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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

23rd & 30th March 2008

Easter Sunday

• **Offertory collection**
16th March:

Envelopes/cash £759.44
Standing Orders £530.00

Total: £1289.44

• Special collection for
Feed the Children (the
Justice & Peace Group
Lenten appeal) raised the
wonderful sum of **£570.72**

Thank you for all your
very kind donations!

Reminder:

Your offerings at all our
Easter Masses are, by
tradition, for the personal
use of Father Anthony



Easter edition of
My Day by Day
now available in
Advent Room -
only £1 per copy

GIFT AID:

£ envelopes for the year
commencing 6th April
are **still available in**
the Advent Room.

Please remember to
collect your envelope!

Thank you. Alan

To all gardeners!

Our annual **UCM plant sale**
will be held here after all
Masses on Sunday 1st June -
so if you're preparing plants
for the season, feel free to
donate some for the sale!
Thanks in advance!

To all APF members:

Red Box collections will be
conducted after Easter;
please expect a call from
your APF promoter



CONFESSIONS will be
available after Easter on



Friday evenings
from 7pm

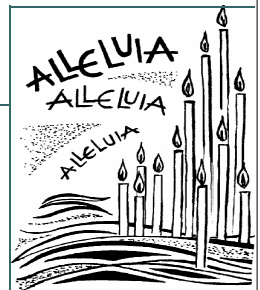
in the confessional

★ ★ ★ THIS NEWSLETTER IS FOR 2 WEEKS! ★ ★ ★

Rejoice in the Victory of Christ

"Why do you seek for the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5). We tend to make our lives stagnant by worrying about things that happened to us in the past. The example of the risen Jesus helps us to move on with our life: just a moment ago he was in the tomb and now "He is no more here, he is risen" - the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty, the circumstances have now changed. If you trust in God your circumstances will change as well for the better. Rejoice therefore in the Lord; alleluia! Christ is risen! May the joy of the Risen Saviour be an everlasting Joy for you in Jesus' name. Amen.
Happy Easter!

Father Anthony



**A very Happy Easter to you all -
may the certainty of Christ's Resurrection
remain with you at all times**

Sons and Daughters of the Living God: Exploring the Relationship at the Heart of Our Faith - Encouraged by the success of last autumn's seminars, our parish will be running another "Life in the Spirit" programme leading up to Pentecost this year. The seminars will be an opportunity to seek a fuller experience of the Holy Spirit we each received in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Evenings will be structured to enable people to get to know one another as members of the same Christian family, listening to talks given by a variety of speakers whose lives have been touched by the Holy Spirit and praying together for a similar experience of God in our lives. Join us and make this Pentecost a special celebration of grace that will transform us as individuals and as a community.

For further information please see **Flyers and Registration Forms in Advent Room**

From our parish Justice and Peace group: Please pray for and, if possible, write a letter of support for human rights defender Emadeddin Baghi who has suffered two seizures while being held in prison unfairly in Iran. If you would like to know more, take a copy of the **appeal sheet** which is **available on the J & P notice board** in Advent Room

Home Group: the next home group meeting is at Michael and Eileen Cafferty's house on Thursday 27th March 2008 at 7.45 - 9.30 pm. All welcome. For more information or to confirm attendance please call Isabelle Thorn on 0118 9750813

We welcome to our parish community **Benjamin Michael Parsons** as we celebrate his baptism at 11am Mass on Sunday 30th March!

Thank you from Catholic Children's Society

The parish's appeal (in February) on behalf of the Catholic Children's Society raised in excess of £450. The Catholic Children's Society has been in touch to extend a huge thank you for such a generous gift. The donations made enable the Society to care for and support some of the most vulnerable and excluded children, young people and families in our diocese. Their work relies almost entirely on the generosity of the Catholic community and therefore cannot function without our contributions. So thank you all once again.

If you would like to get involved in any fundraising activities, or find out more about the work of the Catholic Children's Society, please get in touch with Maxine on 020 8668 2181 or e-mail her at maxine.smeaton@cathchild.org
Alternatively you can visit their website at: www.cathchild.org




The Parish Office is now **CLOSED every day up to and including Monday 31st March**
and will be open again on Tuesday 1st April.



