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18th November 2007

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**• Offertory collection
11th November:**

Envelopes & loose cash
£686.85

Std'g Orders £535.00

Total: £1221.85

Thank you very much for
your kind donations

★ TODAY, the 3rd Sunday in November, has been officially recognised by the United Nations as **World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims**.

Please remember all such victims in your prayers

★ TODAY is also

Prisoners' Sunday and marks the start of Prisoners' Week; please pray for all prisoners & their families throughout this week

• Confirmation certificates - good news!

Thank you for your prayers to St. Anthony! The last 5 certificates have been retrieved, so if you are still waiting for your Confirmation certificate, please call in to the Parish Office to collect it (& your copy of catechism book if you've not yet got one). A very big thank you to those who found them!

• Next Sunday 25th Nov. is **National Youth Sunday** - encouraging our youth to "be the change you want to see in the world"



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.

OUR APPROACH TO PRAYER - Pt. 3

The key word in prayer is perseverance. I know it is not easy to wait in a queue for your turn, or wait thirty minutes for a meal you ordered at a restaurant, but at the end you can always look back and say it was worth waiting for. So it is with prayer. It may be slightly different with prayers because some of our needs need to be met instantly, like when praying for the healing of a loved one. The bottom line is that God is in control; in His time He will make everything perfect.

Fasting

This is a very beautiful exercise, though difficult. It can affect positively the way we pray. It is basically mortifying oneself, trying to develop some form of spiritual discipline. It takes a lot of sacrifice to do this but at the end it is worth the effort. Fasting puts us in a position with God that ordinarily can not be achieved.

There are other forms or ways of prayer which I shall take time to explore with you in due course.

In conclusion, faith is the foundation on which our prayer life thrives.

Father Anthony

"... But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays."

★ **Parish Prayer Evening** – your feedback and output from our parish prayer evening held on 16th October is now on display in the Lady Chapel. Please take a look; thank you for all the output! If you feel you would like to comment on it, or if you still need to speak about any of the issues raised, please talk to any of the members of the Parish Pastoral Council - they will be happy to listen. Thank you

1st Communion Prayer Sponsors: We now have **26** candidates for 1st Holy Communion 2008, and the preparation program has started. As in previous years we are inviting Prayer Sponsors to journey in prayer with the candidates and their families. If you would like to be a Prayer Sponsor **please sign up on blue sheet in Advent Room!** One of the candidates will be contacting you very shortly

Offertory Money Counters: the rota for Money Counters for the new year will shortly be prepared. We have lost 2 or 3 of our volunteers this year and if anyone would like to help the Parish in this way, please contact Alan on 0118 987 3024 who will explain what is required. (You will only be called upon approx. once every 3 months.) Thank you

Church Cleaning: the new rota for cleaning of the Church is soon to be prepared - if anyone has a couple of hours to spare every 8-9 weeks and would like to help, please contact the Parish Office or phone Pat on 0118 987 3024. Thank you

Mass count: thank you to all volunteers who helped with Mass counts in October. The average combined Sunday Mass attendance at our parish is **498**

Advent Room displays: Some of you have commented that the Advent Room needs to be better laid out to allow notices, publications and displays to be read more easily. The PPC is trying to improve communication. If **YOU** can help with ideas or have connections with suppliers of display boards, magazine racks etc., please contact Jack Noronha on 0118 969 8595 or through Parish Office. Thank you

Only 2 weeks until the start of Advent!



