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9th September 2007

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Offertory collection**
2nd September:
Envelopes & loose cash £571.23
St'g Orders £546.00
Total: £1117.23
Thank you very much
- Second collection TODAY
Sunday 9th September for
Racial Justice Sunday
- Second collection NEXT
Sunday 16th Sep. for
Catholic Missionary Soc.

- **Children' Liturgy** starts again **TODAY** at both 9am & 11am Masses - Welcome back!

- **New Welcoming rota now available:** would all welcomers please pick up your copy of new rota from Advent Rm. Thanks

- **Welcomers' Training:**
St. John Bosco Parish is holding 4 informative meetings to promote a better understanding of why "Welcome" is such an important Ministry, and to give guidance on how to be a better "Welcomer". Open to all churches in our Pastoral Area; anyone involved in Welcoming can attend. From 8-9.30pm on Mondays 15th October, 5th, 12th & 19th November. To **book a place** please call St. John Bosco Parish Office on 969 3423 **ASAP!**

! For all our 2007 1st Holy Communion children & parents:
Thank you for your clothed "bodies"! We have finished with them now, so please take home your own "bodies" and clothing items from the Dominic Barberi Room. **Any items still here by THIS FRIDAY, 14th Sept., will be taken to a charity shop!**
Thank you

The choice is yours

One of the greatest gifts God has blessed you with is the gift of freedom. It is the most beautiful gift; the difficulty though is the fact that this gift of freedom is not without an obligation and the call to make good that obligation. The obligation you have got here is to make a choice, no matter how difficult it may be. To help you God has equally availed you with the opportunity of wisdom, else "who can know God's counsel...or understand the Lord's intention?" - only the one who discerns wisely the ways of God.

Our freedom affords us the opportunity to make a decision when confronted with a variety of options. Paul for example, in his letter to Philemon, could easily have used his position to keep Onesimus, but wisdom taught him to think better and to ask Philemon his opinion. Similarly you may be tempted to take a chance at the quickest opportunity; are you making the right decision at that point? Being sensitive, considerate and prudent - this is wisdom.

Think, think and think again; your attitude really should be to put Jesus in the centre and ask yourself before you make a decision, "What would Jesus do?" When I encounter a problem and have difficulty in making a decision, **WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?** You've got a choice to make.

Father Anthony

We welcome **Rachel Florence Hickling** and her family to our parish community as we celebrate Rachel's baptism at 9am Mass today!

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS:

All Eucharist Ministers should be commissioned or re-commissioned on a regular basis. For one reason or another we, in this parish, have overlooked this duty for some time. To redress this shortcoming, the **Rite of Commissioning** of all new Ministers and **Renewal of Commitment** of all longer standing Ministers will take place **DURING ALL MASSES NEXT SUNDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER.**

The Rite of Commissioning and the Renewal of Commitment will each take only 3-4 minutes and details of what to do will be given on the day. So **PLEASE** will all Eucharistic Ministers attend one of the Masses at our parish on this day, even if it's one you don't normally attend, so that we as a Parish can exercise this Ministry correctly. Thank you all

1st HOLY COMMUNION 2008 starts in October. If you are now starting in Year 3, will be 8 years old between 1st Sept. 2007 and 31st Aug. 2008, and if you feel ready, you are eligible to join our programme. Parents of those children should **please write to Father Anthony** c/o the Parish Office (and please mark the envelope "1st Holy Communion 2008"), advising of the child's name, date of birth, date & place of baptism, parents' names, address & contact details, by end of September!

Also, this will be the **LAST TIME** that **Cath** and **Cathy** will be helping to run the 1st Holy Communion programme. They would welcome **new parent helpers** to "shadow" them through this year's programme, so that next time there will be more helpers to lead the preparation for this Sacrament. **If you would like to help with this important job for the children of our parish,** please contact Parish Office! Thank you very much

Are you an **adult seeking baptism and/or confirmation?** If so, please come along to **Journey in Faith** which begins at **8pm on Wed. 19th September** in Dominic Barberi Room. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday Club starts again this week, Wednesday 12th September at 1.30pm in Carl Barton Room. Can anyone spare time to **help with driving** to the club? Pick up at 1.30pm and take home ~3.45pm. If you can help, please contact Angela: 0118 987 3784. Thank you

★ **A REMINDER!** ★
ALL items still in our Lost Property box by THIS Friday 14th September will be taken to a charity shop!
Thank you to those who have removed items so far

