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8th July 2007

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**• Offertory collection
1st July:**

Envelopes & loose cash
£600.27

St'g Orders £546.00

Total: £1146.27

The special collection for
Day for Life raised
£476.45

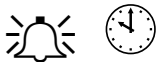
Thank you very much for
your generous donations

**• Second collection TODAY
Sunday 8th July for
Apostleship of the Sea
- please use one of the
AOS envelopes!**

• ALTAR SERVER training:
for new children who wish
to become altar servers,
please attend the last of
the training sessions – this
is TODAY **8th July**, from
3pm - 4pm. Thank you

**• Next parish Baptism
preparation sessions**
for parents who have
already registered will be
on **19th and 26th July**,
7.30pm in Dominic
Barberi Room

**• See overleaf for a lovely
message and latest news
from Fr. Terry!**



**COUNTDOWN -
ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO
UNTIL NEIGHBOURS'
PARISH PARTY!**

**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.

Not by my power

Paul makes it very clear to us that we must only glory in the Cross of Christ and not in our power or ability. To my own understanding, I think whatever is achievable is through the grace and help of God. He equally invites us to rather give glory to God for his Son Jesus who died on the Cross, and thank God for what the Cross has achieved for us; new life, new creation, and the old is gone. Our focus must now be Christ rather than boast of our achievement in the spiritual realm.

Jesus further reiterated this in his instructions to the seventy two: "No money bag, no sack, no sandals..." I perceive that when the cares of these material things sets in then we begin to be distracted by the fact that we have this or that number of possessions and then we begin to talk about how this possession came about and then think that I can do it all by myself.

As Christians we must be able to say with St. Paul: "It is not I who lives but it is God who lives in me..." to help me achieve all I count as success. So not by your power but by my Spirit, says the Lord.

Today like the seventy two the Lord is sending you out. So make God your only boast.
Father Anthony

CONFIRMATION: Our confirmation candidates will receive the Sacrament this Tuesday 10th July at St. Joseph's Convent School, with the parish of Christ the King. **We need some more helpers** for the service to make sure it all goes smoothly for them. If you are willing to help with **ushering, welcoming** or **car parking** then please contact Mary Wells on 07736 272760. Thanks! We wish all the candidates a wonderful celebration; please keep them all in your prayers



*May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts,
because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body*

APF Annual Mission Mass: All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Annual Mission Mass with Fr. Frank Thompson MHM, at English Martyrs, Liebenrood Rd., Reading, on Monday 16th July at 7.30pm. After Mass Fr. Frank will show a short film about the work of Catholic Social Services in helping to rehabilitate victims of the civil war in Uganda

1 WEEK TO GO! Next Sunday 15th July we are having our **celebration of the parish and neighbours' party after the 11am Mass** - so please come along - it's not just for our neighbours but a chance for us to get to know each other better too! If you would like to be involved in the day, or beforehand in delivering invitations to our neighbours, please contact Mary Wells through the Parish Office. Thank you

Thank you! "Could you please extend my thanks to the parishioners, Social Club and the Knights of St. Columba, via the OLOP newsletter: they raised **£950** towards the funds for the recent CTK Parish altar servers' pilgrimage to Rome. Such help was both remarkably generous and invaluable. We really appreciate such kindness."

From Fr. Gerard Flynn, Christ the King

Disability rep. for parish: the welcome ministry is looking at the needs of our parishioners with disabilities which prevent or hinder them participating and enjoying the masses & services and/or the parish community. We are looking for someone with an interest/knowledge of disabilities to join us in moving this aspect of our parish welcome forward. We work as a team on all projects & meet about 3-4 times a year. If you are interested please contact Helena Megson on helenamm@onetel.com or leave your contact details with the Parish Office. Thank you

Eucharist Ministers: Following the appeal last year for people to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound of the Parish, some people have had to give up these duties for various reasons. As a result, we now need more people to fill these vacancies. If you feel you could serve this important Ministry, or be a Minister at Mass on Sundays, once every few weeks, please contact Paul Fahey through the Parish Office and he will arrange all necessary training and help.
Thank you

