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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

18th May 2008

Holy Trinity

• **Offertory collection**
11th May:

Totals will be included
next week.

Thank you
for your donations



**PARISH
BAPTISMS!**

Our next
quarterly Parish
Baptism
Preparation

sessions will be held on
Tuesday 3rd June and
Tuesday 10th June, each
at **7.30pm** in

Dominic Barberi Room.

If you wish to celebrate a
baptism and have not yet
completed a baptism form
(available in Advent
Room), please do so ASAP
and return it to the Parish
Office! Thank you

NEW ROTA - for Ministers
who take **Holy
Communion to the sick
& housebound** of our
parish: the latest rota
(starting from June) is now
available. **Please take
your copy from the
Advent Room now!**

Thank you

RCIA programme: for
anyone wishing to be
received into Catholic faith,
St. John Bosco parish will
soon be starting new RCIA
programme. For more info,
contact their Parish Office

**Parish Office is open this
week Tuesday - Friday
from 9am - 2pm**



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

GENEROUS GOD

God loves us so much that He gave us His only son Jesus Christ.

If we love the Lord as we sometimes claim, what can we give in return? God cannot be outdone in generosity, of course, because He is God, yet there is something we can give; returning His love, not necessarily in the same way but loving Him above all else and loving our neighbour.

The Trinity is the result of the love that God the Father shares with us and this love is not solitary but communitarian in character. In the same vein we see in the life and sacrifice of Jesus love fulfilled by His death.

As we reflect on the Trinity today, we see a generous God that we have experienced in different ways. He calls us to love and to share that love with one another, as exemplified in the love of the Trinity.

Father Anthony

**"...We wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another.
Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you."**



**Congratulations to all our 1st Holy Communion children
who yesterday received the Sacrament for the first time.
We hope they and their families had a wonderful day!**

READERS' TRAINING DAY: A Readers' Training day has been arranged for **Saturday 21st June** here in OLOP church. The day will start at ~9am and will be over by 1pm. Canon Alan Griffiths has kindly agreed to guide us on the important Ministry of the Reader. Please reserve this time and do encourage others, young and old, to come - even if they are not Readers now but may take up the ministry at a later date. The programme is currently being prepared and will be communicated within the next 2 weeks. For any details please contact Jack and Melly on 0118 9698595. Thanks



i The second reading of the **Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill** was voted on in the House of Commons on Monday and got a large majority, which means it will continue to go through to further discussions and votes. Voting on the most controversial issues will be on **Monday & Tuesday (19th & 20th)**. MPs from all parties have called for more time to discuss these issues - one MP pointed out that over 700 parliamentary hours were needed to sort out fox hunting bill; there will have been only 3 hours of debate on the issue of abortion in 18 years. It's not too late to send e-mails & faxes to your MP. Keep the pressure on & **keep this in your prayers**

Next Sunday - the Feast of Corpus Christi: we are all invited to join Reading's Polish Community in their Corpus Christi procession. Mass starts at 2pm at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Watlington Street, followed at 3pm by procession to Reading Abbey Ruins. After the celebration there will be refreshments at the Sacred Heart of Jesus church hall. *See posters in Advent Room/outside Lady Chapel.* All are welcome!

Diocesan Tribunal: we currently have need of Catholics in the local area to assist the work of the tribunal. The work is occasional and consists of interviewing witnesses in nullity of marriage cases using supplied questionnaires. Tribunal workers offer their services voluntarily and take on no more than one case a month. Training and ongoing support is provided. Next training sessions at the tribunal office in Sandhurst: Thursday 19th June, 2-4pm & Thursday 3rd July, 7-9pm. For more information contact Fr. Dominic Golding on 01252 878789 or portsmouthtribunal@tiscali.co.uk See yellow poster in Advent Room



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 18 th May	9 am 11 am 5pm	Holy Trinity	For all the unborn David Shaw RIP (rec. dep.) Augustina N. Anomyai RIP	
Mon. 19 th	NO MASS	St. Dunstan		
Tue. 20 th	9.45 am		All children of the world	7.45pm: Life in the Spirit (Church)
Wednes. 21 st May	9.45 am		Swallow family intentions	8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thursday 22 nd May	9.45 am		Jillian Hayes - exams	6pm: Fr. Anthony at Year 13 leavers' Mass, St. Joseph's Convent School
Friday 23 rd May	7.30 pm		Pauline and Abraham	6.30pm: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 25 th May	9 am 11 am 5pm	Corpus Christi	Regina and Zbigniew Zaboklicki Ann Haggerty (unwell) Adrian & Dianne Burmeister	Baptism: <u>Munashe Bradley Nenguke</u> Baptism: <u>Darragh Seán Kester</u>

*** CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am and 11am Masses each week ***

*** 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:

Anne Flannery (1979), Patrick Walsh (2001), Charles Turner (1988), Henrietta Jane O'Hara (1998), Lillian Ralph (2004), Patrick McLoughlin (2001), Elizabeth Parker (2003) and Chris Waters (2005).

OLoP Theatre Club: URGENT! "Much Ado About Nothing" (RADA) on Saturday 7th June - changed to **EVENING** performance at 7.30pm. Coach will leave OLoP at 4.30pm.

See **new UPDATED newsletter** in Advent Room. To book, please contact Fran or Ann **ASAP!**

St. Dominic Savio School has job vacancy for **Finance Officer**. See *orange posters* in Advent Rm./ outside Lady Chapel

Interfaith social event:

Wokingham Interfaith Forum presents "Understanding Islam", at the Pakistan Community Centre, London Road, Reading on Monday 19th May at 6.45pm. Light buffet provided. See poster in Advent Room

ADORE: ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL - Saturday 24th May at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead GU34 5LL. The theme for this year is THE LOVE OF THE FATHER; this month looking at *YOUR WILL BE DONE*. Starts with Rosary at 11am; Mass at 11.30am; shared lunch 1pm; Praise & Worship 2pm; Talk 2.30pm; finishes with tea & prayer for healing; ends ~5pm. Collection to defray expenses. For more info or directions, please ring Rev. John Foley on 01189 333420. See *blue posters*, Advent Room/D.B. Room. Next meeting - Saturday 28th June

Night Vigil: On the occasion of the **solemnity of the Sacred Heart**, the Sacred Heart Guild (Moyo Musande Guild) of the Zimbabwean community will be organising a Night Vigil on Friday 30th May starting at 8pm and ending on Saturday 31st May at 6.30am, at **St. James Church**, Reading. All are welcome

"Engaging Our Young People" Workshop: Sat. 31st May, 11am-3.30pm, at Holy Family Church, Southampton: an event to help parishes engage teenagers and young adults in the Church and the world. All welcome - see *flyers in Advent Room* for details of how to book



To everything there is a season,
And a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pick up that which is planted;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1, 2 & 4

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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