Advent Calendars - on sale while stocks last!
Prices: with chocolate **£3.50**, without chocolate **£3.00**

Christmas cards - please collect at Mass this Sunday if possible, from Joan Dils. Cash or cheques acceptable

MASS TIMES: 18th - 25th NOVEMBER

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 18 th November	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Kathleen Pearl RIP (Foundation Mass) Maria Maestranzi RIP Aurelia & Giuseppe Bandinu	3pm-6pm: <u>Panto rehearsal</u> (Hall)
Mon. 19 th	NO MASS			8pm: SVP meeting (D.B. Room)
Tues. 20 th	9.45am		John Pringle RIP	7.45pm: Life in the Spirit (Church)
Wed. 21 st November	9.45am	Presentation of the Bl. V. Mary	Jill Aslett RIP	8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thurs. 22 nd November	9.45am	St. Cecilia	Dora & Harry Ward RIP (Foundation Mass)	
Friday 23 rd	9.45am	St. Clement I	Ken Mansfield RIP	3pm-7pm: <u>Panto rehearsal</u>
Sat. 24 th November	NO MASS	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & companions		9.45am-5.30pm: Life in the Spirit (Church)
Sunday 25 th November	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Christ the King	Thanksgiving for Kerntaler, Wignall & Lawson families John Dunster RIP John Hennessy (anniv.)	3pm-6pm: <u>Panto rehearsal</u>

*** CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am & 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:

✠ Henry Wiggins (1980), Catherine Purcell (1975), Winifred Lees (1998), E. McIlvenna (1974), Mary Kelliner (2003), Alexander O'Boyce (1990), Kathleen Pearl (1987), Sheila Scott (2001), John Pringle (1998), Joan Andrijecko (1983), Violet Lefebure (1977), Martin Sexton (1995), and Harold Nunn (2002). ✠

Apologies! I'm so sorry I mistakenly put the wrong names last week in the box above - I somehow used names for October instead of November. The box above now shows last week's correct names **and** this week's. I apologise for any inconvenience or hurt caused by this mistake in last week's newsletter



THIS WEEK! FEED THE CHILDREN is very much a local charity. From a warehouse in Twyford it sends donated gifts of food, clothing & other items to alleviate the sufferings of children throughout Africa. The warehouse is staffed by volunteers and new helpers are always welcome. Transport for these goods is expensive; there is a constant need for money to hire the trucks that make the long & difficult journeys. To raise money to pay for the trucks to go, there will be a **Christmas Concert** by the Woodford Singers on Thurs. 22nd November, 7.30pm at Salvation Army Citadel, Chalfont Way, Lower Earley. Please support it! **Tickets: £5** from Angela 0118 987 3784 or Pat 0118 987 3024

Next Panto rehearsals are
Today Sunday 18th Nov. 3pm-6pm,
Friday 23rd Nov. 3pm-7pm, and
Sunday 25th Nov. 3pm-6pm

Theatre Club: November newsletter now available from table in Advent Room - includes mention of Christmas concerts, and tickets for "Merrily We Roll Along" at Watermill Theatre, Sonning on Sat. 2nd February at 2.30pm. Take a copy of the Theatre Club newsletter home with you!

Alton Day of Renewal - Saturday 24th November: St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor - looking at The Glory to Come. Starts with Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion 11.30am; shared lunch 1pm; speaker: Rev. John Edwards; prayer for healing; ends around 4pm. For more info/directions, ring Rev. John Foley on 0118 33420 or see poster in Advent Room

Vacancy: St. Dominic's Pre-School Playgroup is looking for a Pre-School Assistant to work as part of a team in providing a stimulating & varied programme of play and ensuring the safety & well-being of the children. See poster in Advent Room. For more information and an application form please contact Sian Bond at sianbond@btinternet.com or on 0118 927 2354. Closing date: 1st December 2007

**Each day and night I feel Your presence.
You may not be near to touch,
But You are in my mind and heart.
You meet my needs so silently;
I am never alone, because of You.**
Kalil Gibran

New courses & events for 2007-2008 run by Dept. for Pastoral Formation - see yellow sheets in D. B. Room!

Emergency contact numbers for Ministry of a priest in our Pastoral Area:

Fr. Anthony Ikhenoba **0118 966 3711**, Fr. Chris Whelan **0118 969 3423**, Fr. Bruce Barnes **0118 931 4469**, Fr. Vincent Flanagan **0118 934 0854**. Please call your own Parish Priest first, but if an emergency arises and your own priest is unavailable, please try one of our other PA priests on the numbers above

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