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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

13th April 2008

Fourth Sunday of Easter

• Offertory collection 6th April:

Envelopes/cash £584.74
Standing Orders £530.00

Total: £1114.74

Thank you for your
very kind donations

• Today's special collection is for the Clergy Training Fund

Today, the 4th Sunday of Easter and 'Good Shepherd Sunday', is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life**. As individual members of the Body of Christ, we each have a unique and distinctive role to play as we live out our particular vocations. Today we are invited to join the universal Church in praying that many will respond to the Lord calling them to vocations in imitation of the Good Shepherd. May God strengthen all those He calls to priesthood or consecrated life and fill them with a generous spirit to respond in love and service for His people

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

**The Parish Office is open
Tues. - Fri. from 9am - 2pm**



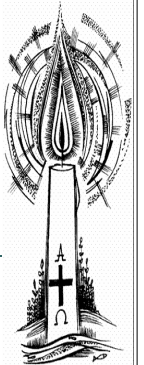
CONFESIONS are
available on
**Friday evenings from
7pm - 7.30pm**
in the confessional

The Good Shepherd

Jesus is the good shepherd who gave His life to His sheep; this is an extraordinary thing to do, a great commitment and sacrifice, but He did it to give life to us. He declared himself that He came "that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). He took care of His sheep; we are the sheep of His flock. When He left the world He entrusted the care of this flock to Peter; this work of shepherding the flock continues today with the church in the world.

Am I playing my role as a member of the flock? Do I feel happy to cooperate with the authority of the church; Bishop, priests, deacons, and in other roles as catechists, Sunday school teachers, musicians, readers and all other ministers of the church? We can engage in other things in an effort to play our roles as shepherds and faithful flock; we can try to reach out with understanding and compassion to people in need especially those who cannot join us at our celebration of the Mass, those who have lost heart and faith. Above all, we can pray.

Father Anthony



**Father, eternal shepherd, watch over the flock redeemed by the
blood of Christ and lead us to the promised land**

We warmly welcome to our parish community **Ciaran Marco McKeown** and **Jessica Kate Holtham** as we celebrate their baptisms at 9am & 11am Masses today!

Reminder: The Rosary is prayed before each weekday morning Mass, at 9:20am



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Friday evening from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Also on Friday evenings, Fr. Anthony will hear individual confessions from 7pm to 7:30pm with Mass 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: Exploring the Relationship at the Heart of Our Faith - **starts Tuesday 15th April!** Encouraged by the success of last autumn's seminars, our parish is 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 and praying together for an 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 you all here on Tuesday 15th April at 7:45pm!**

Update: the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (HFE) Bill

The HFE Bill is due to have its Second Reading in the House of Commons NEXT MONTH. Some time ago the parish provided parishioners with a petition to sign and postcards to send to your MP; thank you to all who took action. For those who did not, **PLEASE ACT NOW by writing to your MP** raising your objections to the Bill. The Bill may be passed in the name of all citizens; if you do not speak out, your silence will be taken as consent. Briefly, the Bill would allow scientists to create embryos that are half human, half animal; infertility clinics to ignore a child's need for a father; "saviour siblings" to be created as a commodity to donate organs/tissues to a sibling; and opportunities for amendments to the Abortion Act, either good or bad. Do you consent to this?

We are approaching the 40th anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act; in that time we have lost millions of unborn children, legally. Do not permit things to get worse. Write to your MP to voice your opposition to the Bill: [Name of MP], House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or e-mail your MP at www.writetothem.com Thank you

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
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>
Monday 14 th April	NO MASS		NO MASS	2pm: UCM meeting (D.B. Room) 8pm: SVP meeting, at St. John Bosco
Tues. 15 th	9.45 am		Intentions of Niall Durnin	7.45pm: Life in the Spirit (Church)
Wed. 16 th	9.45 am	St. Bernadette	David Marsden RIP (rec. dec.)	8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thurs. 17 th	9.45 am		Intentions of Mrs. Eileen Watson	
Friday 18 th April	7.30 pm		Holy Souls	6.30-7.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 20 th April	9 am 11 am 5pm	Fifth Sunday of Easter 	R. Porter RIP Vi Faulkner RIP (rec. dec.) Mrs. & Mrs. E. Diggory's Golden Wedding Anniversary	

***** 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:

Muriel Wigley (1993), Leonard Cracknell (1993), Horace Tilley (1983), Margaret Eddleston (2004), John McGlynn (1988), Una Quinn (2007), Joshua Susel (2000) and Kevin Toal (2005).



MANY APOLOGIES for a mistake in last week's newsletter concerning the date for the funeral of Patrick Burke - Jane is very sorry for any confusion caused

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

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

DON'T FORGET! The 5th Annual Sleep Out for Reading Single Homeless Project is on **Friday 25th April** at Reading's Madejski Stadium - see posters & forms in Advent Room

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

St. Joseph's Convent School is holding an Open Morning for prospective parents & pupils on Thursday 8th May from 9:15am-12:15pm for Preparatory Department, Senior Department and Sixth Form (*i.e.* ages 3 to 18). No appointment necessary - simply drop in! Further details at www.st-josephs.reading.sch.uk or by calling 0118 966 1000



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)



See page 8 of April issue of Portsmouth People for a whole page about our Pastoral Area!
This is last edition of Portsmouth People until a review and re-launch in the autumn (see p.1), so take a copy



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SUNDAY MASS TIMES AT OUR OTHER CHURCHES:

- ♦ **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