of the Management Group are still on the 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 the Advent Room and return it to the Parish Office. Many thanks for forms already received. 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!



MASS TIMES: 11th MARCH - 18th MARCH



DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 11 th March	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	3 rd Sunday in Lent	Edward Elson RIP (rec. dec.) George Scola RIP (anniv.) Martin Brannelly RIP	Celebrant: Father Terry Burke 4.00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
Mon. 12 th	NO MASS			2pm UCM meeting, D.B. Room 8pm Prov. KSC mtg., Carl Barton Rm.
Tues. 13 th March	9.45am		Vera Byrne RIP (rec. dec.)	11am: Fr. Anthony at Blessed Hugh Faringdon school for Reconciliation 8pm KSC meeting, D.B. Room
Wed. 14 th	9.45am		Lelia Biddle RIP	7.30pm Parish Liturgy Grp mtg (Church)
Thurs. 15 th	9.45am	St. Louise	For intention of Mable and Das	
Friday 16 th	9.45am		Peter O'Reilly RIP and	7.20pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
Sunday 18 th March	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	4 th Sunday in Lent	Mary Kennedy RIP	4.00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

*** CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am and 11am Masses ***

*** 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:
Irene Garton (1978), Jacqueline Gallagher (1982), Margaret Molony (2003), Chris Dickie (1996),
William Miller (1986), Doreen Warrick (2000), Sister Christine (1979), Derek Higgs (1992),
Percy Chamberlain (1976), and Edward Brookes (1992).



2 Job Vacancies: CLEANER at St. Dominic Savio School and RECEPTIONIST at Bl. Hugh Faringdon School. See posters in Advent Room for further information

Job Vacancy: The Bridge Trust Thames Valley has funding for a Male Sessional Youth Worker, for a youth project based in Maidenhead. See poster in Advent Room for details

Catholic Children's Society: the annual national service of thanksgiving, reconciliation & hope for everyone affected by adoption is this Saturday 17th March, 3pm at Anglican Cathedral of St. Thomas, Portsmouth. Poster in Advent Rm.

☆☆☆ **YOUR LAST CHANCE!!** ☆☆☆

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

OLoP THEATRE CLUB: "Sound of Music" at London Palladium, Wed. 19th September at 7.30pm. Best seats £45. Forms in Advent Room. **NB—BOOK BY 18th MARCH!** Fran & Ann

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.

Hi - We are Ben Megson & Robbie Squires. We are going to Zambia & Mexico this summer. We need to raise £3000 to get there. In order to do this we have organised a dinner dance at Wokefield Park on Sat. 28th April. We invite you to come to our dinner dance, price £40 per ticket. We will be selling tickets at all masses on Sunday 25th March. Thanks

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

Bicentenary of Abolition of Slave Trade: Ecumenical Service of reflection and celebration on Sunday 25th March (designated Freedom Day) at Park United Reform Church, 6pm. All welcome!

Name: _____

Please support Catholic adoption agencies in their fight to resist government pressures under the proposed Sexual Orientation Regulations which reject the right of conscience. Sign the petition on the internet **by 26th April** at:

Telephone number: _____

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Adoptionprotest/>

Amount enclosed: _____

Race Night - Saturday 12th May, 8pm, Christ the King Parish Hall. The Knights of St. Columba will host the evening and have suggested that proceeds go towards the CtK Altar Servers' trip to Rome. More information will follow

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

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

Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes in August: with Tangney Tours. See brochures & details in Advent Rm.

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Please make cheques payable to PRCDTR Christ the King.

Thank you

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