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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

16th November 2008

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

• Offertory collection

9th November:

Envelopes £169.50
Loose cash £515.33
Standing Orders £670.00

Total: £1354.83

Thank you very much
for your kind donations

- Special collection NEXT
Sunday 23rd November -
for **CAFOD Congo Crisis**

- TODAY marks the start of
Prisoners' Week;
please pray for all
prisoners and their families

- Next Sunday 23rd Nov. is
National Youth Sunday
- encouraging our youth to
"reclaim the future"

- And next Sunday (feast
of Christ the King) marks
end of liturgical Year A.
The first Sunday of
Advent (30th Nov.) is the
start of Year B - please
bring back any Year A
parish Mass books you
may have borrowed!

- Masses on second Sunday
of Advent (7th Dec.) will
include the **Rite of**
Welcome for our RCIA
candidates. Please keep
them in your prayers as
they continue to prepare
to join our faith

Well done to our Cubs!

On Sunday the Cubs raised
£105 from their book sale &
shoe-shining, which will be
forwarded to Fr. Ephraim
shortly to help his work with
AIDS orphans. The Cubs
may raise more money as
lots of books were left; they
hope to have another sale

- REMINDER - Our next
parish prayer evening
is on Tuesday 25th Nov.
at 7.45pm. All welcome

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

What measure has God entrusted to you?

Does it surprise us that God expects so much from us, even when it is clear that we only have a little in terms of our endowment? We may not be the most talented, intelligent, skilled, knowledgeable, or with the most spiritual gifts; all the same God expects a measure of willingness in return. Our willingness is more than enough.

Sometimes we imagine that God has not placed so much in our hands as to bother to make any effort, at least to live up to His expectation. So we think we have found reasons to make excuses for our laziness, thereby failing in our duty and responsibility. St. Paul reminds us that if we keep going in this direction, the coming of the Lord may take us by surprise.

Let today be an opportunity to thank God for everything and try to do our best with the gifts of God.

Fr. Anthony

**The Lord says: "My plans for you are peace and not disaster;
when you call to me, I will listen to you"** †

THANK YOU ALL! Father Anthony wishes to say a very big thank you to the many people who helped make the visit of Bishop Crispian last Sunday go so well. It was a great day and your help was very much appreciated - so warm thanks go to:

- Coleen, Blinnie and Liz for planting pansies and tidying up the garden on the patio outside the D.B. Room, and for sweeping up the leaves from church;
- Fran, Nkem, Nigel, Julianne, Beryl, Joan, Anne, Maggie, Brid, Choi, Evelyn, Philip and John for the wonderful African music at 9am Mass;
- The Scout group and leaders for providing a very memorable 11am Remembrance Mass, and for helping to co-ordinate the traffic!
- All those who helped Fr. Anthony provide such a wonderful African lunch; and
- Our Flower Ladies for the stunning display of roses for remembrance.

! **First Communion:** Today we are introducing our First Communion children to the parish at all Masses. Prayer Sponsors will also have received a card from the child they are sponsoring, so this is a good opportunity to meet them and their families

Welcome ministry: the **new Rota** for Nov. 2008 - March 2009 has been drawn up and circulated by e-mail to those on the list. If you have not yet received the rota by e-mail, copies are now available at back of church (in Advent Room) for you to take. Due to a computer failure some information may not be up to date; please e-mail Catherine Kerntaler (via the Parish Office) who will amend the information. Thank you to all who participate as part of the rota and to those not on rota who step in when needed! God bless

Mass count: thank you to all who helped with Mass counts in recent weeks. The average combined Sunday Mass attendance at our parish is **516**

The next Home Group meeting is on Thurs. 20th Nov. at 12 Brackendale Way, Earley, 7.45 for 8pm - All welcome. For more information or to confirm attendance please call Mel on 0118 9698595

From our parish Justice and Peace group: Thanks to all of you who have acted on our monthly appeals on behalf of prisoners of conscience as identified by Amnesty International. We had been printing these appeals regularly in our parish newsletter since January 2006. Your letters and prayers have been a sign of hope to the oppressed and we know that such hope can make a real difference. Our parish will no longer be re-printing these appeals from Amnesty International publications, but we would encourage parishioners who want to take part in this important witness to continue to check the cases published regularly by Amnesty International.

