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4th November 2007

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

• Offertory collection 28th October:

Envelopes & loose cash
£577.24

Std'g Orders £535.00

Total: £1112.24

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your kind donations

• Second collection

TODAY for **Bamenda** -
Some copies of 'Bamenda
Briefing' & latest news
available in Advent Room

OUR APPROACH TO PRAYER - Pt. 1

In addressing our approach to prayer we must remember that prayer is the raising up of our minds and hearts to God. To be able to do this well, we must be able to know the heart of God and know what sort of prayer pleases God. The psalmist readily gives an answer by saying it is only in a humble and contrite heart that the Lord finds a dwelling. With this in mind, we must consider the following:

Prayer of Contrition

In approaching God remember to come with a contrite and humble heart; this he will not reject or refuse. Our wrong-doings and transgressions can constitute some obstacle in our communication with God. It is important then to try to take that obstacle away by acknowledging that we have not done our part, we have not kept our part of the bargain and that we need to come back in a good and happy relationship with God. Unless and until this obstacle is removed it will be difficult to penetrate God's heart. *(Continues next week)*

Father Anthony

! **New rota** is now
available for Ministers
who take **Holy
Communion to the sick &
housebound**; Ministers
please collect your copy
from the Advent Room!

"...the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost."

! **REMINDER** - first meeting for **all children** preparing for **1st Holy Communion** in 2008 is **TODAY, Sunday 4th November, 2.30pm-4.30pm** here in **Church**.
We look forward to seeing you all there!

★ **Parish Pantomime People** - and anyone else who would like to join this merry band - we have the hall booked for Saturday 26th January 2008 so that, if you wish, we can once more take to the stage & 'perform' in our annual parish Pantomime. Sian and Victoria are holding get-togethers **TODAY, Sunday 4th November** in **HALL** for all children and young people interested in taking part in any way:

3.15pm - 4.00pm: all of Infant school age (or will be in January), *i.e.* reception & Key Stage 1

4.15pm - 5.00pm: all of Primary School age (1st Communion children are welcome to come in after their meeting at 4.30pm)

5.15pm - 6.15pm: all of Secondary school age.

Of course if you can't come to your 'right' one please come to another. If you would like to join in in any way please either e mail Ann on woolleya78@btinternet.com or **sign the list** which is **now on display in the Advent room!** Many thanks

"My Day by Day" -
November edition of this
lovely guide to the month's
Mass readings is
now available in Advent
Room; £1 each.

Please leave money in
basket - thank you

Need to improve your listening skills or get counselling qualifications?

"Life" is now running
nationally accredited
counselling courses - see
poster in Dominic Barberi
Room or contact Kathleen
Hamilton for more details
on 0118 9429250

FINAL REMINDER! Sons & Daughters of the Living God - **Life in the Spirit** Seminars begin here at our church on Tuesday 6th November, 7.45pm - 9.45pm with a talk by Kristina Cooper, Editor of Good News Magazine & an international speaker. Come along to this first session & you will be inspired to come to the rest! Further details & registration forms available on table in Advent Room. We hope to see you on Tuesday!

! **New members for the Parish Pastoral Council:** the PPC and Fr. Anthony share the responsibility for building our parish into a living Christian community. **We STILL need 2 more people** to replace members who left recently. If you are interested please talk to any of the Council members and **please complete one of the YELLOW FORMS in Advent Room**. Completed forms to Parish Office! Thank you



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.

Confirmation certificates - after our Confirmation Mass in July, we still had 4 or 5 certificates in the Sacristy waiting to be collected by the confirmed candidates, and a small gift of the Catechism of the Catholic Church for each candidate. The books are still there, but the last 4 or 5 certificates have disappeared! Please does anyone know what happened to them? They may have been moved, or someone may have intended to pass them on to the candidates - but candidates are asking for them, so we would be very grateful for any information on their whereabouts. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Thank you in advance



