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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

10th August 2008

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

• Offertory collection

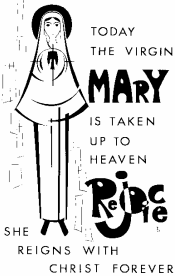
3rd August:

Envelopes £154.00
Loose cash £411.21
Standing Orders £642.00

Total: £1207.21

Thank you for your
kind donations

Reminder: on Friday we
celebrate the **Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- a **Holy Day of Obligation.**



See over for
our Mass
times.

St. John
Bosco has
Vigil Mass at
7.30pm on
Thursday
14th August

1st Holy Communion 2008 -

don't forget!

! All additional **photos**
that parents ordered
and paid for are
now ready to collect
from the Parish Office

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!



CONFESSIONS

! are available on
Friday evenings
7pm-7.30pm
(before Mass)
in the confessional

Focus on the Lord

When God promises, He cannot fail; He is always 'yes' and 'amen'; with Him there is no shadow of alteration. But we often want things our own way. For that reason, we lose focus.

Jesus asked Peter to walk on water towards Him because He had the power to still the sea and make it possible for anyone to walk on it; what else could one expect? Peter had doubts and distractions when he needed only to focus on Jesus who was inviting him, and so Peter sank.

Jesus is inviting you; come to me over the water. Just keep focused on Jesus and the water will be firm enough for you to walk on.

Oh Lord! In our bid to follow you, help us to be focused on you always.

Father Anthony

**"Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid....
Man of little faith, why did you doubt?"**

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



From our parish Justice and Peace group: Please pray for and, if possible, write a letter of support for a Ukrainian man who was allegedly tortured in police detention in order to force him to confess to a series of murders. If you can help please take a copy of the **blue appeal sheet** which is available at the J&P notice board in the Advent Room

Focus on...

Baptism preparation

We are a small group of just 5 volunteers, so if you feel a call to join us we will make you very welcome. Baptism preparation classes are held once every three months. The preparation consists of two sessions, each session lasting one hour, usually a week or so apart. We welcome the child and their parents into the parish community and encourage them to get to know other parishioners at the sessions.

During the sessions we explore the meaning of Baptism, the Naming and Welcoming of the children, the symbols used in Baptism and what happens during the Baptism ceremony. We have recently started assisting with the Baptism ceremony, which is appreciated by the parents.

Confirmation Group

Confirmation is celebrated in the parish every two years. The programme welcomes young people who have completed year 7 in school and asks that they commit to the preparation meetings. The team that leads this is flexible and comes together in the autumn pre-Confirmation (this year September 2008 for Confirmation 2009). For leaders it welcomes those who are 'young' at heart, tolerant, have a well developed sense of humour, and those who are willing to share their faith with the most demanding of questioners - the young. Are you up to the challenge? If so, join us this September - watch the newsletter for details!

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

The PARISH OFFICE is open this week Tuesday to Friday from 9am - 2pm

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 10 th Aug.	9 am 11 am 5pm	19th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mrs. Cody RIP Gerry King John McAndrew RIP	
Monday 11 th Aug.	NO MASS	St. Clare		2pm: UCM meeting (D.B. Room) 8pm: SVP meeting (D.B. Room)
Tues. 12 th	9.45 am	St. Hippolytus	Holy Souls	
Wed. 13 th	9.45 am		Lucia Riccio RIP	8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thursday 14 th Aug.	9.45 am	St. Maximilian Kolbe	Kathleen Short	5.30pm: <u>Wedding rehearsal</u> for Helen Cashman and Ewen Cameron
Friday 15 th Aug.	9.45am 7.30pm	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Filomena Colella RIP Pierre Dolla RIP (3 rd anniv.)	2pm: <u>Wedding</u> of Helen Cashman and Ewen Cameron 6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 17 th Aug.	9 am 11 am 5pm	20th Sunday of Ordinary Time	David Marsden RIP Pat Owen RIP Ann Haggerty RIP	Baptism: <u>Dinah Maria Wanis</u>

*** **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:

Mary Silvester (1993), Sarah Doyle (1982) and Annie Duffy (1999).

Volunteer wanted by West Berkshire Advocacy Service to accompany a lovely Learning Disabled lady shopping once a month in Reading. Times and days to suit you. Contact Deryn Stewart - Tel: 0118 9792031 or e-mail deryns@webcas.org.uk or see her after 11am Mass. Other volunteers also needed

Job Vacancy: Sales Account Manager for Oasis Trust - a cutting edge Christian charity. See poster in Advent Room for details. Closing date: 12th September 2008

St. Dominic Savio Primary School is having an **Autumn Ball** and everyone in the pastoral area is invited to join in the fun. The evening is at the stunning venue of Bearwood Lakes Golf Club, Sindlesham, & consists of:

- 7.30pm arrival and bucks fizz
- followed by a 3 course meal
- coffee and mints.

Enjoy the rest of the evening with the live band Fastlane Groovers. Tickets: £45 per person. Dress code: Black tie or lounge suits. Please support your local Catholic school! For further information see the **cream booking forms and yellow poster in Advent Room** or contact Katie Vaughan - 0118 926 9259

From our neighbouring Pastoral Area: Parish Social and **Presentation on CAFOD** with Maurice McPartlan, Head of International Programmes, Africa - Monday 8th September, 7.30pm. Venue: St. William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading. Maurice has recently been to Ethiopia and has first hand knowledge of how funds raised in parishes like ours is spent on projects. Come and hear how this works in practice. It's your chance to put questions to someone who is familiar with the sharp end! Fairtrade wine, coffee & nibbles will be served. Entrance is free but donations to cover costs are welcome. **All welcome**

Naomi House children's hospice: see poster in Advent Room for latest news and events for Naomi House. To see latest Naomi News newsletter, go to www.naomihouse.org.uk Forthcoming events include charity golf day on 19th August and 'It's a Knockout' tournament 30th Aug.

The Pope's Mission Intention for August: please join with the Holy Father in praying this month that all Christians may learn to be committed and effective witnesses of the life and mission of the Church

Children's real letters to God:
Dear God, Instead of letting people die
and having to make new ones why don't you just
keep the ones you got now?
Janie

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