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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

12th October 2008

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

• Offertory collection 28th September:

Envelopes £165.00
Loose cash £450.75
Standing Orders £642.00

Total: £1257.75

• Special collection for the Cathedral raised £140.41

• Offertory collection 5th October:

Envelopes £129.50
Loose cash £419.51
Standing Orders £642.00

Total: £1191.01

• Special collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day raised £1190.20

Thank you very much for
all your kind donations

• Special collection NEXT Sunday 19th October for Mission Sunday - Gift Aid envelopes available in Advent Room

SEARCH YOUR HEARTS!

Everywhere you turn these days, the economy is top on the agenda of discussions; turn on the television and radio, read the dailies, it is the same story - an outcry of fear, anxiety and uncertainty. Without any exaggeration, people are really feeling the pinch. The frustration is visited on many aspects of life, bearing in mind the rich resources God has given the world.

We can only compare our attitude as Christians to those who were invited to a banquet given by the King, but didn't turn up. God in His great love has given a great feast; we only need to do our bit to make life happy and worth living.

We are all invited therefore to examine ourselves, ask ourselves how we all got here in the first place.

Well, all hope is not lost; there is good news because God is once again inviting us to a great banquet. This is an opportunity for revival and awakening.

It is going to be good again if we place our trust and hope in Jesus.

Father Anthony

As a mark of our gratitude to Fr. Anthony for his contribution to our parish, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has enthusiastically agreed to a suggestion from a parishioner that we should arrange for his parents to visit him here. We are planning on August 2009 for the visit. We think that we need about £2000 to cover airfares and to allow for living expenses while they are here. If every family in the parish gave £10 then we would be close to this target. **Envelopes are available in the Advent Room for you to make your contribution.** They can be handed to a PPC member or posted through the parish letterbox. Thank you all in advance

PLEASE NOTE!

- The Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) has changed their meeting day and time - they now meet on the **SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH at 2.30pm** in the Dominic Barberi Room, starting **THIS TUESDAY 14th October**
- The Rosary is prayed **EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON** here in church at 2.15pm. All are most welcome to join us



Confirmation - only 1 week left to register! The closing date for candidates is still Sunday 19th October - so if you wish to receive the sacrament of confirmation in summer 2009, and have completed Year 7 in school, please **send a letter or e-mail to Fr. Anthony with your name and contact details** before Sunday 19th October so we can begin planning! Preparation for Confirmation will include a few Saturdays, a weekend retreat, and occasional weekday evenings. Any queries please e-mail Ann Woolley: woolleya78@btinternet.com Thanks to all those who have already registered



First Communion Prayer Sponsors: The First Communion preparation has now started. Once again we are asking for prayer Sponsors for each of the Communion children. It is intended that as far as possible the Sponsor is from the same Mass as that attended by the child, so that they can meet each other and journey with the child. As a sponsor all you are required to do is to pray for the child. If you would like to sponsor a child please put your name on the list in the Advent Room and you will be contacted shortly. Thank you

Next Home Group meeting is on Thursday 16th October at 12 Brackendale Way, Earley at 7.45 for 8pm. All are Welcome. For more information or to confirm your attendance please call Mel Noronha on 0118 969 8595

Panto 2009 - oh no we shouldn't.....but yes we probably will!

There will be a get together for all interested parties in the hall NEXT SATURDAY- 18th October from **1.30 -3.00pm** so please come along if you can. The Panto itself will take place on Saturday 17th January. If you haven't already 'volunteered' to Ann (and a huge thanks to all those who have) please drop her an e-mail on woolleya78@btinternet.com (and if new to the whole Parish Panto experience and in school please let her know your age)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: In response to public demand, next series of "Life in the Spirit" seminars will be held on Wednesday 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.**
FLYERS AND REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN ADVENT ROOM !