MASS TIMES: 9th - 16th SEPTEMBER

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 9 th Sept.	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	James & Kathleen Buckley RIP (Foundation Mass) For racial justice Michael Lavery RIP (rec. dec.)	Baptism: Rachel Florence Hickling
Mon. 10 th	NO MASS			2pm: UCM meeting (D.B. Room)
Tues. 11 th September	9.45am		Dermot Durnin RIP	10:30am: Wedding rehearsal (church) 8pm: KSC meeting (D.B. Room)
Wed. 12 th September	9.45am		Mrs. Rita Bland	1.30pm: Wednesday Club re-starts 8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thurs. 13 th September	9.45am	St. John Chrysostom	Gerard Durcan RIP	7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council mtg. (D. B. Room)
Friday 14 th September	9.45am	Triumph of the Cross	Henry & Ethel Wiggins RIP (Foundation Mass)	★ LOST PROPERTY ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN TO A CHARITY SHOP! ★
Sat. 15 th	NO MASS	Our Lady of Sorrows		3pm: Wedding of Abigail & Gary
Sunday 16 th Sept.	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Oliver family intentions Martin Brannelly RIP George & Peggie Bentley RIP	- Commissioning of Eucharist Ministers - Commissioning of Eucharist Ministers - Commissioning of Eucharist Ministers

*** CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am and 11am Masses each week ***

*** CUBS Mondays 6.45pm / BEAVERS Thursdays 5.45pm / SCOUTS Fridays 8pm, each week ***

Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

✠ Bill Hunt (1994), Frederick Grigg(1993), Janice Robins(1995), Bernard Coakeley(2004), Anthony Davis (1997), Doris Frost (1990), Marjorie Sheldon (1997), Eric Karas (2001), Mary Salmon (1975), & Ethel Gibson (1988).


URGENT! Job Vacancy: DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH still has a vacancy for a part-time **Parish Administrative Secretary** to work for **Rev. Bruce Barnes**, the new Parish Priest who is now at **Christ the King, Reading**. Successful applicant will be located in Christ the King Parish Office. For application form, job description & salary details please contact: Ms. Ellen McCarthy, Christ the King Church, 408 Northumberland Avenue, Reading RG2 8NR. Telephone: 0118 931 4469 or e-mail: ctk.parish@btopenworld.com
Please help Fr. Bruce! See yellow poster in Advent Room/outside D.B. Room

- Days of work per week: 3
- Hours of work per week: 10
- Commencement Date: **ASAP**
- Salary: To be agreed

★ **OLoP Theatre Club: REMINDER - Sound of Music, Wednesday 19th September:** ★
the coach will leave from OLoP car park area at **5pm PROMPTLY**. Fran has the tickets! See you then

Enjoy an Indian Meal and raise funds for Charity: The Bethany Society is a not-for-profit secular registered charity established in Megalaya, India. It caters for the educational needs of children with a disability residing in remote rural communities. **Jack and Melly** are organising an **Indian Meal** on **Sat. 29th September at 7.00pm in our main hall** to raise funds. Come enjoy and help this cause! **Tickets:** Adult - £10, children - £5 (under 11), family - £25 (2 adults & 2 children). **Tickets after all Sunday Masses from Jack & Melly**, or ring them: 0118 969 8595

Reading Male Voice Choir concert in church on Saturday 6th October at 7.30pm, organised by Parkinson's Disease Society (regular users of our hall). This concert was a huge success last time, and the church was packed - it's bound to be wonderful again! See posters & flyers, Advent Room. **Tickets: £8** (including glass of wine / soft drink), now available from Graham - 0118 979 1263, Michael - 0118 958 4493 or Ted - 0118 934 5686

🎵 **ANGELS CHOIR CONCERT** will be held on Saturday 13th October at 5.30pm in our MAIN HALL. A few **TICKETS** are still available either from Fr. Anthony or from Cedric (Bar). 
Volunteer drivers needed to take Angels children to their venues & school workshops for duration of their tour, 5th-20th October; driving a 16-seater mini bus. Anyone who can help with transportation please call Clare on 07831 093 499 - thank you in advance!

A Conundrum: "We have been asked to identify the author of a poem called '**Faith Sharing**' which used to be on old parish website. So far we have drawn a blank so I have posted it on Reflections page of current website in the hope that someone will identify it. Your help would be appreciated. Thank You" - Colin Forrestal, Web Manager

"My Day by Day" - September edition of guide to month's Mass readings is now available in Advent Room; **£1 per copy**. Please leave money in basket - thank you

SPUC has provided leaflets (in Advent Room) telling us about the government's draft Human Tissues and Embryos Bill and what it would permit - including abuse of human embryos and widening the law on abortion so that even more could happen. **Tell your MP to oppose this bill; please take a leaflet from Advent Room**

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