Wishing you all a truly blessed Easter




MASS TIMES: 22nd MARCH - 6th APRIL 2008

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sat. 22 nd	8 pm	Holy Saturday	<u>For family & friends of parish</u>	8pm: Easter Vigil
Sunday 23 rd March	9 am 11 am	Easter Sunday 	<u>For family & friends of parish</u> <u>For family & friends of parish</u>	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY today
Mon. 24 th	NO MASS		NO MASS	
Tues. 25 th	NO MASS		NO MASS	NO PARISH PRAYER EVENING
Wednesday 26 th March	9.45 am		Bridget Diviney	8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass NO WEDNESDAY CLUB TODAY
Thursday 27 th March	9.45 am			10.30am: Wedding Rehearsal (Church) 8pm: Liturgy Group mtg. (D.B. Room)
Friday 28 th March	7.30 pm		Elizabeth & Brian Caton RIP (Foundation Mass)	
Sat. 29 th	NO MASS		1pm: <u>Wedding</u> of Anna Murphy and Sean Robbins	
Sunday 30 th March	9 am 11 am 5pm	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday 	Deceased members of Durnin & Harvey families Kathleen McGuire RIP Kathleen McGuire RIP	Baptism of <u>Benjamin Michael Parsons</u>
Monday 31 st	NO MASS	Annunciation	NO MASS	8pm: SVP meeting (D.B. Room)
Tuesday 1 st April	9.45 am			*** PARISH OFFICE RE-OPENS *** 7.45pm: Children's Liturgy mtg. (DB Rm)
Wed. 2 nd	9.45 am		Jean Bartington RIP (rec. dec.)	8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thursday 3 rd April	9.45 am		Nkem and Emmanuel Ezekwe family intentions	
Friday 4 th April	7.30 pm	St. Isidore	Jude & Viran Gunasekera	1pm: Fr. Anthony saying funeral Mass at Christ the King
Sunday 6 th April	9 am 11 am 5pm	Third Sunday of Easter 	John Noronha's 21 st birthday Jean Bartington RIP (rec. dec.)	

***** NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY on Easter Sunday - back on Sunday 30th March! *****

***** CUBS Mondays 6.45pm / BEAVERS Thursdays 5.45pm / SCOUTS Fridays 8pm, each week ***
but NO CUBS on Easter Monday!**

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

 John Austen Fardy (2006), Joyce Hart (1990), Jorge Hortal (1999), Ray Dils (2002), Irene Hickson (1994), Elizabeth Caton (1999), Vera Sackey (1979), Daniel Lynch (2004), Andrew McLony (1997), Chantelle Pattinson (2000), Mabel Blake (1985), Edward Wajczys (1973), John Newton (2003), Maria Colella (1989).

*A big **THANK YOU** to all who have helped with preparing the parish and the church for this great celebration*

Feast of Divine Mercy - Sunday 30th March: celebrations will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Thatcham (Mass at 2pm), and at Marian Fathers, Fawley Court, Henley (Mass at 12 noon). **Please join us!**
For Fawley Court, see poster by D.B Room; for Thatcham, contact Kieran on 01635 848953

Blessed Hugh Faringdon School is celebrating its **50th anniversary** with an event on Saturday 26th April at 7pm in the school. All former pupils who attended the school are welcome! Food, bar and entertainment provided.
Tickets: £7 from Gabriele Scicluna on 07527 931803 or gabrielescicluna@hotmail.co.uk

Walk Watership Down to help Macmillan Cancer Support! Walk will take place on Sunday 4th May. Please support this event - see leaflets in Advent Room (take one with you), or for more info contact Tony or Nick on 01264 343811

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

- ♦ **St. John Bosco, Woodley:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10am.
- ♦ **Christ the King, Whitley:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10am.
- ♦ **St. Thomas More, Twyford:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10.30am.
- ♦ **Our Lady of Peace, Wargrave:** Sun. 9am.

Emergency contact numbers for Ministry of priest:

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 in emergency if your own priest is unavailable, please try one of our other PA priests on the numbers above