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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

1st June 2008

9th Sunday of Ordinary Time

• Offertory collection

25th May:

Envelopes £129.55
Loose cash £420.50
Standing Orders £584.50

Total: £1134.55

Thank you
for your generosity

• Special collection TODAY for **St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)**

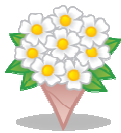
Knowing Jesus is not enough

There is a big difference between calling yourself a Christian and actually living and practicing the Christian faith. Sometimes we only claim to be Christians by word of mouth; that we know Jesus doesn't necessarily mean we are Christians. We can only claim to be true Christians and followers of Christ by doing the things that He set us an example to do. Jesus clearly set out for us the way to show that we are Christian when He said, "Love one another as I have loved you..." Whatever we claim to be without love is not Christ-like; all the gifts that we have are no basis and no strong foundation without love. So prove that you know Jesus by living the life of Jesus. Ask always for the spirit of discernment and ask the Lord to guide and direct your ways.

Father Anthony

Reminder:

TODAY is our
annual UCM
plant sale



after Masses, in
Dominic Barberi Room and
on patio outside (weather
permitting!).

Please come & support it!
Thank you - from UCM

Father, your love never fails. Hear our call.

Keep us from danger and provide for all our needs

All APF members, families & friends are invited to **Annual APF/Mill Hill Get-Together TODAY** Sunday 1st June, 2pm - 5pm, at St. Joseph's Church, Cookham Road, Maidenhead. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 2.30pm, with tea and refreshments after. *See green poster*

From our parish Justice and Peace group: Please pray for and, if possible, write a letter of support for a Cuban doctor who has been imprisoned since 2003 for daring to investigate a colleague's arrest. If you can help please take a copy of the appeal sheet which is available on the J&P notice board in the Advent Room. Thank you

Our **First Holy Communion Going Forth Mass** is at 11am next Sunday, 8th June, with BBQ after Mass. Contribution of £5 per family towards costs, to be put in envelope marked 'Going Forth Mass' & dropped into Jane at Parish Office please - thank you. In addition could each family please supply either a salad or dessert and drink of your choice - the wine does tend to flow! There will be a list at back of church - please indicate what you will bring. All PRAYER SPONSORS are most welcome to contribute food/drink if they wish - thank you!



Parish survey - reminder: we have now compiled all responses from completed parish survey forms - take a look in Advent Room where some copies of the output are available. Please read & return for others to see (save paper!). A copy is also on display on notice board, and on parish website. Thank you for your input & ideas

*** DON'T FORGET! * READERS' TRAINING DAY** has been arranged for Sat. 21st June here in OLOP church. The day will **start at ~10am** 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 encourage others, young & old, to come - even if they are not Readers now but may take up the ministry at a later date. The programme will be communicated soon. For details please contact Jack & Melly on 0118 9698595. Thank you



Update on HFE Bill: no doubt you saw the results of votes on the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill last week. So what happens now? Well, the next stage is a bill committee to discuss much of the detail in the bill; this consists of 20 MPs who report back by 17th June. Then in early July (probably) there will be report stage in House of Commons, further votes, and then third & final reading of the bill. It's vital we continue to lobby and write to our MPs to tell them if we agree or disagree with how they have voted so far - see how they voted at www.passionforlife.org.uk Thank you for support shown

Reminder: each week (or when available), newsletters from each of our neighbouring Pastoral Area parishes are put on notice boards, in Advent Room and outside D.B. Room - take a look and keep up to date with Mass times and news at our local churches

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

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 and
return it to the Parish
Office BEFORE TUESDAY!

If you have a **prayer
intention**, write it on a
piece of paper and leave it in
the box at foot of the altar -
it will then be prayed for
and remembered
by prayer groups



CONFESSIONS are

available on

**Friday evenings from
7pm - 7.30pm**

in the confessional

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 1 st June	9 am 11 am 5pm	Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Jean Bartington RIP Evangeline Tagum - unwell Duncan Campbell Daniel & Michelle Polome & family	Blessing of George & Donata Janusz (50 th wedding anniversary)
Mon. 2 nd	NO MASS	St. Peter		8pm: SVP meeting (D.B. Room)
Tuesday 3 rd June	9.45 am		Arjuna Soysa - thanksgiving	7.30pm: <u>Baptism Prep.</u> ⁿ (D.B. Room) 7.45pm: Children's Liturgy planning meeting (in ADVENT ROOM!)
Wednes. 4 th June	9.45 am	St. Charles Lwanga & Comp.	Irene & Herbert Pollard RIP (Foundation Mass)	8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thursday 5 th June	9.45 am	St. Boniface	For family of Davila Vallejo	7.30pm: CTEER AGM - church/D.B. Rm 8pm: Liturgy Group meeting (in CARL BARTON ROOM!)
Friday 6 th June	7.30 pm	St. Norbert	Jude & Viran Gunasekera	2.45pm: Fr. Anthony at St. Dominic's 6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 8 th June	9 am 11 am 5pm	Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Patrick and family Robert McCarthy RIP Tim Gallagher	1st Holy Communion - Going Forth Mass

*** **NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY during half term - back on 8th June!** ***

*** **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:

Raymond Wakefield (1997), Edwin Francis (1996), Joan Currie (1986),
Gertrude Swaker (1981), and Marion Cracknell (1996).

CAFOD is holding **Pure Gold photographic exhibition** at Southampton Solent University Conference Centre Cafe in the Square, Southampton from 5th-7th June. Admission is free - all welcome. Open Thursday 5th June from 9am-6pm, Friday 6th June from 9am-7pm & Saturday 7th June from 9am-4pm. Come along and find out more about the impact of gold mining on communities around the world and how we can make a difference to the thousands of people affected.

For further information please ring CAFOD Portsmouth on 01252 329385 or visit www.cafodpuregold.net

St. Joseph's Convent School, Reading:

Preparatory Dept. Open Morning for pupils aged 3-11:

Sat. 14th June 10am-12.15pm. Prospective parents and pupils are

invited to drop in & look around our vibrant and happy Preparatory Department. Includes a tour of classrooms and school facilities by existing pupils, and opportunity to talk informally to the Headmistress & staff over refreshments

Year 5 Day: "Renaissance Revelations" - St. Joseph's Convent School invites girls in Year 5 from schools in and around Berkshire to an educational and fun day of workshops at the school on Friday 27th June from 9:15am-2:30pm. Details and a registration form can be found on our website: www.st-josephs.reading.sch.uk or by calling 0118 966 1000

Year 5 Parents: the Headmistress, Maureen Sheridan, is also currently meeting with parents in Year 5 for admission into Senior Department in September 2009. If you would like an appointment, please contact the school on 0118 966 1000

SUMMER'S HERE - TIME FOR A PICNIC!

Centenary Event: Picnic in the Park Saturday 5th July, 2-4.30pm
With the Churches in Earley and East Reading we are holding another Picnic in the Park in 2008. The past two have been in Sol Joel Park; this time we are going to be in **Palmer Park**, just opposite Park URC. Usual attractions - bouncy castles, refreshments, circus skills, music, worship, prayer space, ice-creams - and maybe some new attractions such as Indian dancing, a climbing wall & folk dancing! **If you can help in any way please contact Robert Weston** (Minister of Park United Reformed Church & Event Co-ordinator): phone 0118 926 5003 **ASAP!**

Woodley Jumbulance group: We have vacancies for one unable and three helpers for our trip to Lourdes, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the apparitions, next September. Anyone who would like to volunteer or who would like more information please contact:
John Gill 9694769,
Marie O'Gorman 9691927,
or Anne McDonald 9585841

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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