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15th July 2007

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**• Offertory collection
8th July:**

Envelopes & loose cash
£558.58

St'g Orders £546.00

Total: £1104.58

The special collection for
Apostleship of the Sea
raised **£335.95**

Thank you very much for
your generous donations

**• Next parish baptism
preparation sessions**

for parents who have
already registered will be
on **19th and 26th July**,
7.30pm in Dominic
Barberi Room

**• Scout Group bric-a-brac
Sale:**

Thank you to all
who donated bric-a-brac,
clothes, toys and plants –
your support helped raise
£286.44 toward the
Group's centenary of
scouting activities!

• From Bishop Crispian:

see list on **blue sheet** in
Advent Room for details
of some moves for
priests in our diocese
and other recent
diocesan appointments

• As we approach the end of
term, **good luck** to all
school or college leavers &
anyone leaving our parish!

• **Confessions** are available
by appointment; please
contact the Parish Office
to book a convenient time

**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.

Charity begins at home

I say charity begins at home because our main focus today is good neighbourliness. The word neighbour sounds too abstract to mean anything to some of us and this is the reason why I strongly feel we should bring it home; I mean start from the home (family) - in other words, we should understand neighbour within the context of the family.

What is my responsibility towards my family? - my husband, wife, children, and my parents. We have indeed lost a lot in terms of societal, religious and family values that we need to look inward and examine ourselves critically and work hard to gain back these values, then we can consider the larger society. For example, if there is no respect for each other in the family, how can we expect to find respect in the society? If there is no value for human life in the family, how then can we expect anything better in the society?

All effort towards addressing the question 'who is my neighbour?' may be better understood by asking: to what extent am I obliged to my fellow human being? Little things matter; a little kindness can make a huge impact. All of us belong to one family or another. Let our good works start from the family. When we learn and teach the values that are useful from scratch, then we shall realize that our neighbours are those in need of our help to grow and to journey through life regardless of their backgrounds, for this is God's view and definition of neighbour; it is indeed beyond our narrow-minded understanding.

My neighbour is one who sees the image of God in me and sees God's love radiating in everything I do. Your wife or husband is your neighbour if you see in him or her an image and likeness of God not to be abused but treated with love. Same applies to children and then children to parents. When Christian values are rooted in the family, we may now be able understand who my neighbour is and try to address their needs. "Love your neighbour as yourself."

Father Anthony

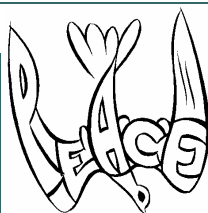
*God our Father, your light of truth guides us to the way of Christ.
May all who follow Him reject what is contrary to the gospel*



**COUNTDOWN -
NEIGHBOURS' PARISH
PARTY is
TODAY!**

TODAY! Sunday 15th July we are having our
celebration of the parish & 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!
Hope to see you all then in the hall!

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 civil war in Uganda



**Congratulations to all
who were confirmed
on Tuesday!**

Our Confirmation Mass
went extremely well;
many thanks to all who
attended and to the
many kind people, from Christ the King
and from our parish, who helped to
coordinate and organise the evening at
St. Joseph's. Well done & 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 & he will arrange all necessary training and help. Thank you

MASS TIMES: 15th JULY - 22nd JULY

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
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)
Monday 16 th July	NO MASS	Our Lady of Mount Carmel		8pm: SVP meeting, SJB parish centre
Tuesday 17 th July	9.45am		Holy Souls	12pm: Fr. Anthony at SJB Year 6 Mass 1pm: Fr. Anthony at Ministers' Lunch
Wednesday 18 th July	9.45am		Dr. Antoine Darné RIP	1.30pm: Wednesday Club (Carl B. Room) 8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thursday 19 th July	9.45am		John N.C. Emelife RIP	7.30pm: Baptism preparation session 1 (D.B. Room)
Friday 20 th July	9.45am		Barbara Young RIP (rec. dec.)	
Sunday 22 nd July	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Aitken/Way families	<u>Recⁿ. & Baptisms of Daniel Peter Harwood and Luke Philip Harwood</u>

**** CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am & 11am Masses TODAY; LAST TIME BEFORE SUMMER HOLDS! ****

★ ***** CUBS Monday 6.45pm / BEAVERS Thursday 5.45pm / SCOUTS Friday 8pm** this week *** ★
THIS IS **LAST WEEK OF SESSIONS BEFORE SUMMER HOLIDAYS,** then BACK IN SEPTEMBER!



Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Richard Wallace (1991), Martin Keelen (2004), Henry Thomas (1976), James Howard (1979),
Emma & Catherine Novell (1979), Jack Tierney (1982), and Norman Mace (1976).



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 or two and come along!

ADORE Alton Day of Renewal Saturday 28th July at St. Lucy's R.C. Convent, Medstead - looking at HEALING AND WHOLENESS. Starts with Liturgy at 11.30am; shared lunch at 1pm; speaker (Alistair Emblem); prayer for healing; ends ~4pm. See yellow poster in Advent Room. For more information or directions, ring Rev. John Foley on 0118 933 3420

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: our neighbouring parish in Twyford is organising a trip in September. Cost: £395 + ins. Includes flights from Gatwick. If interested please contact JANE KELLY at parish of Saint Thomas More, Twyford, on 0118 934 0854

Diocesan Department for Pastoral Formation: **see posters** in **D.B. Room** advertising **new courses** in the autumn - including a Diocesan Day on Confirmation (Sat. 3rd Nov. - preparing for our next round!), and a day on Matthew's Gospel (Sat. 10th Nov.) in preparation for Lectionary Year A which begins in Advent

Wednesday Club: this week is our **last meeting of the term** on Wednesday 18th July, 1.30pm-5pm in Carl Barton Room.

After this we then break for the summer and will **re-start** on Wednesday 12th September

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.

Attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

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