Our next **MONTHLY PARISH PRAYER MEETING** is on **Tuesday 28th October** at 7.45pm here in **Our Lady of Peace church.** All are welcome

The **PARISH OFFICE** is open **Tuesday - Friday** from 9am-2pm

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

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 12 th Oct.	9 am 11 am 5pm	28th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Martin Brannelly RIP Nancy Kergol RIP Marjorie Parmentier RIP Maria Maestranzi RIP Louis & Cathy Polomé	<u>Blessing</u> of Conor & Jayne McKinney (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
Monday 13 th Oct.	NO MASS	St. Edward the Confessor		8pm: SVP meeting (D.B. Room)
Tues. 14 th	9.45 am	St. Callistus, Pope	Holy Souls	2.30pm: UCM meeting (D.B. Room)
Wednes. 15 th Oct.	9.45 am	St. Teresa of Avila	Intention of Cynthia Senthil	1pm: Fr. Anthony at Reading Crematorium 8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thur. 16 th	9.45 am	St. Margaret Mary	Chris Fawkes RIP (rec. dec.)	7.30pm: PPC meeting (D.B. Room)
Friday 17 th Oct.	7.30pm	St. Ignatius of Antioch	Margaret Joy RIP	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 19 th Oct.	9 am 11 am 5pm	29th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Tim B. - happy birthday Robert Balan intentions Daniel & Michelle Polomé and family	

*** 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:

Mary McGlynn (1998), Maria Maestranzi (2001), Doris Jamieson (2005), Marjorie Parmentier (1996), Kathleen Andrews (1993), and Thomas O'Farrell (1987).

TONIGHT!

The **Catholic University Chaplaincy** serves all members of the University of Reading, both students and staff, and there is a regular Sunday evening Mass throughout the year at **6pm** in **St. William of York**, to which everyone is welcome. The chaplain is Ms. Sabine Schwartz and she can be contacted on 0118 9268869 or by e-mail: s.schwartz@rdg.ac.uk All new members of University are specially invited to our ***WELCOME MASS* TONIGHT**, Sunday 12th October, with free wine and cheese afterwards.

A good opportunity to meet other Catholic students and staff, and to find out about our activities throughout the term

ROSES FOR REMEMBRANCE

Remembrance Sunday, 9th November: We will again be displaying **Roses for Remembrance** on this day, so if you would like to remember a loved one, or all the fallen, please place their name on the "Roses for Remembrance" list in Advent Room, and donate **£1** for each name you wish to have a red rose bought for, in the basket beside the list. Thank you



St. Dominic Savio

Catholic Primary School:

Vacancy for Lunchtime Controller - see orange poster in Advent Room

Earley Pre-School (held in the Carl Barton Room) is run by committee and is **in need of a new voluntary treasurer - could you help?**

The treasurer is responsible for all financial outgoings including rent, petty cash and wages; balancing all in- & out-goings; arranging an annual audit; and keeping the rest of the committee & all parents up-to-date on finances. If interested please contact Kerry Cowieson (Chairperson) -**0118 9663417**

St. Joseph's Convent School - Open Evening specifically for **Senior School & Sixth Form**, on Thurs. 23rd October 6.30pm-9pm with an address from the Headmistress, Mrs. Maureen Sheridan, at 8.30pm. No appointment necessary, simply drop in. For further details - 0118 966 1000

Blessed Hugh Faringdon School - latest Head Teacher's newsletter is now in Advent Room - see peach sheets

Day of Recollection at Douai Abbey on Saturday 6th December. Numbers limited - **early booking essential!** See cream posters in D.B. Room

LIFE: are you hoping to train as a Life counsellor or skilled helper? Would you like to work on and raise awareness of issues such as counselling before / after abortion, pregnancy loss, fertility services? Life is running a FREE 3-session course in Basingstoke on Tuesdays 14th October and 4th & 11th November, 10am-3pm. If interested please ring Roseanne Rumpus on 01256 381749 or e-mail ra@rumpus21fsnet.co.uk

Latest on Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill: It now looks likely that the final House of Commons stage of the HFE bill will be on **Wednesday 22nd October**. Please send postcards - if you haven't already sent them **in to your MP and the Prime Minister, now is the last opportunity**. Postcards are available in Advent Room. Be encouraged - the odds are against us, but many hundreds of thousands of cards have been sent. **PLEASE KEEP THIS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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