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Baptism of the Lord

- **Offertory collection**
6th January:
Envelopes/cash £585.10
Standing Orders £530.00
Total: £1115.10
- Thank you for your very kind donations
- Second collection TODAY is our annual **White Flower collection** for the **SPUC**
- Second collection NEXT Sunday, 20th January for the **Catholic Education Service**

In common with the Catholic Church, the SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society opposes laws & policies which violate or threaten human life, such as abortion, euthanasia, research on human embryos and anti-life sex education. **Please give generously to this very worthy cause**

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

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THANK YOU!

I would like to welcome you all to this new year, wishing you a happy and a prosperous new year. I would also like to thank you all sincerely for all your love, concern, kind words and generous gifts during the Christmas celebration. Thank you very much and God bless you.

Baptism of the Lord

Baptism is the way to save us from our sins; actual or inherited sins. Jesus submitted himself to be baptized when he had no need for baptism. Why? Some may ask. First it was to fulfil all righteousness and second to take away our sins. Baptism then is a condition to become a Christian, yes, but does it stop there? No! It is only the beginning of a journey. In fact it affords us the key to the door of our liberation. At baptism we are endowed with the spirit to strengthen us to live our baptism every day and at every given opportunity.

Father Anthony

**The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:
"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him"**

1st Holy Communion - next children's session is TODAY at 2.30pm here in Church!

★ Next **Justice & Peace group** meeting is this Tuesday 15th January at 8pm in Advent Room!

Reminder: Mass intentions - 2008 Mass intentions diary is in Advent Room. PLEASE follow the instructions on the front of the book and PLEASE only use 1 intention per Mass!

! **Ash Wednesday this year is 6th February - only 3-and-a-bit weeks away!**



Marriage Preparation 2008: dates for our parish Marriage Preparation sessions are Saturday 23rd February 11am-4pm, Wednesday 27th February 8pm-9.30pm, and Wednesday 5th March 8pm-9.30pm. All couples getting married here this year have now been contacted about these dates - so we hope they will put the dates in their diaries!

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill will begin its Report Stage in the House of Lords; it will reach the House of Commons soon. Thank you to all those who signed the SPUC petition to show our desire to safeguard the sanctity of human life; the petition has now been sent. **Please pray for wisdom and guidance when MPs vote on the Bill.** Also, see poster in Advent Room for details of a series of rallies to educate and inform about today's life issues and this new Bill

Thank you from CAFOD: See letter from CAFOD in Advent Room thanking you for your great response to the Bangladesh cyclone emergency appeal in December

Speaking up for CAFOD: if you would like to make a real difference to people living in the developing world, why not volunteer to speak on behalf of CAFOD in your parish or neighbouring parishes? CAFOD Portsmouth is running a special workshop to train volunteers to speak confidently and effectively about the work of CAFOD, on Saturday 26th January from 10.30am - 4.30pm at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 105 London Road, Newbury. Come along and see if speaking up for CAFOD is for you! Lunch will be provided and all reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed. Please book your place with Laura or Lynda at CAFOD Portsmouth on 01252 329385 or e-mail: portsmouth@cafod.org.uk - thank you

MASS TIMES: 13th - 20th JANUARY 2008

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 13 th Jan.	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Baptism of the Lord	Martin Brannelly RIP (1 st anniv.) Jim Stalk RIP Anthony Brookes RIP	2.30pm: 1 st Holy Comm'n mtg. (Church) 3pm-6pm: Panto rehearsal (Hall)
Mon. 14 th	NO MASS			2pm: UCM meeting (D. B. Room)
Tues. 15 th January	9.45am		Mrs. Harvey (90 th birthday) Branley Coronel RIP	8pm: Justice & Peace mtg. (Advent Rm.)
Wed. 16 th	9.45am		Mrs. Harvey (90 th birthday)	8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thurs. 17 th January	9.45am	St. Anthony	Brenda Hollingsworth & family Dr. Victor Oje Vanni RIP	7.30pm: Parish Pastoral Council meeting (D. B. Room)
Friday 18 th	9.45am		Holy Souls	2.45pm: Fr. Anthony at St. Dominic's
Sunday 20 th Jan.	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Second Sunday Ordinary Time	Gabriel Maguire RIP (rec. dec.) Mr. Pat Ralph RIP Vincent Bloise RIP	3pm-6pm: Panto rehearsal (Hall)

***** CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am and 11am Masses each week - welcome back! *****

***** 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:

Martin Brannelly (2007), Terence De Sa (1999), John Hickson (1983),
Lesley Hughes (2004), and Josephine Gerney (1997).

Service of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday 20th January at 6pm at Brookside Christian Centre, Brookside Close, off Gypsy Lane, Earley. This is the **centenary year for this service**, so it would be good if as many people as possible could attend. Refreshments afterwards

Parish Pantomime 2008!

On Saturday 26th January at 2.30pm and 7.00pm many of our children and young people - representatives of the Scouts and Cubs, 1st Holy Communion group, Children's Liturgy group, Readers, Altar Servers and so on - will take to the stage in the hall to perform

Snow White the Sequel, this year's parish pantomime. They have all worked very hard (and some of them even know their lines!) so please come along and support them. **Tickets** will be **available after Masses this weekend** and cost **£5 per family, £2 per individual**

Theatre Club: LAST CHANCE!

Your last opportunity to get tickets for "Merrily We Roll Along" at Watermill Theatre, Bagnor, Newbury on Saturday 2nd February at 2.30pm. We have some spare tickets now! If you are interested please pick up a booking form from Advent Room, or see Fran ASAP!

CTEER has one Lent meeting planned this year for Sunday 10th February from 7.45 - 9pm in Earley St. Peter's Church Hall. John Madeley from Caversham will be speaking on **'Making our churches carbon neutral'**. See poster in Advent Room. Friends from across Reading would be most welcome. Coffee will be served from 7.30pm

Make Catholic friends! Singles/unattached group - our next meeting is for Sunday lunch in a local pub, on 20th January. We're a very friendly group and welcome new members; if you'd like to come along, or to learn more, please contact us by ringing 0118 9475782 or e-mail readingcatholicfriends@yahoo.co.uk

Douai Abbey - new Pastoral Programme now available in Dominic Barberi Room; includes Days of Reflection for Ministers, Readers, etc., and residential retreats. Take a look!

Storytime: FREE stories and rhymes for under-5s, plus craft and colouring activities! Maiden Erlegh Library, 2.15pm, third Tuesday of the month - starts Tuesday 15th January. Free to attend; no need to book. See poster, Advent Room



*The mind grows rich from what it receives,
the heart from what it gives*

STOP PRESS! On Thursday 10th January the Parish Pastoral Councils from the 4 parishes in our Pastoral Area all met for the first time. It was a great opportunity to be introduced to Father Bruce, our coordinating pastor, and for PPC members from the different parishes to get to know each other. We started to plan how we can "go out and bear fruit" together for the Loddon Valley Pastoral Area; more info in due course - watch this space!

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 Pastoral Area priests on the numbers above

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