Phone 020 7033 1777 to request a copy of their regular bi-monthly newsletter (Amnesty Magazine) or see the following web site for details of current appeals:
<http://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions.asp>

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 16 th Nov.	9 am 11 am 5pm	33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Winifred & Arthur Lees RIP (Foundation Mass) Jo & Amelia Bandinu RIP; Robert Crossey RIP (rec. dep.) Patrick & Sarah Boyle RIP	
Mon. 17 th	NO MASS	St. Hugh of Lincoln		7.30pm: Confirmation mtg. (D.B. Room)
Tuesday 18 th Nov.	9.45 am	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul	Kathleen Pearl RIP (Foundation Mass)	8pm: Baptism prep. mtg. 2 (D.B. Room)
Wednes. 19 th Nov.	9.45 am		John Pringle RIP (anniv.)	~10:20am: Prayer Group after Mass 2.15pm: Rosary prayed in church 8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thur. 20 th	9.45 am		Margaret Joy RIP	2.45pm: Fr. Anthony at St. Dominic's
Friday 21 st Nov.	7.30pm	Presentation of Our Lady	Patrick Mooney RIP	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 22 nd Nov.	3 pm	St. Cecilia	3pm: Mass for 50 th wedding anniversary of Audrey & Michael Shaw (parents of Gabrielle Williamson)	
Sunday 23 rd Nov.	9 am 11 am 5pm	Christ the King	Ken Mansfield RIP Audrey & Michael Shaw (50 th wedding anniversary) Dora & Harry Ward RIP (Foundation Mass)	1pm-6pm: Pantomime group meeting (Carl Barton Room)

*** **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:

E. McIlvenna (1974), Alexander O'Boyce (1990), Mary Kelliner (2003), Kathleen Pearl (1987), Sheila Scott (2001), John Pringle (1998), Joan Andrijecko (1983), and Violet Lefebure (1977).

DON'T FORGET! Our church is hosting the next **INTERFAITH MEETING** on **Monday 24th November, 7.30pm.** An opportunity to gather with members of other faith communities as they hear Fr. Anthony talk about our Catholic faith, then a discussion before sharing supper. For catering purposes, if you want to come please either contact Jane in the parish office or Mel Noronha, ASAP! See green posters

Life in the Spirit seminars continue every **Wed.** evening up to & including 3rd Dec., **7.45pm** at **St. John Bosco!**

THIS WEEK!

St. Dominic's Pre-School Christmas Shopping Evening - Beat the crowds!!
Tuesday 18th November 8pm-10pm.

Drop in or stay all evening. Stalls include: Body Shop, Phoenix Cards, Osborne Books, Graphic Prints by Paul, Chocoholics - plus treat yourself to a manicure or neck & back massage. Refreshments available; everyone welcome. Join us at St. Dominic's Pre-School, Western Avenue, Woodley

"Faire is the Heaven": Singscape concert - music based on the theme of heaven, sung by candlelight, including harp solos - at Douai Abbey on Sat. 22nd November at 7.45pm. See poster in Advent Room for ticket details

Charity screening of The Nativity Story: Tues. 25th Nov., 10am at Vue Cinema, The Oracle, Reading. Tickets only £3 - call Coral at Prospects on 01189 516 965. Please come along! All proceeds will go to the Prospects charity

Is it possible to live this way? Come to the launch of a book co-presented by Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor at Westminster Cathedral Hall on Thurs. 27th Nov. at 6.30pm. All welcome. See poster and postcards in Advent Room

CTEER invites everyone to celebrate Advent at an **Advent Service, Sunday 30th Nov.**, 6.30pm at Earley St. Peter's Church. **Come & get spiritually festive!**

URGENT - CTEER still needs a secretary ASAP! For details / if interested, please contact Denis Smith at revdenissmith@hotmail.com

Job vacancy - part time Youth Worker at Wesley Methodist and Park United Reformed Church. See pink poster in Advent Room

We now have a Fair Trade SHOP in Reading! "Go Green", 82 Oxford Road. It's worth a visit! See leaflets in Advent Room

Carol Service for the Homeless - with Jeremy Paxman! On Friday 5th December, 7.30pm, local charity Reading Single Homeless Project will hold a celebrity Christmas carol service at The Minster Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Reading. Includes readings by TV celebrities including Jeremy Paxman. Tickets: £8. See posters in Advent Room for details

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:

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PLEASE CALL YOUR OWN PARISH PRIEST FIRST

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