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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

19th October 2008

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

• Offertory collection 12th October:

Envelopes £143.25
Loose cash £404.73
Standing Orders £642.00

Total: £1189.98

Thank you very much for your kind donations

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

Help others see Jesus

Today every Catholic community and parish throughout the world takes part in a global effort to bring spiritual and material help to our brothers and sisters who are thirsting for the hope and love that comes through knowing Jesus. Your kindness will help all missionaries across the world and new Churches to grow strong and vibrant!

Please contribute; the money will go directly to those most in need.

If possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided to increase the value of your donation by 28%

The cake sale for CAFOD raised **£92**. Many thanks to all who baked and all who bought!

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 Rosary is prayed EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON here in church at 2.15pm. All are most welcome to join us

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

CONFESSIONS available on **Friday evenings** from

7pm-7.30pm in the confessional

Christian responsibility in the world

It has not always been easy to live our real Christian values, even at the time of Christ. Today, authentic Christian living is even more challenging; we have much more to contend with, considering the amount of anti-Christian character out there. When challenged, Jesus was smart enough to give an answer, teaching the Herodians - and us - to learn to strike a balance between our responsibilities as Christians and our responsibilities as citizens of the world. In other words, we must not be seen to ignore our obligation as citizens of the State.

However, there will be a time when we have to really choose one over the other. When such a situation arises, Christians must rise to the occasion and resolve the conflict by choosing authentic Christian living.

Don't be discouraged if you have been doing your best; God will support you with His grace. Saint Thomas More was given this grace to strengthen him; he is one of the greatest examples of our time.

Father Anthony



Reminder: Please only park on CHURCH SIDE of Aldbourne Avenue, and please be courteous to our neighbours and don't block their driveways!

MASS COUNTS WILL BE DONE AT ALL SUNDAY MASSES FOR 4 WEEKS, STARTING TODAY

Advent Giving Tree Appeal: Our parish Justice and Peace group would like your ideas on charities that could benefit from our Advent Giving Tree appeal this year. We would like to help a different charity this year - we've helped Reading Single Homeless Project and Reading Age Concern in past 2 years. Do you have any ideas? Please give your feedback to Jane in Parish Office **by Tuesday 4th November** - thank you



First Communion Prayer Sponsors: Thank you to those who have volunteered to be Prayer Sponsors for our First Communion children.

We now only need 1 more 5pm prayer sponsor for one of our First Communion children who attends **5pm Mass** - all you need to do is pray for the child! Please sign the list on blue boards in Advent Room. Thank you all!

Confirmation - Thank you to all those who have registered! Our parish will have **at least 32** Confirmandi preparing to receive the Sacrament next year. Further details of the preparation program will soon be announced

THIS WEEK!

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 also on **Sat. 22nd Nov.** Venue: **St. John Bosco Parish, Woodley.** **FLYERS AND REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN ADVENT ROOM** !

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. **"Travel fund" 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

Latest on Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill: PARLIAMENTARY DEADLINE ANNOUNCED
The final House of Commons stage of the HFE bill will be debated on **Wednesday 22nd October**. If you haven't already sent one to your MP, please send a **POSTCARD - NOW IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY**. Postcards are available in Advent Room.

Also available are LEAFLETS giving information about abortion amendments that will be discussed. **As Catholics, we cannot allow the unborn child and human embryo to be so abandoned.** Please take a leaflet, distribute some to your friends & neighbours, and **KEEP THIS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

CAFOD Portsmouth is holding a special Memorial Mass for all CAFOD supporters at 3pm on Sunday 2nd November at St. Bernard's, Southbourne Ave., Holbury, SO45 2NT. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to attend or if you would like a loved one to be remembered on the day in a special Book of Remembrance, please contact the CAFOD office on 01252 329385 or send an e-mail to: portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
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	
Mon. 20 th	NO MASS			
Tues. 21 st	9.45 am		Mary Hunt (ill)	
Wed. 22 nd	9.45 am		Arthur & Kathleen Pearl RIP	8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thursday 23 rd Oct.	9.45 am	St. John of Capistrano	Don Francis Anthony RIP	8pm: Liturgy Group meeting (D.B. Room)
Friday 24 th Oct.	7.30pm	St. Anthony Claret	Margaret Joy RIP	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 25 th	NO MASS		2pm: Baptism - Ewan Gordon Coles (celebrant: Deacon Anthony Cairns)	
Sunday 26 th Oct.	9 am 11 am 5pm	30th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Maurice Fahey RIP (anniv.) Josie Hynes RIP (rec. dec.) Tilly Rice RIP	Baptism: <u>Damian Callum MacNair</u> Baptism: <u>Gregory Daniel Tickner</u>

*** 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:

✠ Carl Barton (1977), Dudley Soza (1998), Michael Aolio Aradi (2004), Christina Belcher (1999), Maureen Karas (1980), John Dwyer (1988), Gwenyth Cull (1996), David Trinder (1995), & Maurice Fahey (1975). ✠

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



Next **ecumenical Julian meeting of contemplative prayer** will be held on Thursday 23rd October in Upper Room at Abbey Baptist Church. The session will run from 10am - 10.45am and will be followed by coffee for those who wish to stay

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 rest of committee & all parents up-to-date on finances. If interested, please contact Kerry Cowieson (Chairperson) - **0118 9663417**

Wokingham County Council **Over-60s Table Tennis** runs every week **here in our hall** on Thursdays, 3pm-5pm. This is part of the "SHINE" set of sports activities for the Over-60s. For details / to get involved, please contact John Cunningham: 0118 966 5907

CAFOD World Gifts - great ideas for Christmas presents that also make a valuable difference to someone in the developing world. Take one of the catalogues in Advent Room, or see www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

Day of Recollection at Douai Abbey on Saturday 6th December for all Ministers, readers, altar servers and musicians. Numbers limited - **early booking essential!** See cream posters in D.B. Room/Advent Room

Christian Community Action currently has 2 job vacancies for Shop Managers at its Oxford Road/Sonning Common shops. See 'job vacancy' poster in Advent Room

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

St. Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School: vacancy for Lunchtime Controller - see orange poster, Advent Room

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School: vacancy for **Head Teacher** - see 'job vacancy' poster in Advent Room. Closing date: 4th November

"Focus on" - reminder: you will have seen, in every newsletter from 15th June to 21st September, brief information about some of the many parish groups we have here. Hopefully it got you interested and you'll now want to get involved in groups! If you need any reminders of who to contact for each group, just get in touch with Jane in the 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