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3rd February 2008

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**• Offertory collection
27th January:**

Envelopes/cash £662.24

Standing Orders £530.00

Total: £1192.24

Thank you for your kind donations

• Second collection

TODAY is for Catholic Children's Society:

The Society provides care for some of the most vulnerable children and young people in our community. *The Society relies on the generosity & good will of the Catholic community to continue its work in our diocese.*

Please give what you can to help give the next generation the chance they deserve

1st Holy Communion 2008

- next children's session is **TODAY, Sunday 3rd Feb. at 2.30pm in Hall!**

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Lent begins this week on **Ash Wednesday, 6th February** - this is a **Holy Day of Obligation.** Masses: 9.45am & 7.30pm



My Day by Day - the **LENT** edition of this guide to Mass readings is now available in Advent Room, to aid your journey of prayer through Lent. Only **£1** per copy.

Please leave money in basket

SUNDAY MASS TIMES in our Pastoral Area:

- ♦ **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.

THE ULTIMATE LIFE'S GOAL?

Why did God make you? God made me to know Him, love Him, serve Him and to be happy with Him in this life, and forever in the next.

For some these are familiar questions and answers from our catechism sessions in those good old days. Happiness is the core word here; so by implication we were all created by God to live in this world according to His will and ultimately gain happiness. How this works is what Jesus Christ tries to explain in the Beatitudes; the promise of blessings for those who live in a good relationship with God, and their neighbour (e.g. "blessed are the pure in heart, they shall see God..."). I would invite you to take another look at Matthew 5:1-12a and hear the words of Jesus in His teaching on the Mountain.

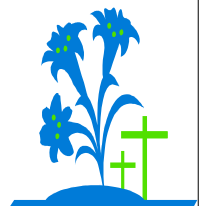
The ultimate Christian life is happiness in and with Christ Jesus forever. All we cling to in this life that gives us happiness will fade; even when it makes us happy, it is only temporal. The kind of happiness that Jesus Christ invites us to is eternal & full. Seek the Lord today; why not?

If not to enjoy eternal bliss, then why am I a Christian?

Father Anthony

**"...Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God."**

Stations of the Cross - We will have Stations of the Cross at **8pm on Fridays** and **4pm on Sundays** during Lent. The first session will be on Friday 8th February. All are welcome to this opportunity to pray together and follow Christ's journey. If you would like to help with presentation of the sessions, please contact Melly Noronha on 0118 9698595. Thank you - hope to see you on Friday!



Father Terry will soon visit us! Fr. Terry Burke will be back in this country for a short while and we will be delighted to welcome him to celebrate 2 Masses for us - he will say 11am Mass on Sunday 24th February and 9am Mass on Sunday 2nd March

Thank you to all Parish Pantomime People for the wonderful performances they put on last Saturday! The cast, directors, musicians and all involved did a wonderful job. The sentiments were great too - now even more of us will try our best, whatever we're doing... (just like Jonny W. will do for the 6 Nations!!)

Thank you all and well done!

★ **Diocesan Year Book 2008** - still available in Advent Room! Has contact details & Mass times for all churches in our Diocese - **£3.50** per copy

CONFESSION: available on request (in confessional). Please contact the Parish Office to request a suitable time



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. We hope all couples getting married here this year have these dates booked!

Lent Reconciliation Services: As usual, local parishes in our Pastoral Areas will be offering Lent penitential services, each with priests available for 1:1 confession:

Thursday 13th March, 7.30pm
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Monday 17th March, 7.30pm
Tuesday 18th March, 7.30pm
Wed. 19th March, 7.30pm

St. John Bosco, Woodley
English Martyrs, Reading
St. Joseph's, Tilehurst
Christ the King, Whitley
Our Lady of Peace & Bl. D. Barberi

MASS TIMES: 3rd - 10th FEBRUARY 2008

| DATE | TIME | DEDICATION | MASS INTENTION | PARISH DIARY |
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| Sunday 3 rd February | 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm | Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time | Clements & Hardy families (Foundation Mass) Harry Norris RIP Basil Majdan RIP | 2.30pm: 1 st Holy Comm. children's session (Hall) |
| Monday 4 th February | 11am | | Funeral Mass for Kathleen McGuire | 8pm: SVP meeting (D. B. Room) |
| Tuesday 5 th February | 9.45am | St. Agatha | Maureen Miller: Thanksgiving | 7.45pm: Children's Liturgy meeting (D.B. Room) 8pm: Justice and Peace meeting (Advent Room) |
| Wed. 6 th February | 9.45am 7.30pm | ASH WEDNESDAY | Kathleen McGuire RIP (rec. dec.) | After evening Mass: Choir practice for 9am Mass |
| Thurs. 7 th | 9.45am | | Eileen Herbert RIP (rec. dec.) | |
| Fri. 8 th Feb. | 9.45am | St. Jerome Emiliani | Michael Murphy RIP | 8pm: Stations of the Cross (Church) |
| Sunday 10 th February | 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm | First Sunday of Lent | Catherine & Jack Winston RIP (4th anniversary) Harry & Dora Ward RIP (Foundation Mass) Angelo Napolitano | 4pm: Stations of the Cross (Church) |

*** 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:

Mena Bryant (1977), Monica Carroll (1997), Anna Pelickan (1978), Roselyn Fernando (1990),
Agnes Teresa Walsh (2007), and Kathleen Patience (1977).

What do you know about Dominic Barberi? Perhaps not much?! We have ordered some books to tell us more...
These small books will be available for parishioners to buy soon - watch this space for further details!

Home Group: Fiammetta Scola has very kindly offered to host a home group meeting at her house on Thurs. 7th Feb.
7.45 - 9.30p.m. All welcome. For more information or to confirm attendance please call Mel Noronha on 0118 9698595

Reading Churches Men's Group - next **Men's Breakfast** is at Reading Blue Coat School, Sonning, on Saturday 9th February, 8.15am. Includes Noel Fellowes speaking on "Truth on Trial". Cost: £7 per head.

To book please contact John Broady on 0118 954 3879 **by Tuesday 5th February!** See pink poster & yellow slips, Advent Room

Grace Notes: exploring themes of God's gracious love and our response; Sat. 9th Feb., 7.30pm, at Park URC. See yellow/pink posters

Job Vacancies, Reading Voluntary Action: see poster in Advent Room for details of 7 current job vacancies!

★ **Woodley Jumbulance Group** has booked to go to **Lourdes** from September 27th - October 4th 2008, travel by Jumbulance & staying in a 4* hotel. We have vacancies for unable, for volunteer nurses and helpers, preferably male. Anyone who is interested or who would like more information please ring **John Gill:** 0118 9694769, or **Marie O'Gorman:** 0118 9691927

Reading Male Voice Choir - remember what a great concert they gave us here? See them in concert again at Wesley Methodist Church, Queen's Road, Reading on Sat. 16th Feb., 7.30pm. All proceeds to NCH, the children's charity - go along & help raise funds! See poster in Advent Room for details of tickets

CTEER has a Lent meeting next Sunday 10th February, 7.45pm - 9pm in St. Peter's Church Hall, Earley. See recent CTEER AGM notes on PPC board in Advent Room

Emergency contact numbers for Ministry of a priest in 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



Sign spotted in a safari park: "Elephants, please stay in your car"



For your information: if you or anyone suffers a mishap or accident in church or meeting rooms, we need to be aware of it. There is a green "Accident Reporting Book" in the Dominic Barberi Room, so please complete an accident report if any accident should occur, so that any Health & Safety concerns may be addressed. This is a legal requirement, so thank you for your co-operation!



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