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6th May 2007

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- **Offertory collection 29th April:**
Loose cash & envelopes £669.54
St'g Orders £533.00
Total: £1202.54
- Thank you very much for your kind donations
- Special collection TODAY for the **Clergy Training Fund**

- **Next Parish Baptisms:** we are now trying to fix dates for the **next Baptism Preparation sessions** for our parish. Once we have dates, we will contact all parents who have so far registered an interest. If you have not already completed a baptism form (available in Advent Room), please do so as soon as possible and return it to Parish Office! Thanks very much

- Anyone interested in embarking on the **journey of faith** (RCIA): please register with Parish Office!

- **Catholic Children's Society** latest "Child" magazine is out now, so pick up your copy from Advent Room! It contains all latest news from the society & a small selection of stories of how money raised by parishes like ours has made a real difference to families

- Loddon Valley Pastoral Area SUNDAY MASSES:**
- ♦ **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.

THANK YOU AGAIN

Even though I have expressed my appreciation to you many times, I would still like to use this time to say thank you very much for all your support and prayers, your gifts at Easter, but above all for your love.

I would like to say a belated happy Easter to those families and parishioners that were away during the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday. May the risen Saviour shine upon you now and always.

My trip back home was an exciting one. I met with every member of my family, they are all well and happy. I also visited my former parish; the welcome was overwhelming! Thank God for his love and mercies.

Let me use this chance to thank those who facilitated my journey - the kind people who dropped me off and collected me from the airport, and special thanks to a family for paying my way back from home. God bless you all. Amen.

The message for this Sunday is love, which is our Christian identity. You have all proved to me that you are true Christians.

Father Anthony

"I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, every one will know that you are my disciples."





We welcome **Riley Matthew Wise** and **Beatrice Rose Harding** to our parish community as we celebrate their baptisms today at 11am Mass

Welcome Ministry: The first rota for the welcome ministry has come to an end. Thank you to all who participated. It is a lovely start to Mass to be greeted by a smile at the door, especially for visitors to our parish. We always want more people involved; if you would like to be added to the rota please put your name on list in Advent Room or contact the Parish Office (at the moment it is only once every 5 months). Thank you, from the Welcome Ministry group

125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Portsmouth: Bishop Crispian's recent letter gave us information about celebrating this happy occasion. There will be a Diocesan Mass, which will be celebrated in St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth at **6.00pm on Monday 21st May**. This will be concelebrated by many of our priests, including Father Anthony, and 2 of our parishioners may also attend. The second celebration will be at the Cathedral of St. Swithun in Winchester - the most ancient Cathedral in our diocese. This will be a Liturgy of Word and Music at **7.00pm on Friday 15th June**. It would be helpful to know who is interested in going to either event, so **please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible if you are interested!** Thank you very much

Ongoing crisis in Darfur, Sudan is getting much worse and has now spread into neighbouring Chad. CAFOD is launching an appeal for Darfur/Chad and urgently needs your help. Hundreds of men, women & children are still being attacked on a daily basis by armed militia. Forced to flee their homes (often burned to the ground), they crowd into make-shift camps that are struggling to cope with the continuing influx of people. The conflict has killed more than 200,000 people so far. Please help CAFOD to continue to provide what is needed for families to survive. To donate, please FREEPHONE 0500 85 88 85 or visit www.cafod.org.uk
God of all humanity, we commit ourselves in compassion and love to our sisters and brothers in Darfur and Chad. Together, not alone, we pray for peace. Amen

MASS TIMES: 6th MAY - 13th MAY

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 6 th May	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Bernie Pettit RIP Una Quinn RIP (rec. dec.) Brendan Charmaine	Baptism of <u>Riley Matthew Wise</u> and <u>Beatrice Rose Harding</u> 
Mon. 7 th	NO MASS			
Tuesday 8 th May	9.45am		Ian Haines RIP (rec. dec.)	7.30pm Confirmation session (church) 8pm KSC meeting (DB Room) 8pm Fr. Anthony: baptism meeting
Wed. 9 th May	9.45am		Tom Roche RIP	7.30pm Confirmation session 8pm Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thursday 10 th May	9.45am	St. Comgall	Sheila Potter RIP (sister of Michael Cafferty)	7.30pm PPC meeting 8pm Fr. Anthony: baptism meeting
Friday 11 th	9.45am			
Sat. 12 th	NO MASS	St. Pancras		10am—noon: Pastoral Area Team mtg. (DB Room)
Sunday 13 th May	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Gwendoline Orchard RIP Polome family John McAndrew RIP	Baptism of <u>Lucy Lake</u>  3pm Rehearsal for 1 st Holy Communion (Church) 5pm Panto party (Hall)

*** CHILDREN'S LITURGY during both 9am and 11am Masses each week ***

*** 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:

Herbert Pegg (2003), Danny Daniels (1981), Ann Maureen McAuliffe (1998),
Thomas Harbison (2006), Louise Miles (1999), Mary Morris (2000), Abdul Jazrawi (1980),
Mary Vidgen (1980), Cyril Tilton (1981), and Eileen O'Brien-White



OLoP Theatre Club: Look out for the new newsletter and booking forms in Advent Room! Fran & Ann

Race Night – Christ the King Parish will be having a race night next **Saturday 12th May** at 8pm in their Parish Hall. You are very welcome to join in. Knights of St. Columba will host the evening & have suggested proceeds go towards their Altar Servers' trip to Rome. For catering purposes, please let your Parish Office (Jane) know if you wish to attend! Tickets: Adults: £2, Children: £1, Family: £5. Gerry Cashman is helping to sell tickets here. Thank you

Panto "do": There will be a get together, in the hall, for all members of the Parish Pantomime Group **next Sunday 13th May** from 5 - 7pm (approx.). Food will be provided in grateful thanks for wonderful performances all gave earlier in the year in 'A sort of Cinderella'. During the evening the annual Pantomime Academy Awards will be presented!

Vacancy at Blessed Hugh Faringdon School: Teacher of Religious Education required for Sept. 2007. **Closing date - 16th May.** See poster in Advent Room for details

Job vacancies at BMS World Mission: 2 posts available within this leading Christian mission organisation: Research Assistant (part-time), and Finance Team Administrator (full-time). See poster in Advent Room for more details

Rosary Crusade 2007 to pray for conversion and for world peace: **Saturday 19th May** at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Begins with Mass at 12.15pm followed by the rosary, procession of flowers & petitions, then hymns and prayers; 2.30pm Benediction. The afternoon ends with tea at 3pm in Cathedral Centre. All are most welcome

Celebration led by & for people with **learning disabilities** on **Saturday 19th May** from 2pm at English Martyrs church, Liebenrood Road, Reading. All are most welcome

Lyra Ensemble, from St. Petersburg, Russia: performing for 5th year running at Abbey Baptist Church (behind Reading Central Library), on **Saturday 26th May** at 7.30pm. Tickets £6. Proceeds go to Christian Aid's "Just Life" project in Sierra Leone. The Lyra Ensemble singing is exquisite! To reserve tickets or book car parking, please Tel. 0118 957 2197

Open Day at Marist Preparatory School, Ascot - a leading independent Catholic school for girls aged 3-11; open day on **Saturday 9th June** from 10am-4pm. See poster and leaflets in Advent Room

*"When I have learnt to do the Father's will,
I shall have fully realised my vocation on earth"*

Carlo Carretto

The **Parish Office** is open each week Tuesday - Friday from 9am-2pm