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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

14th September 2008

Triumph of the Cross

• **Offertory collection**
7th September:
Envelopes £147.60
Loose cash £462.94
Standing Orders £642.00
Total: £1252.54

Thank you for your very kind donations

• Special collection TODAY
Sunday 14th Sept. for
Racial Justice Sunday
• Special collection NEXT
Sunday 21st Sept. for
Home Mission Sunday

To all 2007 & 2008 First Holy Communion children: Fr. Anthony will be happy to give back your "I Belong" books at **any Sunday Masses from Sunday 21st Sept. onwards** - so listen out at all Sunday Masses from next week!

CTEER - next meeting
Wed. 17th Sept., 7.45pm at Earley St. Peter's. Also
Job Vacancies: Secretary & Web Manager - see *CTEER posters*

DON'T FORGET! **1st Holy Communion 2008** - All additional photos that parents ordered and paid for are **waiting to be collected** from Parish Office!

September is SVP awareness month, to make us more aware of what the SVP does for our community. See information on *SVP notice board in Advent Room*

PARISH OFFICE open
Tues. - Fri. 9am - 2pm.
Will be CLOSED from 27Sep - 06Oct incl.!

CONFESION available on **Friday evenings 7pm-7.30pm** in the confessional

We give a very warm welcome to Father David Ajang who is staying with us and celebrating Masses for us while Father Anthony is in Medjugorje this week. Thank you Father David!
And in Father Anthony's absence, we wish him a very happy birthday today! Remember him in your prayers

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR OUR PARISH:

PARISH BAPTISMS - Our next quarterly Parish Baptism Preparation sessions START this **Tuesday 16th September** (Dominic Barberi Rm.) & second session is on **Tues. 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 **before Tuesday!**

LAST CHANCE!

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2009 - new program starts soon!
Thank you to all parents who have registered their children for our next First Holy Communion preparation program. Details have been sent to all who have written in. **This is your last chance this year to register!** If you are now 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 1st Holy Communion preparation program. Parents should **please write a letter or e-mail to Father Anthony** c/o the Parish Office **BY 15TH SEPT.** giving the child's name, date of birth, date & place of baptism, and parents' names, address & e-mail. Please mark the envelope "**1st Holy Communion 2009**". Further details of program will then be passed on. The **FIRST MEETING** is a **PARENTS ONLY MEETING** on Sunday 28th September at 2.30pm in the Carl Barton Room (the small hall)



★ **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

St. Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School: VACANCY FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNOR. Bishop Crispian is seeking applications from committed baptised Catholics who wish to be considered. *For more details see pink posters.* Application packs are available from the St. John Bosco Parish Priest, the School Office, or the Dept. for Schools Governance, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, PO17 5HA. Closing date for receipt of applications: **03 October 2008.** Also **2 teaching vacancies** at the school: *see orange posters* !

St. Joseph's Convent School - Open Morning for prospective parents and pupils: **Monday 22nd September 9.15am-12.15pm** for Preparatory & Senior Departments. See leaflets for further details, or www.st-josephs.reading.sch.uk or 0118 966 1000

CAFOD GUITAR CONCERT: Our parish is delighted to be hosting **Gerry Coates** to perform a guitar concert, to be held on Sunday 28th Sept. at 6pm (after Mass). All are welcome - **Free admission;** collection in aid of **CAFOD.** See *yellow flyers and posters*

PROTECT LIFE: In the Autumn (probably mid-October) the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill will come back to the House of Commons for final voting; soon after that it will become law. The Bill has new issues to be addressed, including some extremely worrying attempts to liberate the abortion law. We ask you to **send a postcard to your MP by end of September** so that our voices are heard. Postcards are in Advent Room/outside Lady Chapel - **PLEASE SEND ONE!**

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 14 th Sept.	9 am 11 am 5pm	Triumph of the Cross	Henry & Ethel Wiggins RIP (Foundation Mass) Josephine Hynes RIP Josephine Hynes RIP	<i>Celebrant: Father David Ajang</i> <i>Celebrant: Father David Ajang</i> <i>Celebrant: Father David Ajang</i>
Monday 15 th Sept.	NO MASS	Our Lady of Sorrows		9.45am: FUNERAL MASS of Dee Faithfull 8pm: SVP meeting (D.B. Room)
Tuesday 16 th Sept.	9.45 am	Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian	Duncan Bentley & Hayley Gain's wedding Michael & Eileen Cafferty's 58 th wedding anniversary	8pm: BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION 1 (Dominic Barberi Room)
Wednes. 17 th Sept.	9.45 am	St. Robert Bellarmine	Winnie Fardy RIP	2pm: FUNERAL MASS of Peter Dawson 8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thur. 18 th	9.45 am		Bridget Tansey RIP	
Friday 19 th Sept.	7.30pm	St. Theodore of Canterbury	Thanksgiving to God and to St. Jude	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 21 st Sept.	9 am 11 am 5pm	25th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Wilfred Duarte RIP (18 th ann.) Josephine Hynes RIP Josephine Hynes RIP	

*** CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am and 11am Masses each week ***

*** 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:

Eric Karas (2001), Mary Salmon (1975), Ethel Gibson (1988), Richard O'Connell (2002),
Graham Smallbone (2004), and Bridget Malone (1990).

We are sad to report the deaths of Margaret (Dee) Faithfull and Peter Dawson. Their funerals are as shown above

Reminder: next **Parish Prayer Evening** will be held here in church on Tuesday 23rd September - 7.45 for 8pm - 9:30pm. All are invited and will be most welcome

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

FROM OUR BEAVERS/CUBS/SCOUTS: We are currently able to take both boys and girls into our Beaver and Cub sections and have a short waiting list for our Scout section. **In particular we need Beavers** as many of our Beavers have moved up to Cubs this term. Our **contacts** are: for Beavers (6 to 8 years) Ken Camichel 0118 9616852; for Cubs (8 to 10½ years) David Roper 0118 9265613; for Scouts (10½ to 14) Phil Brown 0118 9623828

ROOM available: For October, one large room available in shared house on Foxhill Rd. behind St. William of York. £300 pcm + bills (lower rates for students, please enquire). Would suit serious student, postgraduate, or young, mature professional looking for a Catholic/Christian home. Please phone Brian on 07748 797930 or Chris on 07834 990919

Christmas cards: lovely charity Christmas cards now available, including some from Catholic Children's Soc. - see leaflets

 **St. Dominic Savio Primary School** is having an **Autumn Ball!** For further information see  **cream booking forms & yellow poster in Advent Room** or contact Katie Vaughan - 0118 926 9259 

Focus on...

Churches in Reading Drop-in Centre (CIRDIC)

The Centre, which was set up in 1990 by Churches Together in Reading, is based at St. Saviour's Church Hall, Berkeley Avenue. It provides help to the homeless and needy in this area and, apart from the Manager, is staffed entirely by volunteers from our local Christian communities. The Centre is open on specific days and times during the week & weekends and provides various services & facilities. On the days the Centre provides hot meals, we have about 60 guests. Other services offered include clothing, blankets, showers/baths, access to the telephone and a secure postal address. Specialists visit the Centre too, and they provide services which include medical services, housing information and legal advice. Volunteers are always welcome!

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

- ♦ **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 a 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