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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

20th April 2008

Fifth Sunday of Easter

• Offertory collection 13th April:

Envelopes/cash £682.17
Standing Orders £530.00

Total: £1212.17

• Special collection for the Clergy Training Fund raised **£339.26**

Thank you for all your
very kind donations

I am the way, the truth and the life

The world is a complex one. We sometimes make it even more complex with our desires and ambitions. It is valid to desire and be ambitious about things that will last, things that will point in the direction of God. But sometimes because it is to the contrary, we face difficult moments and feel alone and abandoned.

When you are experiencing hard times and are uncertain what direction to take, do not be afraid because today He gives us assurance: "I am the way".

If you ever need direction, "I am the truth".

If you doubt anything, come to me and "I am the life".

Jesus gave us life in abundance through His death and resurrection. Believe these and you will be saved.

Father Anthony



THIS WEEK!

1st Holy
Communion:



♦ Final parents' session is on **Tuesday 22nd April at 8pm** in **Carl Barton Rm.**

♦ Final children's session is **next Sunday 27th April at 2.30pm** in **Main Hall**
SEE YOU ALL THEN!

Lift required for 11am

Mass: An elderly lady parishioner, Jane, requires a lift to 11am Mass on an occasional basis from Parsley Road, Lower Earley. If you can help please call Jack & Mel Noronha on 0118 9698595. Thank you

Reminder: to prepare for the International Mass on Pentecost Sunday, we are meeting on **Monday 21st April at 8pm** in **church** to rehearse some African music - all welcome!

The Parish Office is open this week Tues. - Friday from 9am - 2pm

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

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia!

International Mass on Pentecost Sunday 11th May:

Our parish will celebrate its annual International Mass at 11am on Pentecost Sunday **11th May** to celebrate the diversity & many different cultures we have in our community. We hope that many of you will come in your **national dress** and bring along your **national flag** to decorate the church & Advent Room! Mass will be followed by a finger buffet in Main Hall - all are invited to bring a plate of their national food to share.

Please sign up on list in Dominic Barberi Room, to indicate the **dish** you will bring (with a brief description of it!) and the **country** it represents. Thank you



From our parish Justice and Peace group: MONTHLY APPEAL

Please pray for and, if possible, write a letter of support for a Gambian journalist who has "disappeared" and is believed to be held against his will by the authorities who deny knowledge of his whereabouts. If you can help please take a copy of the appeal sheet which is available from the J&P notice board in the Advent Room

Sons and Daughters of the Living God: Exploring the Relationship at the Heart of Our Faith - the parish's latest "**Life in the Spirit**" program got off to a great start on Tuesday!

The program continues this week and **registration will close at Tuesday's session.**

The seminars are an opportunity to seek a fuller experience of the Holy Spirit we each received in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

For further information please see flyers and registration forms in Advent Room

In response to a call from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, we will be offering 11am Mass next Sunday for all the unborn and their mothers, to mark the 40th anniversary of the passing of the abortion law.

Please remember to keep the unborn and their mothers in your prayers



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

See page 8 of April's Portsmouth People for a whole page about our Pastoral Area! This is last edition of Portsmouth People until it is re-launched in the autumn (see p.1)

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
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	1pm: Fr. Anthony meeting re: wedding
Monday 21 st April	NO MASS	St. Anselm	NO MASS	8pm: Rehearsal of African music for International Mass (in Church)
Tuesday 22 nd April	9.45 am		Deceased friends of Teresa Norris	10:30am Fr. Anthony mtg. re: wedding 7.45pm: Life in the Spirit (Church) 8pm: 1 st Holy Comm. Parents' meeting (Carl Barton Room)
Wed. 23 rd	9.45 am	St. George	For all Irish people in Reading	8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thurs. 24 th	9.45 am		John Walsh RIP	
Friday 25 th April	7.30 pm	St. Mark	David Marsden RIP (rec. dec.)	4pm: Wedding rehearsal (Church) 6.30pm: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament
Sat. 26 th	NO MASS	1pm: Wedding of Martina Howard & Nick Smith (Celebrant: Fr. Dominic Golding)		
Sunday 27 th April	9 am 11 am 5pm	Sixth Sunday of Easter 	Gerard Cashman's intentions For the unborn and their mothers (40 th anniv. of abortion law) Mary Bosanko RIP (rec. dec.)	★ Children's Liturgy Re-starts! ★ 2.30pm: 1 st Holy Communion Children's session (Hall)

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

*** **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:

Kevin Toal (2005) and Maria Mastrocola (2002).



Thank you from the Burke family: following on from Pat Burke's funeral on Friday 11th April, his family has passed on this message: "My family and all of the mourners were very pleased with and grateful for Father Anthony's service and consideration on Friday - he made a difficult day very special. Many thanks also to your colleagues who helped on the day: it is very easy for their care to be overlooked."

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 on 0118 9694769 or Marie O'Gorman on 0118 9691927. Licensed Bar & refreshments

ADORE: ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL - Saturday 26th April at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead GU34 5LL. The theme for this year is THE LOVE OF THE FATHER, this month looking at THY KINGDOM COME. Starting with Rosary at 11am - service at 11.30am - shared lunch at 1.00pm - Praise & Worship 2.00pm - Talk 2.30pm - Finishing with tea & prayer for healing - ending around 4pm. Collection to defray expenses. For more information or directions, please ring Rev. John Foley on 01189 333420.
See posters in Advent Room/D.B. Room.
Next meeting - Saturday 24th May

THIS WEEK!



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)

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

The year's at the spring, And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven; The hillside's dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the thorn;
God's in His Heaven - All's right with the world.
Robert Browning

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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