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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

27th April 2008

Sixth Sunday of Easter

• Offertory collection 20th April:

Envelopes/cash £669.28
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Total: £1199.28

Thank you for your very kind donations

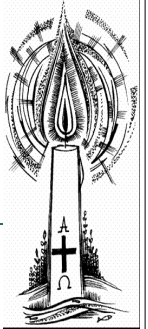
- Special collection NEXT Sunday 4th May for **World Communications**

- please **take a Gift Aid envelope TODAY!**

God is Love

As we continue to celebrate joyfully the victory of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are invited to reflect on the love of God which He poured out so generously on us. God is love and naturally He endows us with His nature. Cardinal Henry Newman said, "We love because it is our nature to love, and it is our nature because God the Holy Spirit has made it our true nature". True love is obedience; obedience to the will of God. When we endeavour to do the will of God it will surely reflect in our relationship with our brothers and sisters for the greater glory of God's name.

Father Anthony



"...Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me..."



TODAY!

1st Holy Communion:

- ♦ Final children's session is **TODAY Sun. 27th April** at **2.30pm** in **Main Hall**

In response to a call from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, we offer the 11am Mass TODAY 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

Congratulations to all at Blessed Hugh Faringdon School as they celebrate Mass this evening to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the school

Reminder: Holy Days of Obligation which are Solemnities of the Lord are transferred to a Sunday. These are the Epiphany, the Ascension of the Lord & Corpus Christi. So the feast of the **Ascension of the Lord is celebrated NEXT SUNDAY 4th May!**

Children's Liturgy re-starts today at 9am & 11am Masses - welcome back after the holidays!



May issue of **My day by Day** now available in Advent Room, only **£1 per copy**. Please leave money in basket - thank you



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 an international lunch in Main Hall - all are invited to bring a plate of their national food to share.

Please sign up on bright yellow 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

Thank you Cubs! Our Cubs group recently presented a cheque for £100 to Fr. Terry's charity. On behalf of Fr. Terry & his charity, thank you all for your efforts and hard work!

Portsmouth Diocese Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday 17th May at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth - praying for conversion and world peace. Starts with Mass at 12:15pm, followed later by a procession of flowers & petitions to Altar of Our Lady.

All are most welcome to join this lovely occasion in honour of Our Lady.

For more details see poster in Advent Room

*I'll walk this day in faith, dear Lord; no foe nor storm I'll fear;
Because I'm trusting in Your word, I know that you are near*



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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. 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

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

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

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
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)
Monday 28 th April	NO MASS	St. Peter Chanel		8pm: SVP meeting, HERE (D.B. Room) 8pm: Rehearsal of African music for International Mass (in Church)
Tuesday 29 th April	9.45 am	St. Catherine of Sienna	Mary Norris RIP (anniversary)	7.45pm: Life in the Spirit (Church)
Wed. 30 th	9.45 am	St. Pius V, Pope	Jim, Moira & all patients in Dublin	8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thursday 1 st May	9.45 am		For examination success - Emeka Anomyai	8pm: Justice & Peace Group meeting (Advent Room) 8pm: Liturgy Group meeting (D.B. Rm.)
Friday 2 nd	7.30 pm	St. Athanasius	Jude & Viran Gunasekera	6.30pm: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament
Sunday 4 th May	9 am 11 am 5pm	Ascension Sunday	Frank Cosham RIP (rec. dec.) Giacomo Napolitano John J. McAndrew	Baptism: <u>Rose Jacqueline Beatrice Mott</u>

*** CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am and 11am Masses each week - WELCOME BACK! ***

*** 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:

Mary Orrom, Maria Jordan (2005), Margaret Horslett (1990), Marian Lewis (1985), and Vi Greenway (2003).

Reading Interfaith Group would like to increase the representation of Christians on its committee. They are hoping to involve all Christian traditions and would like membership to reflect this diversity. The Group meets about every six weeks at All Saints Church to plan events to encourage understanding of different faith communities in Reading.

More information can be found on poster at back of Advent Room or at www.readinginterfaith.co.uk

THIS WEEK!

Royal Berkshire Hospital will shortly be opening a new Coffee Shop run by WRVS. They are asking for volunteers to help run it and their 3 other coffee shops at the hospital - could you help? They are holding an Open Day on **Thursday 1st May** - for more info please see poster in Advent Room

CELEBRATE WEEKEND - FAITH AND FUN for the whole family! 3rd-4th May 2008, St. Mary's College, Southampton. For details see posters in Advent Room or see www.celebrateconference.org/southampton or phone Lynda & Peter Szymanski on 023 8029 2058

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

Society of St. Gregory Summer School will be held at Worth Abbey, West Sussex from **28th July - 1st August**. For full details go to www.ssg.org.uk or contact Julie-Ann Gylaitis on 07812 839089 or e-mail bookings@ssg.org.uk

HELP OUR PASTORAL AREA NEIGHBOURS!

Wintershall Play trip needs driver: The RCIA group from parish of Christ the King is going to the Wintershall play "The Life of Christ" on **Saturday 28th June**. We need someone who would be able to offer a lift, in exchange for free ticket & petrol costs. The play is highly recommended, well presented and moving, set in the beautiful estate near Guildford - see <http://www.wintershall-estate.com>. This would be a whole day trip (~ 8am to 5pm), there will be some walking, and we will be sitting outdoors. **Please contact Viv Rimmer** (ex-OLOP parishioner!) on 9752 709 if you can help

Douai Abbey - latest programme of pastoral events now available; see posters in Dominic Barberi Room for details, including Days of Reflection for Ministers, Readers, Musicians etc. on 31st May and 20th September - book early! Latest Douai Abbey newsletter also on display (in Advent Room)

"Men stumble over the truth from time to time, but most pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened."

Winston Churchill

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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 Ikenoba **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