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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

3rd August 2008

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

• Offertory collection 27th July:

Envelopes £144.48
Loose cash £514.56
Standing Orders £642.00

Total: £1301.04

- Retiring collection for the **Missionary Sisters** raised the wonderful sum of **£803.00**

Thank you for all your very kind donations

OUR PASTORAL AREA - Calling all Altar Servers!

The Altar Servers at parish of Christ The King, Whitley, would like to challenge the other Altar Servers of the Loddon Valley Pastoral Area (Earley, Twyford, Wargrave and Woodley) to a game of **"Rounders in the Park"**. Meeting outside St. John Bosco Church, Western Ave., Woodley at 11.15am on Sunday 24th August, then walk over to Woodford Park for 11.30am start. Bring a packed lunch and your family if you want!

Lovely thank you card in Advent Room from our Wednesday Club — take a look!



August issue of **My day by Day** still available in Advent Room, only **£1 per copy**.

Please leave money in basket - thank you

PARISH OFFICE is open this week Tue., Wed., Fri. from 9am - 2pm and from 9am - 12noon on Thursday 7th August

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! **CONFESSIONS** this week are on **Friday MORNING, after Mass**, ~10:30am, in confessional

Offering a piece of yourself

The little boy never knew what impact his two fish and five loaves would make to a multitude of people, but he gave anyway.

Many a times we say to ourselves, "My contribution is insignificant, I don't think I can make any difference."

This is even true when the needs around us are so numerous; how much can I do after all? But Jesus is saying to us, give me whatever you have - your faith, your hands, your feet, your time - no matter how little.

Your little, even if it is as small as the mustard seed, can contribute to growth and change.

So pray to God today; if you can use anything, Lord, use me.

Father Anthony

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ

★ **Please note a change in time of Mass and Exposition this Friday! PTO** ★

1st HOLY COMMUNION 2009 - new program starts in October!

! If you will soon be starting Year 3, will be 8 years old between 1st Sept. 2008 and 31st Aug. 2009, and if you feel ready, you are eligible to join our parish 1st Holy Communion preparation program. Parents of those children should **please write to Father Anthony** c/o the Parish Office **by 15th September** with the child's name, date of birth, date & place of baptism, and the parents' names, address, phone number and e-mail contact details.

Please mark the envelope "1st Holy Communion 2009".

Further details of the program will then be passed on to parents. Thank you in advance



Focus on...

IT

It may not be obvious but behind the scenes our parish IT specialists are hard at work. The web site (www.olop.org.uk) is updated every week and includes a great deal of information about the parish, as well as the current parish newsletter. The office computer systems have to be maintained to ensure that we can produce the newsletter, respond to e-mails from parishioners and from all over the diocese, and keep track of all the myriad activities in the parish.

Choir and Musicians

The aim of the ministry of music is to support the Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist by using various Mass & psalm settings each Sunday and by choosing hymns which follow the theme of the readings. We practice on Wednesday evenings on alternate weeks per Mass group. 9am Mass is served by a choir & organist and 11am Mass by instrumentalists & singers. We also provide music for special celebrations through the Church's year, for weddings and for funerals - and some help with the pantomime! New members are always welcome - no auditions! "To sing well is to pray twice"

Want to know more? Interested in joining in? ***Why not get involved?*** Then please contact the Parish Office!

Would you like to help couples from our parish prepare for the sacrament of marriage? The parish needs more help running our annual marriage preparation sessions, held once each year in January /February.

If you would like to help our parish with leading this important ministry, please contact Jane in the Parish Office ASAP - because there is a

Diocesan Marriage Preparation TRAINING course to be held on Saturday 20th September - see posters in Advent Room and D.B. Room. This course is for existing marriage prep^d. providers, clergy, and anyone with an interest in the subject - e.g. new prep^d. providers. The focus will be on spirituality and sexuality.

If interested, please contact Jane ASAP to ensure that our parish is booked in!



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 3 rd Aug.	9 am 11 am 5pm	18th Sunday of Ordinary Time	For Patrick, in thanksgiving Sheila Maher Mongan family	
Mon. 4 th	NO MASS	St. John Vianney		
Tuesday 5 th August	9.45 am	Ded ⁿ . of Basilica of St. Mary Major	Tim McAuliffe RIP	11am: <u>Wedding rehearsal</u> for Robert McAlaney & Louise Nicoletti
Wednes. 6 th August	9.45 am	Transfiguration of the Lord	For Kate Durnin & Tom Ferry; and Humberto Davila RIP	8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thursday 7 th August	9.45 am	St. Sixtus II, Pope	Bruce & Angela Bentley (wedding anniv.); Joseph Smyth (birthday)	
Friday 8 th August	9.45am	St. Dominic	Jane Mooney RIP	10.30am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (after Mass)
			1pm: <u>Wedding</u> of Robert McAlaney and Louise Nicoletti	
Sunday 10 th Aug.	9 am 11 am 5pm	19th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mrs. Cody RIP Gerry King John McAndrew RIP	

*** No Children's Liturgy during summer school holidays - back in September! ***

*** No Beavers/Cubs/Scouts during summer school holidays - back in September! ***

Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

John Nottingham (1978), Ronald Miles (1992), Gus Watters (1994), Elizabeth Budd (1990), Happiness Salim (2004), Ruth Dady (1975), Kathleen Kulan (2001), Gerry Stander Batt (1975), and Mary Silvester (1993).

We were very sorry to hear of the deaths recently of 2 people from our parish community:

Bridget Tansey died on Friday 25th July. Bridget's funeral Mass will be held on **Monday 4th August** at 12 noon, at English Martyrs church, Reading, and will be celebrated by Bridget's son, Fr. Patrick Tansey.

Brian Curran died on Thursday 24th July. Brian's Funeral Mass will be held on **Tuesday 5th August** at 1pm, at St. Thomas More church, Twyford, and will be celebrated by Fr. Vincent Flanagan.

Please remember Bridget, Brian and their families in your prayers

The family of Bridget Tansey would like to say a big thank you to all members of the parish who visited Bridget in recent years, especially the Eucharistic Ministers who took her Holy Communion & SVP members who spent time with her. Your support and care was much appreciated by Bridget and by her family. Thank you all

CIRDIC - Churches in Reading Drop-in Centre would like to say **thank you very much** to all those who donated soup to the centre. It was gratefully received

Single/Unattached/Bereaved Catholics Group: next meal out on Sunday 17th August in Reading; we're a very friendly group, and welcome new members. If you'd like to join us or for more information, please ring 0118 9475782 or contact readingcatholicfriends@yahoo.co.uk Hope to hear from you!



Reminder: the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15th August) is celebrated **on the day itself** (this year a Friday). When this date falls on a Saturday or a Monday it is transferred to a Sunday

RE Inspired Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday 30th Sept. at 7.30pm at St Nicholas Church, Earley; all are welcome. More details in September

Date to put in diaries: RE Inspired would like to invite members of our Church and Children's Liturgy group to an evening with **Bob Hartman**, international story teller and author of The Lion Storyteller Bible, on Wed. 8th October at 7.30pm at Trinity Church, Chalfont Way, Lower Earley. He will lead an evening helping people enhance their skills as storytellers, as well as telling Bible stories in his own dynamic and entertaining way. All are welcome

Children's real letters to God:

Dear God,
I think about you sometimes
even when I'm not praying.
Elliott

LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

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 Pastoral Area priests on the numbers above