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17th June 2007

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**• Offertory collection
10th June:**

Envelopes & loose cash
£671.19

St'g Orders £533.00

Total: £1204.19

Thank you very much for your generous donations

**• Second collection
next Sunday 24th June
for Peter's Pence**

**Happy Fathers Day
to all fathers
in our parish!**

• 1st Holy Communion:

All PHOTOS are now available. Please **see Cathy Taylor to view & purchase**, & please place your orders **by 29th June!** After this date, all photos will be returned to the photographer!

Thank you

• ALTAR SERVER training:

for new children who wish to become altar servers, please attend training on the following Sundays: **24th June, 1st July and 8th July**, from 3pm - 4pm on each day. Please inform Paul Fahey or the Parish Office if you wish to attend! Thanks in advance

• Cubs banner in Advent Room was made by the Cubs in celebration of the Scouts centenary year. Have a look!

What is that excuse again?

We do get away with a lot of crimes don't we? We get away with it because we can quickly come up with some convincing excuses to defend our actions. We tend to rationalize a lot to justify our wrong-doings. Our attitude to a large extent is born out of fear of punishment. But the "law of God is perfect, it gives wisdom to the simple.... it revives the soul.." and like the psalmist, "Oh how I love the law of God! It is my meditation everyday".

Yes, our attitude as children of God must profess love for the law of God and try not to do anything contrary to the law of God because He has blessed us really with so many graces, so what is our excuse for not doing His will?

The prophet Nathan (2nd book of Samuel), in addressing King David, reminded him of all that God had done for him: "...Why have you shown contempt for the Lord, doing what displeases Him?" In other words, the prophet Nathan was asking King David what excuse have you got to displease God. In the same way, why shall we continue in that way that displeases God? We need to say we are truly sorry for going contrary to His ways and He will forgive us. David acknowledged his sinfulness and asked for forgiveness; "I have sinned against the Lord." The Lord forgave his sins and gave him life again.

The woman who was perceived to be a terrible sinner was set free by Jesus; "Go, your sins are forgiven you." Prior to her time of meeting Jesus she was under the bondage of sin. We need to go to Jesus too to be set free.

Let us strive always to do God's will because the law of God gives life contrary to the way we perceive our man-made laws and decrees. Whenever we suspect that we have transgressed, let us not hesitate to come to the Lord and ask for mercy.

His mercy is from age to age. Relish the sweetness of His amazing grace.

Have Mercy on us Lord for we have sinned.

Father Anthony

*Lord, our hope and our strength, without you we falter.
Help us to follow Christ and to live according to your will*

* **TODAY!** *

PICNIC IN THE PARK: Sunday 17th June in Sol Joel Park 2-4pm; worship 4-4:30pm. Bring a picnic! Will include barbecue, bouncy castle, cream teas, clowns, face-painting, football competitions, rounders, craft activities & so much more! Come along & enjoy the fun -

SEE YOU THERE!

Reminder -

'With Hearts and Minds'
Session 6 (final part) is this week, on Thursday 21st June, 7.45pm, at Christ the King. It will cover the Concluding Rite

A reminder to all Pantomime people that our much delayed get-together will be in Hall on **Sunday 1st July** from **5.00pm**. Look forward to seeing you all then!

Thank you to the Cubs! They raised **£92.88** recently for Fr. Terry's charity for AIDS orphans, by a garage sale supported by donations from the parish, and all the Cubs collected pennies from relatives & friends. Well done to you all!

Parish Baptisms: if you wish to have a child baptised, please complete a baptism form (available in Advent Room) and return it to Parish Office. We will contact you as soon as next dates for preparation sessions are set!



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.

MASS TIMES 17th JUNE - 24th JUNE

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 17 th June	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Tim Laffey RIP (Foundation Mass) Christina O'Shea RIP Cedric & Margaret Dias	Reception of <u>Lewis and Billy Brophy</u> 2pm: Picnic in the Park (Sol Joel Park)
Mon. 18 th	<u>NO MASS</u>			8pm: SVP meeting (St. John Bosco Parish Centre)
Tuesday 19 th June	9.45am	St. Romauld	Isobel Flexman	7.30pm: Confirmation session (Church/D.B. Room)
Wednesday 20 th June	9.45am	St. Alban	Tess O'Brien	7.30pm: Confirmation session (D.B. Room) 8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thursday 21 st June	9.45am	St. Aloysius Gonzaga	Frank O'Neill RIP (anniv.)	
Friday 22 nd June	9.45am	St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More		
Sunday 24 th June	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Birth of St. John the Baptist	Peter Cameron RIP Charles Sealey RIP	Baptisms of <u>Lewis and Billy Brophy</u> 3pm: Altar server training (Church)

*** CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 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:

Sister Gabriel Duffner (1974), Frances Gallagher (1981), Wyn Passey (2000), Tim Laffey (2002),
Colin Fox (2000), Sally Roberts (2005), and Frances McKenna (1995).

Job vacancies:

- **CAFOD** are advertising for a part-time Diocesan Officer, soon to be based at Aldershot. Closing date: 22nd June. See poster in Advent Room for further details
- **Prospects** have vacancy for Day Opportunities Manager at their Reading (Oxford Rd.) site. Closing date: 22nd June. See poster in Advent Room for full details

★ See notes from **latest CTEER meeting** in Advent Room on PPC board (on pink sheets!)

OLOP Theatre Club - reminder: don't forget to book to see Martin Guerre on Saturday 4th August! And those who have not yet paid for coach for Sound of Music on Wed. 19th Sept., **please pay by 1st July!** Thanks - Fran & Ann

ADORE Alton Day of Renewal - Saturday 23rd June at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead. Theme: **Mary, Queen of Peace.** Starts with liturgy at 11.30am; shared lunch 1pm. Speaker: Kristina Rogge. With prayers for healing. Finishes ~4pm. For more information or directions, ring Rev. John Foley on 0118 933 3420 or see poster in Advent Room

St. Joseph's Old Girls' Association: ANNUAL REUNION & AGM is on **Sunday 24th June** at 12 noon. Lunch, to include a glass of wine, £5. Tickets available from Margaret Towle on Tel. 0118 983 3562 FAMILIES VERY WELCOME!

St. Joseph's Convent School - Year 5 day, "**The Rhythm of Life**" Friday 29th June 9.15am-2.30pm. To register, go to: www.st-josephs.reading.sch.uk or call 0118 966 1000. See poster (Advent Rm.) for more info

Churches Together in Reading: AGM Thursday 28th June at 7.30pm, Council Chamber (Civic Centre next to Hexagon). Topics: future of Regenerate, how churches work together & serve Reading, elections (including new chair). All welcome

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: our neighbouring parish in Twyford is organising a trip, 11th—18th Sept. Cost for the 8-day trip: £395 + insurance. Includes flights from Gatwick. If interested please contact Jane Kelly at parish of Saint Thomas More, Twyford, on 0118 934 0854

☆ **We wish our neighbours at the parish of St. Thomas More in Twyford a very happy feast day on Friday!** ☆

Celebrating 60 Years! At the end of June, St. Nicolas Church in Sutcliffe Avenue will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee and has a weekend of activities & worship planned. Includes a **Barn Dance**, 7.30pm on Saturday 30th June, and **Barbecue**, 12pm Sunday 1st July, followed by "The Big Sing"! See poster and leaflets in Advent Room for full details

To make you smile:

"I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it"

Parish Office is open this week Tues.- Fri. from 9am-2pm