

MASS TIMES: 20th MAY - 27th MAY

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 20 th May	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Ascension Sunday	F. Polome Win Pettit RIP James McMahon RIP	UCM plant sale after every Mass Baptism of <u>Poppy May Romero Jinks</u>
Mon. 21 st	NO MASS			6pm Fr. Anthony: Portsmouth Cathedral for Diocesan 125 th Anniversary Mass
Tuesday 22 nd May	9.45am	St. Rita	Hugh Bradley	7.30pm Baptism Preparation session (DB Room)
Wed. 23 rd	9.45am		David & Polina Mansfield, for a long & happy marriage	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 8pm Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thursday 24 th May	9.45am	Our Lady Help of Christians		7pm With Hearts and Minds meeting (Church)
Friday 25 th	9.45am	St. Bede		
Sunday 27 th May	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Pentecost Sunday	Harry Pettit RIP Ann McMahon RIP	11am: International Mass Baptism of <u>Olivia Mary Kennedy</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:



Henrietta Jane O'Hara (1998), Lilian Ralph (2004), Patrick McLoughlin (2001), Elizabeth Parker (2003),
Chris Waters (2005), Margaret Walton (2002), and Margaret Isherwood (2003).

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 & Advent Room. After Mass we will have a **meal** together in Carl Barton Room, so please bring a plate of food to share & sign sheet in Advent Room to show what you will bring! Thank you!

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: our neighbouring parish in Twyford is organising a trip, 11th–18th Sept. Cost for the 8-day trip: £395 + ins. Includes flights from Gatwick. If interested please contact Jane Kelly at parish of Saint Thomas More, Twyford, on 934 0854. Thank you

Angels Choir founded by Fr. Anthony: Dinner Dance
The children will be singing on their debut UK tour from the 5th- 20th Oct. 2007. All proceeds from Dinner Dance will go towards children's airfares/accommodation costs. (Angels will perform at OLOP on Sat. 13th Oct!) The Dinner Dance will be held at Wellington College, Crowthorne, on **Saturday 1st June - 7pm** start; carriages 12 midnight. Black Tie with Red Theme. 3 course meal, live music, half bottle of wine per person. For further information please contact Clare Walters on 07831 093499 or clare@angelschoir.org. Thank you for your interest www.angelschoir.org

Job vacancy: Head Teacher St. Edmund's RC Primary School, Abingdon: see poster in Advent Room for details

Painting of church - the Premises Committee, with the help of the Social Club, plan to paint 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
We would appreciate some volunteers! Thank you!

Picnic in the Park: Sunday **17th June** East Reading Picnic in Sol Joel Park 2-4pm; worship 4-4:30pm. Bring a picnic! Will include barbecue, bouncy castle, cream teas, clowns, football, rounders, craft activities, & lots more!
A Regenerate event run by Churches Together in Earley & East Reading

Thank you! A few weeks ago Ben Megson and Robbie Squires advertised a ball to raise funds for their respective World Challenge ventures. The WC ball raised £2400 in total through the generosity of donations and support on the night. Ben & Robbie have now reached their fundraising targets and would like to thank all those who have supported them in raising their funds for this great opportunity. Thank you very much!

Paul McCarron from our parish is attempting the "3 Peaks Challenge" on **1st June**. He is looking for sponsorship to raise funds for **Medecins Sans Frontières**. His company, Motorola, has agreed to match fund money raised. If you want to help Paul, please fill in sponsorship form in Advent Room or go to website: www.justgiving.com/motorola-3peaks2007
Thanks in advance!

Parish Office is open this week on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am-2pm but will be **CLOSED on Wednesday 23rd May!**

What is the Parish Pastoral Council?

First and foremost we are members of the parish who, together with our parish priest Father Anthony, share the responsibility for building our parish into a living Christian community.

Current members are:

Pat Wells - Chair

John O'Neill - Vice Chair

John Allinson - Secretary

Paul Fahey

Colin Forrestal

Peter Hobbs

Laurie James

Jack Noronha

Ann-Marie Paterson

Norman Preston

Mary Wells

Gabrielle Williamson

Through prayer and reflection we aim to identify the pastoral needs of our parish community, to consider them thoroughly and to enable those needs to be met. We aim to work by consultation and collaboration with all members of the parish and we make decisions by consensus. We work for the parish as members of the community.

Fr. Anthony is also a member of the Pastoral Council and one of our major roles is to support him in his ministry to the parish. We are no different from the rest of the members of the parish.

We try to 'make straight the ways' so that everyone in the parish can develop their own relationship with God. And we try to ensure that all the activities which make up our vibrant parish life are well supported and resourced. Our job is to encourage involvement and help people to feel at home in our community. We believe that

- Through baptism all are incorporated into Christ and share in his mission
- All the baptised have been gifted by the Holy Spirit and all have the right and duty to use their gifts to build up the body of Christ
- The Holy Spirit speaks through all the baptised.

In addition to this we also have administrative tasks. It's not sensible to assume that Fr. Anthony will deal with all the mundane tasks of running the parish. So we have separate committees to deal with Finance, and with Buildings Maintenance. But the Pastoral Council takes on other issues, often consulting with experts within the parish, and always ensuring that Fr. Anthony is happy with our decisions.

JOIN WITH OUR PASTORAL AREA:

"Life of Christ" Wednesday 27th June 2007

Christ the King parish has organised an outing to see a spectacular open-air production which charts the life of Christ from Nativity to Ascension. With the beautiful grounds of Wintershall Estate as a backdrop, the cast of over two hundred actors bring to life these remarkable events. The whole play is in the open air. Cost includes: Return journey by coach (departing Christ the King car park at 8.30 am) & entrance to the performance:
Adults - £19.50 per person;
Children up to age of 18 - £12 per person.
Please book _____ place(s) for me

I enclose payment of £_____

Cheques payable to "**PRCDTR Christ the King**"

Please complete this form and send it to:

Parish Office, Christ the King,
408 Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 8NR

Name: _____

Telephone no: _____

E-mail: _____



OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

G8: The World Can't Wait Join with others from our Pastoral Area in calling on the leaders of the G8 countries to honour the pledge they made in 2005 to Make Poverty History. On **Saturday 2nd June** there will be a CAFOD rally in London, where campaigners are uniting to tell leaders the world can't wait any longer for action. Rita Belletty and Joyce Wise, from St. John Bosco, will be attending the rally and would like to hear from any one else who would be interested in going.
To get involved, please see poster in Advent Room, and contact Rita or Joyce. Thank you

From local schools:

- **Blessed Hugh Faringdon** latest newsletter now available in Advent Room - see pale purple sheets
- **St. Joseph's Convent School** Open Morning on Saturday **9th June**. See poster in Advent Room

Urgent Action needed—Abortion Bill debate On 5th June a Bill will be introduced by Ann Winterton, Conservative MP, as a first step in curbing the present abortion law. The Bill seeks to ensure that women receive proper counselling, information on alternative help available, and a delay of 7 days before making a final decision. The Bill has the support of many pro-life MPs and all pro-life groups as well as churches of many denominations. Please write to your MP urging them to attend the debate and to vote in support of the Bill. See poster in Advent Room (Justice & Peace board) for more information



Satan subtracts and divides;

God adds and multiplies

M. W. Denton