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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

6th April 2008

Third Sunday of Easter

• **Offertory collection**
30th March:
Envelopes/cash £528.84
Standing Orders £530.00
Total: £1058.84

Thank you for all your very kind donations

• Special collection NEXT Sunday 13th April for **Clergy Training Fund**

Next Sunday 13th April is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life**, so we will be remembering this in our prayers next Sunday

YOU ARE A SIGN OF THE RESURRECTION
Cleopas and his friend shared their company with a stranger who turned out to be Jesus himself. Not only did they share their confidence with him, but they went further and shared their meal and shelter.

It was at that point that he revealed himself to them as the risen Saviour. This Revelation gave new meaning to their lives and changed their whole perception. Like he appeared to Cleopas and his friend in a different form and in a different body, after the Resurrection Jesus now appears in different bodies; in your own body and activities to another person, and in other bodies and events to you. So just be more welcoming even to strangers.

I would like to thank you all for your generous gifts during and after the Easter celebration.

Thank you for allowing me to see the risen Christ appear through you.

Father Anthony



Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start on Friday 11th April at 6:30pm through to 7:30pm. Also on Friday evenings, Fr. Anthony will hear individual confessions from 7pm through to 7:30pm with Mass to follow at 7:30pm as usual. Exposition, confessions and Mass will take place at the same times every Friday evening from now on

Sons and Daughters of the Living God: starts Tuesday 15th April! 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**

We hope to see lots of you here on Tuesday 15th April, 7:45pm

See April issue of Portsmouth People for a whole page about our Pastoral Area! Includes our Life in the Spirit programme, plus photos/news from St. John Bosco

Posts within the Departments of the Diocesan Curia: Monsignor John Nelson, Moderator of the Curia, has written to inform all parishioners of the following Diocesan vacancies:

- Adviser for Marriage and Family Life (*advertised on page 9 of Portsmouth People*)

- 2 full-time Advisers in the Department for Pastoral Formation

- Administrative support for key contacts of Child Protection/Finance & Property.

Attracting high quality candidates is a considerable challenge; anyone suitable who may be interested in working for the Church in this Diocese is encouraged to apply.

For further details please see Portsmouth People or contact the Parish Office

Thank you from Feed the Children: following on from our Lenten appeal for Feed the Children and the special collections made on Sunday 16th March, Feed the Children have written to thank you all very much for your wonderful generosity and the sum of £570.72 raised. See their letter in Advent Room



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





! **All Altar Servers:**
please take your copy of **NEW ROTA** from box in Advent Room; the new rota starts NEXT SUNDAY 13th April, so save the church from having to pay for postage and please remember to take your copy TODAY! Thanks

Fancy reading at 11am Mass? Then please let Colin Forrester know as he is now drawing up the rota for the second half of Year A. Please contact Colin: 0118 9542061 or 0774 8288044 or e-mail colin.forrester@ntlworld.com

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



! **CONFESSIONS** are available on **Friday evenings from 7pm - 7.30pm** in the confessional

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 6 th April	9 am 11 am 5pm	Third Sunday of Easter 	John Noronha's 21 st birthday Jean Bartington RIP (rec. dec.) Mary & Albert Twinney's 60 th wedding anniversary	
Monday 7 th	NO MASS		NO MASS	
Tuesday 8 th April	9.45 am		Joseph & Roseline Fernando RIP	7.45pm: Life in the Spirit (Church) 8pm: KSC meeting (at Gerry's house)
Wed. 9 th	9.45 am		Patrick Duffy RIP	8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thursday 10 th April	9.45 am		Patrick Burke RIP (rec. dec.)	7.45pm: Parish Pastoral Council mtg. (D. B. Room)
Friday 11 th April	7.30 pm		Madeleine Sole RIP	11.30am: Funeral of Patrick Burke RIP 6.30-7.30pm: Exposition
Sunday 13 th April	9 am 11 am 5pm	Fourth Sunday of Easter 	Helma Kennedy Rip (2 nd anniv.) Sarah Berger, in thanksgiving (running the marathon today) Stella Howard RIP (rec. dec.)	Baptism of <u>Ciaran Marco McKeown</u> Baptism of <u>Jessica Kate Holtham</u>

***** NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY during Easter school holidays - back on Sunday 27th April! *****

***** NO CUBS / BEAVERS / SCOUTS during school holidays! *****



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

Carlton Alves (2002), Frederick Harvey (1996) and Muriel Wigley (1993).



Recently departed: please remember in your prayers **Patrick Burke** who sadly passed away recently. Pat's funeral will be held here on Friday 11th April at 11:30am. We pray that Pat may rest in peace. Amen

Wednesday Club needs you! Can you spare half an hour on a Wednesday afternoon? **We need more DRIVERS** to help at **1.30pm & 3.45pm**. If you can help at either or both of these times, please ring Angela on 0118 987 3784



Congratulations to Mary & Albert Twinney from our Wednesday Club - they celebrated their Diamond (60th) Wedding anniversary on Thursday 3rd April. Many congratulations from all your friends here!

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN READING

Blessed Hugh Faringdon School invites pupils, staff, parents and governors, past and present, to a special Mass to commemorate the **50th anniversary** of the opening of the school, at English Martyrs church on Friday 25th April at 7pm, followed by refreshments at the school. See pink poster in Advent Room. If you wish to go, please contact Judith Crimmins on anniversaryfor50years@hotmail.com or 07504 033667

Blessed Hugh Faringdon School is celebrating its **50th anniversary** with an event on Sat. 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



Theatre: If you would like to watch Libby Sinclair perform in the West End with The London Children's Ballet Company, a coach is available for the 4.30pm performance on Sunday 18th May. For more information please get in touch with David Sinclair (9617500)

Woodley Jumbulance Group: To raise funds for our trip to Lourdes in September we are having a social folk evening in **OLOP Social Club** on Saturday 26th April 7.45pm featuring Cornucopia Appalachian clog dancers, The Sandy Grove String Band, and Pete Orton - Berkshire's own folk singer. A good evening of entertainment and craic is guaranteed! Tickets **£7** from John Gill: 0118 9694769 or Marie O'Gorman: 0118 9691927. Licensed Bar & refreshments

WANTED: Roman Catholic qualified library assistant for the **Catholic National Library** in Farnborough, one day a week, on a voluntary basis. IT skills and a practical knowledge of cataloguing an advantage. Must be a team player. For more information please contact the librarian on 01252 543818 or email library@catholic-library.org.uk

Courses: see leaflets in D.B. Room for details of "**The Stress Survival Guide**" in Newbury on Thursday 1st May, and "**Better than Alright**", Thursday 8th May at Reading International Solidarity Centre, London Street, Reading - interactive events for people wanting more out of life. To book for either course, call 029 2081 0800 or visit www.careforthefamily.org.uk or www.lookingatlife.org.uk/alright

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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