MASS TIMES: 8th JULY - 15th JULY

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 8 th July	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mr. Murray RIP Kaare Westergreen RIP	Reception & baptism of Luke Owen Butcher 3pm: Altar server training (Church)
Monday 9 th July	NO MASS		2pm: UCM meeting: speaker from RNID ; all are welcome to join us! (D.B. Room) 7pm: <u>Rehearsal</u> for Confirmation (St. Joseph's Convent)	
Tuesday 10 th July	9.45am			8pm: KSC meeting (D.B. Room) 7pm: Confirmation Mass (St. Joseph's Convent)
Wednesday 11 th July	9.45am	St. Benedict	Dermot Durnin RIP (Foundation Mass)	8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thursday 12 th July	9.45am		Norman & Muriel Swain RIP (Foundation Mass)	7.30pm: <u>Parish Pastoral Council mtg.</u> (D.B. Room)
Fri 13 th July	9.45am	St. Henry	Philip Chaplin RIP	
Sunday 15 th July	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Martin Brannelly RIP Pat Wilson's intention	★ (After 11am Mass) Neighbours' party! (Hall)

*** 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:

William Purcell (1988), William Armstrong (1987), Samuel Arthur Mayes (1998), Dermot Durnin (1995), Luigi Fiorentini (1999), Alexander Croft (1989), Richard Wallace (1991), and Martin Keelen (2004).

Race for Life Sponsorship: on 15th July Alice and Georgina Hobbs will be running the Race for Life in Prospect Park, in memory of their mother Caroline. If you would like to sponsor them, please complete the sponsor form in the Advent Room or contact Peter Hobbs on 07887 700809. Thank you

Job vacancy: BMS World Mission Video Designer
BMS World Mission is a top Christian mission organisation based in Didcot. They have vacancy for Video Designer - see **yellow notice** in Advent Room for more information, or go to www.bmsworldmission.org/jobs or call Jon Clark on 01235 517607. Closing date: 18th July

Job & volunteering opportunities: Christian Community Action have vacancies for shop supervisor at Oxford Road shop & volunteers at Northumberland Avenue shop. See the posters on Justice & Peace board in Advent Room for details of how to apply

Charity guitar concert on Friday 20th July at the Polish Club on London Road. Tickets £5 - see poster in Advent Room, or go to www.myspace.com/stephenpaullewis All profits go to the Reading Jail Guitar Doors Campaign to provide instruments for Reading prisoners, so please buy a ticket and

My Dear OLOPians, what a surprise! My bank account is rather like Elijah's jar, there is never very much in it, but it does not seem to run out - partly because some very kind people from Reading make sure that something gets added each month. However, my sabbatical is coming to an end and with it my allowance from Mill Hill, so last week I took a rather worried look to see how long it might last and to my astonishment I found that it had suddenly risen and I probably now have enough for living expenses for the next six months. That is so kind of you.

I have got myself a little place here now and will be moving in when I come back from Sarawak, where I will be teaching in September & October. I have chatted with the Parish Priest about living expenses and he has encouraged me to start an envelope system and we will see what that brings in. The envelopes are being printed now. The Lord has always made sure that I have had enough to live on - but having got used to a regular income in Reading for the last ten years, I am having to pump up my trust again!!!!!! However, I do love it here. I have just come back from saying Mass at the prison, and that is always a pleasure. I had about 70 prisoners at Mass, mostly Catholics and Protestants but also a couple of Muslims and Hindus - as well as the few ex-pats, for whom the Mass is supposed to be. We do it in two languages and they seem to enjoy it very much - witness they come today which is a Tuesday, as well as coming to the normal Sunday services, when another priest celebrates - and I enjoy going to them. They give me their smiles and thanks and you give me my living expenses and so together we make up one Church.

So, thank you again so much. There were several donations which appeared in my bank account without any name, so I cannot thank them by name. There are others, which have names, but I have no addresses, so I cannot write and thank you. So please accept this letter as a very heartfelt "thank you". You are in my prayers and I offered up a special Mass for all of you. If anyone would like to receive the newsletter I send out each week, please let me know. My e-mail is terrylburke@gmail.com God bless you all, and a blessing on Father Anthony and the whole Parish,

Terry

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