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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

21st September 2008

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- **Offertory collection**
14th September:
Envelopes £171.25
Loose cash £390.49
Standing Orders £642.00
Total: £1203.74

- The special collection for
Racial Justice Sunday
raised **£159.65**
Thank you very much for your kind donations
- Special collection TODAY -
Home Mission Sunday,
for CASE - the Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation. Use a **Gift Aid envelope** if you can, & take a **prayer card**
- Special collection NEXT
Sunday 28th September for **the Cathedral**

I am the Saviour of all peoples, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR OUR PARISH:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2009 -

Thank you to all parents who have registered their children for our next parish First Holy Communion preparation program. We are delighted to welcome **23 children** to prepare to receive First Holy Communion in 2009.

The **FIRST MEETING** is a **PARENTS ONLY MEETING** on Sunday 28th September at **2.30pm** in the Carl Barton Room (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. Although the closing date for candidates is still Sunday 19th October **we would like to have estimate numbers ASAP** so that we can begin planning, so **please write in with your NAME now** (even if you can't provide other details yet!). Any queries please e-mail Ann Woolley: woolleya78@btinternet.com

To all 2007 & 2008 First Holy Communion children: Fr. Anthony will give back your "I Belong" books at **any Sunday Masses from TODAY onwards** - so **listen out at all Sunday Masses!**

"JOURNEY TO THE LIGHT":
Our parish is delighted to be hosting **Gerry Coates** to perform a **guitar concert** 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!**

To all APF "red box" holders: Parish promoters will be contacting all members between now & end October to empty boxes and deliver the Autumn Mission Today magazines

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: In response to public demand, next series of "Life in the Spirit" seminars will be held on **Wed. evenings commencing Wed. 22nd Oct. - Wed. 3rd Dec., excluding Wed. 29th Oct. (half term), and including Sat. 22nd Nov.**
Venue: St. John Bosco Parish, Woodley. More details to follow

September is SVP awareness month - see information on SVP notice board in Advent Room

PARISH OFFICE is open Tues. - Fri. 9am - 2pm, but will be CLOSED from 27th Sep. - 6th Oct. incl.!
Next week's newsletter will cover 2 weeks

CONFESSIONS available on **Friday evenings from 7pm-7.30pm** in the confessional. Our apologies for recent changes!

Focus on...

Scouts/Beavers/Cubs

The aim of the Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities. The 99th Reading Scout Group has been going from strength to strength since 1987. The group is church sponsored, in that the initial guidance was under the auspices of the church and the majority of the group are parishioners at the church. To help reflect the life of the parish more, we made the decision to become a mixed sex group and each section will now accept both boys and girls. We have a waiting list in action for some of the sections, but priority is given to those from the parish. All the sections have a leadership team drawn from the parish and we try to foster links with the parish where appropriate. In our program, we try to fit in as much activity as possible with the accent being on fun and adventure. 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 10 ½ years) - David Roper 0118 9265613
For Scouts (10 ½ to 14 years) - Phil Brown 0118 9623828.

Want to know more? Interested in joining in? *Why not get involved?*

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
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 ; Theresa Semple RIP (2 nd ann)	
Mon. 22 nd	NO MASS			
Tues. 23 rd	9.45 am	St. Pio	William and Mary Norris RIP	8pm: Parish Prayer Evening (L. Chapel)
Wednes. 24 th Sept.	9.45 am	Our Lady of Walsingham	Martin Last RIP	8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thur. 25 th	9.45 am	St. Finbarr	Holy Souls	4pm: <u>Wedding rehearsal</u>
Friday 26 th Sept.	7.30pm	Sts. Cosmas and Damian	Bridget Tansey RIP (SVP)	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 27 th	NO MASS	St. Vincent de Paul	1.30pm: Wedding of Andrea Toal and Cathal O'Driscoll	
Sunday 28 th Sept.	9 am 11 am 5pm	26th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Regina Zaboklicka RIP Casey family intention; John Lilley RIP (6 th anniv.) Francois Polome	Baptism: <u>Baffour Gyimah Ejim Atakorah</u> ★ 6pm: Guitar Concert in Hall! ★

*** **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:

Michael Sorenson (1990), Surinder Dhir (2001), Theresa Semple (2006), John McCarron (1998),
Bernadette Barnes (1985), John Thompson (1990), John Lilley (2002), & Godfrey Vivian Watson (1998).

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

TOMORROW!

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 telephone 0118 966 1000

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: 3rd October. Also **2 teaching vacancies** at the school: *see orange posters*

3 Job Vacancies at The Marist School, Ascot: see *posters in Advent Room* for details of these vacancies - PA/Admissions Registrar at Preparatory School, and Teacher of Physics and Teacher of RE at Secondary School. Closing date for all 3 posts: 1st October

Marist School, Ascot - Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October, 5pm-9pm. See posters/flyers in Advent Room for details

SOCIAL CLUB: Did you know we have an active Social Club with full service bar & function hall available for hire? For a modest subscription fee, Club membership is open to all parishioners and their friends. Next Sunday after each Mass, Club Chairman Phil Boardman will be giving us a summary of activities and amenities. Membership application forms will be available and the Club will be open after 11am & 5pm Masses for parishioners to pop in for refreshments and see what the Club has to offer. *All those attending the "Journey to the Light" concert next Sunday will be made welcome before, during or after the concert!*

 **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

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. See our **contact details** in "Focus On" box over the page!

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 Society - *see leaflets by Repository*

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