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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

17th August 2008

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

• Offertory collection

10th August:

Envelopes £155.00
Loose cash £308.41
Standing Orders £642.00

Total: £1105.41

Thank you for your kind donations

DON'T FORGET!

1st Holy Communion 2008

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

NEXT WEEK!

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 & your family!

Blessed Dominic Barberi:

Our Mass on Tuesday 26th August will celebrate the life of our patron, Blessed Dominic Barberi

PARISH OFFICE is open this week Tues. to Fri. from 9am - 2pm

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CONFESSION available on Friday evenings

7pm-7.30pm

(before Mass) in the confessional

Exercising your Faith

We need faith to enable our belief in God's own ways; in other words, to understand the ways of God our faith must constantly be at work. Though it is a gift from God, we need to constantly exercise it to remain in the business of the Christian journey, and try to do things that facilitate its growth.

If we fail to exercise our faith, it will become weak and may gradually die, especially as it is constantly put to the test.

We can exercise our faith by going to the Lord in prayer and simply asking, Lord! help my faith growth.

Make it a habit to pray as often as you can, do works of mercy, visit the blessed sacrament, attend Mass and, above all, love what God has created - including your neighbour.

Father Anthony

Thus says the Lord: have a care for justice, act with integrity

1st HOLY COMMUNION 2009 - new program starts soon!

! 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 parents' names, address & contact details. Please mark envelope "1st Holy Communion 2009". Further details of the program will then be passed on to parents. The **FIRST MEETING** is a PARENTS ONLY MEETING on Sunday 28th September at 2.30pm in Carl Barton Room. Thank you in advance



While Fr. Anthony is away, we warmly welcome back **Fr. Kevin Delaney** to celebrate our weekday Masses and **Fr. Jack Creagh** to celebrate next Sunday's Masses

The parish Liturgy group meets this Thursday 21st August at 8pm in the Dominic Barberi Room to decide the minimum age for Ministers of the Word (readers) in our parish. All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting

Good news! -

Our parish will have 5 attendees at the Diocesan marriage preparation training workshop on 20th Sept., thanks to our marriage preparation team



PARISH BAPTISMS -

Our next quarterly Parish Baptism Preparation sessions will be held on **Tuesday 16th September** (in Dominic Barberi Room) & **Tuesday 30th September** (in Advent Room), each at **7.30pm**. If you wish to celebrate a baptism and have not yet completed a baptism form (available in Advent Room), please do so and please return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible!

Focus on...

Church opening/closing

We are a small team of volunteers who ensure that access to the church is available every day. Each morning someone will come to open up the side door of the church, and every evening another volunteer makes sure that the church is secure for the night. This important ministry means that anyone who wants or needs to spend time in the church during the day can do so, whether the parish priest is there or not. We believe that the position of our church at the cross-roads makes it a beacon of Christianity which we should treasure. We always welcome more people to the rota for this important task.

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

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
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>
Mon. 18 th	NO MASS			
Tues. 19 th	9.45 am	St. John Eudes	Josie Hynes RIP	
Wed. 20 th Aug.	9.45 am	St. Bernard	Pauline Pringle RIP	<i>Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Delaney</i> 8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thursday 21 st Aug.	9.45 am	St. Pius X, Pope	Josie Hynes RIP	<i>Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Delaney</i> 8pm: Liturgy Group mtg. (D.B. Room)
Friday 22 nd Aug.	7.30pm	Queenship of Mary	Val & David Pearce	6.30pm: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament <i>Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Delaney</i>
Sunday 24 th Aug.	9 am 11 am 5pm	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mike Bennett RIP Joe Corrigan RIP Intentions of Thyveetil family	<i>Celebrant: Fr. Jack Creagh</i> <i>Celebrant: Fr. Jack Creagh</i> <i>Celebrant: Fr. Jack Creagh</i>

***** NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY or BEAVERS/CUBS/SCOUTS DURING SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! *****

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

Joan Kennedy (1992), Caroline Wheeler (1985), Pauline Pringle (1999),
Francis Molony (1956) and Gordon New (2000).

Congratulations to all those who have just received exam results! We hope they are just what you wanted and that they reward you for your hard work. Well done!

Reminder - NO parish prayer evening in August!
The next one is on **Tuesday 23rd September**

Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) is a scheme which sends Christians to live alongside communities in Israel & Palestine, working for peace, supporting people who live there and advocating for an end to the occupation. There are 13 vacancies for people from the UK / Republic of Ireland for placements in 2009 for 3 or 4 months. Ecumenical Accompaniers are given a living allowance & benefits. Application packs available from EAPPI (UK) - www.quaker.org.uk/eappi or telephone 020 7663 1144.
Deadline for applications: 22nd August 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, then 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

cream booking forms and yellow poster in Advent Room or contact Katie Vaughan - 0118 926 9259

From our neighbours at St. William of York: Parish Social & 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**

FREE! Copies of Life News magazine, available in Advent Room, courtesy of the Life charity - help yourselves!



Children's real letters to God:

Dear God,
I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world
There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it
Nancy



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