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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

31st August 2008

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

• Offertory collection 24th August:

Envelopes £97.91
Loose cash £304.11
Standing Orders £642.00

Total: £1044.02

Thank you for your
kind donations

Turning your disappointment into a blessing

Sometimes life seems so unfair, especially to those we perceive to be good and faithful people. Naturally we think good things should happen to good people; this is a perfect assumption if we see things from our human understanding. The ways of God are very different and they remain a mystery to us.

It was the human mind that led Peter to act in the way he did. He ought to understand that he should not be dictating the steps of Jesus; rather he should follow in His steps. The same thing applies to us all as Christians; we should be seen to follow Jesus and not to dictate or define how He should lead us. We feel pain in our misfortune and tragedy because our minds are set to what we want, forgetting that God directs our course to a good end no matter what the circumstances. If we carry our cross as instructed, it will be for us a compass leading us to better and greater things. We will then understand that if we believe, God can turn our mourning into dancing, our misfortune into a blessing. Prayer can help us to understand our place as Christians and help us to accept that God is all powerful.

Father Anthony


**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

NEW ROTA -

for Ministers who take
**Holy Communion to the
Sick and Housebound** of
our parish: the latest rota
(starting 7th September)
is now available. **Please
take your copy from the
Advent Room now!**

September issue
of **My day by Day** 
now available in
Advent Room,
only **£1 per copy**.
Please leave money in
basket - thank you

"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me."

We warmly welcome to our parish community **Jasiel Iyenosio Obomighie** and **Kaobimdi Mayowa Jayden Abass** and their families, as we celebrate their baptisms today at 9am and 11am Masses respectively

September is SVP awareness month, an annual event to make us more aware of what the SVP does for our community. There is information on display on the SVP notice board in the Advent Room - take a look!



PARISH BAPTISMS - Our next quarterly Parish Baptism Preparation sessions will be held on **Tuesday 16th September** (Dominic Barberi Rm.) & **Tuesday 30th September** (Advent Room), each starting at **8pm**.

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!

Next **HOME GROUP** meeting
is on **Thurs. 4th September**
at 7.45 - 9.30pm
at 98 Fairwater Drive,
Woodley RG5 3JB, Tel.
9268860. All Welcome.

For more information or to
confirm attendance please
call Quinta on 0118 9863692

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 a letter or e-mail to Father Anthony** c/o the Parish Office **BY 15TH SEPTEMBER** with the child's name, date of birth, date and place of baptism, and parents' names & address. 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 the Carl Barton Room (small hall). Thank you in advance



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

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! **CONFESSION** available on
Friday evenings
7pm-7.30pm
• in the confessional

★ **Confirmation** will be celebrated for this parish in Summer 2009. We invite all those who would like to receive the sacrament, and have completed year 7 in school, to **provide the parish with the following details by Sunday 19th October, in a letter or e-mail to Fr. Anthony:** your name, date of birth, school, address, e-mail address & phone number, parents' names and e-mail address, the Mass you normally attend, and the church & date of your baptism. Preparation for Confirmation will begin after half term and will include a few Saturdays, a weekend retreat, and occasional weekday evenings. Any queries please e-mail Ann Woolley: woolleya78@btinternet.com

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 31 st Aug.	9 am 11 am 5pm	22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mary Burke RIP (F'dn. Mass); Pauline & Denis Buckley (45 th wedding anniv.) Geoff Way RIP Arthur & Kathleen Pearl RIP	Baptism: <u>Jasiel Iyenos Obomighie</u> Baptism: <u>Kaobimde Mayowa Jayden Abass</u>
Monday 1 st Sept.	NO MASS			7.30pm: Prov. KSC mtg. (Carl Barton Rm.) 8pm: SVP meeting (D. B. Room)
Tuesday 2 nd Sept.	9.45 am		Josephine Hynes RIP	7.45pm: Children's Liturgy planning mtg. (D. B. Room)
Wednes. 3 rd Sept.	9.45 am	St. Gregory the Great	Sister Phena Hourigan RIP	8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thurs. 4 th	9.45 am	St. Cuthbert	Brian Curran RIP	
Friday 5 th Sept.	7.30pm		Jude & Viran Gunasekera	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 7 th Sept.	9 am 11 am 5pm	23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	James & Kathleen Buckley RIP (Foundation Mass) Celia Tichbourne RIP Brian Fincham RIP	<i>Children's Liturgy re-starts!</i> <i>Children's Liturgy re-starts!</i>

! *** **CHILDREN'S LITURGY and BEAVERS/CUBS/SCOUTS all START AGAIN NEXT WEEK!** ***



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

Geoff Way (1994), Mary Burke (2002), Linda Clayton (1979), Lydia Robertson (1979), William Dailly (1992).

Mothers' Prayers meetings have changed to *Friday afternoons*. We have to change days to meet the needs of the current group. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Claire on 9266988 or e-mail claireandkids@googlemail.com All are welcome!

Learn to Read the Bible Effectively: an eight-week course at Maiden Erlegh School- **FREE!** Learn about the Bible, its content and how to read it more effectively. Dates: from 16th Sept. - 4th Nov. See **poster/leaflet** on Advent Room notice board

Climate change - ideas into action! Reading's Climate Change event of the year is on Sunday 28th Sept. at 1.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Church Street, Reading. ALL WELCOME but places limited! Book your **FREE** place and turn your ideas into action. See **gold posters and flyers** for details, or see www.coinet.org.uk

2 JOB VACANCIES: Diocese of Portsmouth - Department for Pastoral Formation: **Advisor for Catechesis and Adult Formation** and **Advisor for Stewardship and Collaborative Ministry** - the Department is based at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, Hants. For each post the successful applicant will be a committed Catholic with a degree in Theology or a closely related subject. Salary for each post: i.r.o. £30,000 depending upon experience. For more details, see blue posters in Advent Room or outside D.B. Room

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 will be at stunning venue of Bearwood Lakes Golf Club, Sindlesham and consists of 7.30pm arrival and bucks fizz, followed by a 3 course meal, then coffee and mints. 🎵 Enjoy 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 & yellow poster** in Advent Room or contact Katie Vaughan - 0118 926 9259

Focus on...

First Holy Communion Group

Those children who will be preparing for First Holy Communion in 2009 will be following the 'I Belong' programme. 'I Belong' is based upon everyday experience, and guides the children and their parents along a path to find the deeper realities behind aspects of every day life such as parenthood, mercy, glory and love. In our Parish, the parents are actively involved in planning and running individual sessions to help their children grow in their understanding of the glory of God and discovery of how the Eucharist is about Real Life.

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

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