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23rd December 2007

Fourth Sunday of Advent

• **Offertory collection**
16th December:
 Envelopes/cash £559.17
 Standing Orders £535.00
Total: £1094.17

Thank you for your kind donations, and your consistent generosity throughout the past year!

Fr. Terry's charity:
David Holland would like you to know that, with promises of more money still to come plus some Gift Aid, we raised over **£2449.50** last weekend for street children. Thank you so much for your great generosity

Our annual **White Flower collection** for the **SPUC** is on Sun. 13th January 2008

★ **Diocesan Year Book 2008** - copies now available in Advent Room, **£3.50** per copy.
 Please leave money in basket

PLEASE NOTE!
 Parish Office is now closed for Christmas. The next newsletter will be printed for Masses on Sunday 13th January 2008!

Please remember to switch off your mobile phone when entering church - 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.

★ ★ ★ **THIS NEWSLETTER IS FOR 3 WEEKS!** ★ ★ ★

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

God is great! I am so glad and thankful for the chance to be able to celebrate another Christmas with you away from home. If anyone ever said to me at the beginning of this year, "you will be fine with the cold", I would have doubted them, but here I am preparing to celebrate another Christmas in England. How wonderful!

The year has been great. With your support and prayers, I have been able to scale through the difficult bit. I am so indebted to you all for your love, concern, and care. Thank you for your encouragement.

The Journey through the year could have been tough but for the help of so many dedicated people of the parish doing bits and pieces of activities to help. Thank you and may God bless and reward you abundantly. Special thanks goes to the parish staff; you have been selfless in your service; God bless you too.

I appreciate all your Christmas cards and gifts; I cannot give every one a Christmas card in return but I can assure you of something great and that is my prayer for God's blessings on you & members of your family at this Christmas and in the coming year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY YEAR!

Father Anthony

**The Virgin is with child and shall bear a son,
and she will call him Emmanuel**

Christmas collections: Please remember that the Christmas collections (unlike the normal Sunday ones) go directly to our Parish Priest. Please show your appreciation for Father Anthony by your generosity. Thank you

Christmas Masses - thank you to all who volunteered to help with welcoming, offertory, reading, Eucharistic Ministry & Sacristan duties for our Christmas Masses. All slots have now been allocated; see poster in Advent Room

Advent Giving Tree - Many thanks to all parishioners for the many lovely gifts we received. These have now all been taken to the Reading Single Homeless Project, and will surely make a world of difference to all those staying with them this Christmas. Thank you!



★ **ALL ALTAR SERVERS - NEW ROTA** now available; starts 13th January 2008 - so please take your copy of new rota from Advent Room. Thank you!

From Deacon Anthony Cairns! "Kindly thank all in the Parish who have sent Diana & me Christmas greetings. We wish everyone a truly blessed Christmas and keep you all in our prayers"

My Day by Day - January edition of this guide to Mass readings for the month is now available in Advent Room; **£1 each**. Please leave money in basket

Reminder: The Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on **Sun. 6th January 2008** and is a Holy Day of Obligation

! **We need YOU as Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 5pm Mass!**
 Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the 5pm Mass. 4 - 6 more Reader volunteers and 10 - 12 Eucharistic Minister volunteers will mean your turn will only come up once every 4 or 5 weeks. Everybody is eligible. No qualifications are needed. Full training will be provided. Please ring Jack & Mel Noronha on 9698595 or pass your name & number to Jane in the Parish Office. Thank you in advance

OUR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve: Sunday 24th Dec.: Children's Carol Service (**NOT** a Mass!) **5pm**
 Midnight Mass (preceded by carols): from **11.30pm**

Christmas Day: **9.00am** and **11.00am** - please remember there is **NO 5pm Mass on Christmas Day!**

Christmas Masses in our Pastoral Area - see bright PINK poster, Advent Room



MASS TIMES: 23rd DECEMBER 2007 - 13th JANUARY 2008

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 23 rd December	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	4th Sunday of Advent	George Bentley RIP (Foundation Mass) Ronald Evans RIP Liboria Tejero RIP (1 st anniv.)	
Mon. 24 th	11.30pm		Family & friends of parish	Midnight Mass (preceded by carols)
Tues. 25 th December	9.00am 11.00am	Christmas Day	Family & friends of parish Family & friends of parish	❖ HAPPY CHRISTMAS! ❖
Wed. 26 th	NO MASS	St. Stephen		
Thurs. 27 th	9.45am	St. John, Apostle	Recovery of Catherine Winston	
Friday 28 th	9.45am	Holy Innocents	Musa Eshi Paul RIP (2 nd anniv.)	
Sunday 30 th December	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Holy Family	Joy Sellen RIP (Found'n Mass) Rosemary & Matthew McQueen 40 th wedding anniversary	
Mon. 31 st	NO MASS	St. Sylvester		
Tuesday 1 st January	12 noon	Mary, Mother of God	Fitzpatrick family intentions	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Wed. 2 nd January	9.45am	St. Basil & St. Gregory	Arthur Pearl RIP (Found'n Mass) Josephine Kulatunga RIP	
Thurs. 3 rd	9.45am	St. Genevieve	Regina Zaboklicka RIP	10am-1pm: Panto rehearsal (Hall)
Friday 4 th	9.45am	St. Elizabeth	J & V Gunasekera: thanksgiving	10am/3pm: Panto rehearsal (Hall)
Sunday 6 th January	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Epiphany	Edgar Terrell RIP Thanksgiving Rene Luyten RIP (rec. dec.)	3pm-6pm: Panto rehearsal (Hall)
Mon. 7 th	NO MASS		2.45pm: Fr. Anthony celebrating St. Joseph's Convent School staff Mass	
Tuesday 8 th January	9.45am		Holy Souls	★ PARISH OFFICE RE-OPENS! ★ 7.45pm: Children's Liturgy mtg. (DB Rm.) 8pm: KSC meeting (Church) 8pm: 1 st HC parents' mtg. (Carl B. Room)
Wed. 9 th	9.45am		Mrs. B. Tyrrell & family	8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thurs. 10 th	9.45am	St. William	Mary Testro's 87 th birthday	7.30pm: Parish Pastoral Council meeting
Friday 11 th	9.45am		Martin Last RIP	
Sat. 12 th	NO MASS		12 noon: <u>Baptism</u> of Joseph Oloyede-Mills (in Church)	
Sunday 13 th January	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Baptism of the Lord	Martin Brannelly RIP (1 st anniv.) Jim Stalk RIP	2.30pm: 1 st Holy Comm.'n mtg. (Church) 3pm-6pm: Panto rehearsal (Hall)

*** **NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY during Christmas school holidays - back on 13th January!** ***

*** **NO CUBS / BEAVERS / SCOUTS during Christmas school holidays - back in January!** ***

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

✠ Maureen Chapman (2000), Muriel Bowman-Smith (1976), Pauline Thackram (2001), Donald Wignall (1996), Anthony Lesner (1999), Mary Kayley (1982), Joy Sellen (1993), Zena Pringle (1997), David Botherel (1992), Sarah Doherty (1979), Brian Sheldon (1997), Cis Byrne (1999), Arthur Pearl (1976), Robert Scott (1989), Kathleen Rooney (2001), Wally Kulan (2001), Anne Wellman (1980), Lesley Borg (2002), Tim Chapman (1995), Emma Cattaneo (1984), Teresa Smith (2006), James Ahern (1998), Roger Joseph (2007), Vincent McLoughlin (1987), and Martin Brannelly (2007).

The Parish Office is now CLOSED until Tuesday 8th January 2008.
Thank you for all your cards & kind wishes!

Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas