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13th May 2007

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**• Offertory collection
6th May:**

Loose cash & envelopes
£534.49

St'g Orders £533.00

Total: £1067.49

Special collection for the
Clergy Training Fund
raised **£293.75**

Thank you very much for
your very kind donations.

Special collection next
Sunday 20th May for
World Communications

**• Next parish Baptism
Preparation sessions**

will be on **Tues. 22nd May
& Friday 8th June**, each
at **7.30pm** in **DB Room**.
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!

• 5pm Mass readers:

please pick up your copy
of **new rota** from Advent
Room. This new rota
starts from 20th May and
includes some new
readers who have
recently volunteered to
join the rota. Thank you
to all our readers!

• UCM plant & book sale

after every Mass next
Sunday 20th May. If you
have any cuttings or
plants to donate please
bring them along next
Sunday! Thank you

**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.

DO YOU LOVE ME?

Love seems the main theme recurring through the readings these past days. Jesus Christ reveals to us that it is only through our sincere practice of love that others will come to know and identify us as true disciples; in other words people can say if we are Christians or not by the way we live our lives.

It was not surprising then when Jesus insisted on knowing the level of commitment of Peter. Several times Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" and each time Peter responded responsibly and was tasked, "Feed my sheep."

In the same way, each time we reflect on our relationship with Jesus we must consider very seriously our level of commitment. Jesus is asking you in a similar manner, "Do you Love me?" Because we read today in John's Gospel 14:23, "If a man loves me he will keep my commandments and my father will love him and we will come to him and make our home with him..." The book of the Song of Songs 8:6 describes love as "stronger than death". This is the extent of the love of God for us; Saint Augustine says the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love (Romans 5:5).

In God's love we find the fullness of grace, life, peace, and joy. This love is indeed very strong. What Jesus simply demands of us in this relationship, or romance if you like, is our pledge of commitment to keep his word.

Look around you and learn the ways to keep God's word. You can show you Love God in little things. Where there is love, there you find peace.

How much do you love?

Father Anthony

We welcome **Lucy Rosanne Lake** to our parish community
as she and her family celebrate Lucy's baptism today at 11am Mass.
We welcome Fr. David Clark, a friend of Lucy's parents, to celebrate this Mass

Parish First Holy Communion this year will be celebrated on Saturday 19th May at 11am. All prayer sponsors are invited to attend. **Help is required** for ushering & welcome (6 people), and for refreshments (4). Please ring Jack/Melly on 9698595 to volunteer, or put your name & number on sheet in Advent Room. Thanks!


Confirmation retreat: all our confirmation candidates and their leaders go on retreat next weekend, Sat. 19th & Sun. 20th May, to St. Dominic's Priory in the New Forest. We wish them all a safe journey & a wonderful retreat

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. **The new rota is now ready for collection from Advent Room.** 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

Neighbours' Party: On Sunday 15th July we will be holding a party for our neighbours in the local community, to get to know them better and to thank them for their patience every Sunday when we park down their roads! On **Thursday 17th May at 7.30 pm** there will be a planning session for this in the Dominic Barberi Room. We're looking for suggestions of who to invite, what to do at the Party, and how to do it! All suggestions are very much appreciated - we'd love to see you there so that whatever we end up with can include your ideas! If you can't make it but have a great idea then please contact the Parish Office and tell us what you think. Most of all, please pray for the whole thing! This initiative will be part of the Regenerate mission across Reading this year (<http://www.regeneratereading.org.uk/>) Thank you

Painting of church—the Premises Committee, with the help of the Social Club, plan to paint the outside windows of the church over 2 Saturdays: **9th and 16th June, from 8am to 1pm.** All volunteers from the parish are welcome to help with this—it will be a very enjoyable social occasion as well as your chance to help maintain the condition of our church! If anybody is interested please sign up on the list in Advent Room, or contact David Cowan on 9262006 or david.cowan@hotmail.co.uk Thank you in advance!

MASS TIMES: 13th MAY - 20th MAY

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
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 Rosanne Lake</u> Celebrant: Fr. David Clark 3pm Rehearsal for 1 st Holy Communion (Church) 
Mon. 14 th	<u>NO MASS</u>	St. Matthias		2pm UCM meeting, DB Room 8pm SVP meeting, SJB parish centre
Tuesday 15 th May	9.45am	St. Carthage	For wedding of Charles Bentley & Emma Carter	8pm Justice and Peace meeting (DB Room)
Wed. 16 th	9.45am	St. Brendan	Una Quinn RIP (rec. dec.)	8pm Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thursday 17 th May	9.45am	Ascension of the Lord (transferred to Sunday)	Nuala Hemphill's intentions	2.45pm Fr. Anthony: Reception Liturgy at St. Dominic Savio School 7.30pm : Neighbours' Party meeting (DB Room)
Friday 18 th	9.45am	St. John I, Pope	Mrs. Florence Jeryathilaka RIP	
Sat. 19 th	<u>11am</u>	St. Dunstan	1st Holy Communion Celebration	
Sunday 20 th May	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Ascension Sunday	F. Polome Win Pettit RIP James McMahan RIP	UCM plant sale after every Mass Baptism of <u>Poppy May Romero Jinks</u>

*** **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:



Eileen O'Brien White, Ivy Florence Allen (1998), Katy Mills (2002), Edward McAyliffe (1977), Nellie Sawyer (2000), Vera Johnston (1995), Herbert Pegg (2003), Maria Filippo, Alfred Walsh (1984), Anne Flannery (1979), Patrick Walsh (2001), Charles Turner (1988), Henrietta Jane O'Hara (1998), and Lilian Ralph (2004).

Panto "do": The get together for all members of the Parish Pantomime Group which WAS scheduled for TODAY Sunday 13th May from 5 - 7pm **has now been postponed**; it will now be on **Sunday 1st July**. Sorry for late notice!

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

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

Job vacancy—St. Dominic Savio School: Foundation Stage/Reception Class teacher from Sept. 2007 - see poster in Advent Room. Closing date for applications is **18th May**

Open Day at Marist Preparatory School, Ascot - 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

Free Wills Fortnight Friday 18th - Thurs. 31st May: **CAFOD** and nine other charities are offering those aged 55+ the chance to make a will for free with participating solicitors in Southampton. Call Free Wills Fortnight on 0845 020 4309, email info@freewillsfortnight.org.uk or visit www.freewillsfortnight.org.uk for more information

125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Portsmouth: Bishop Crispian's recent letter gave us information about celebrating this happy occasion. The second celebration will be at the Cathedral of St. Swithun in Winchester – the most ancient Cathedral in our diocese. This will involve a Liturgy of Word and Music at **7.00pm** on **Friday 15th June**.

It would be helpful to know who is interested in going, so

please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible if you are interested! Thanks very much

Pentecost Sunday 27th May: International Mass At the 11am Mass we would like to celebrate the diversity & many nationalities which make up our parish. We hope that many of you will come in your **national dress** and bring along your **national flag** to decorate the church & the Advent Room. We would like to have the **bidding prayers in several languages**. If you would be willing to do one **please sign the sheet in Advent Room**. After Mass we will have a meal together in Carl Barton Room (hall), so please bring a plate of food to share! Thank you

"The vocation of every man and woman is to serve other people"

Leo Tolstoy

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