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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

7th December 2008

Second Sunday of Advent

• Offertory collection

30th November:

Envelopes £184.00

Loose cash £433.49

Standing Orders £650.00

Total: £1267.49

Thank you for
your kind donations

• Thank you from CAFOD

See letter in Advent Room
in response to your very
generous recent donations
for the [Congo Crisis Appeal](#)

• **NEW ROTA** - for Ministers who take **Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound** of

our parish: the NEW rota
(starting 14th December)
is now available. **Please
take your copy from the
Advent Room now!**

• **PLEASE NOTE!**

Since 5th Dec. the price of
"The Catholic Herald"
is now **£1.20** per copy

★ **ALTAR SERVERS** -
please put your names on
list in Advent Room (notice
board nearest main
entrance) to **indicate the
Christmas Mass at which
you will serve.** Thank you

• **Youth gathering here:**

all 15-18yr olds are invited
to join us for another
film/discussion group
TONIGHT Sun. 7th Dec.
from 7- 9.30pm in the Lady
Chapel. Just bring
yourselves and a cushion to
sit on. Refreshments served
- no money needed!

! Copies of **Bishop
Crispian's Pastoral
Letter** (as read at all
Masses on Sun. 30th Nov.)
are available to read; see
gold copies on boards

CONFESSIONS available
on **Friday evenings** from

7pm-7.30pm

! in the confessional

What is life all about?

Each of us has a different perspective to what a perfect life really means. For many, living life to the fullest entails moving out of a particular situation, for example from a low-paid job to a job with a bigger pay. For such people a highly paid job, or a lucrative business in the case of self-employment, is a perfect deal because it puts them in a more comfortable situation where they may not have to worry about paying their bills and meeting their daily needs. Having some funds to fall back on when the need arises is a perfect thing to have. But would money be the ultimate thing that determines your joy, happiness and peace?

Beyond a highly paid job and money, what would you say life means to you?

This season of Advent is an opportunity for us to have a deep reflection. Think!

Fr. Anthony

Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight

TODAY Sunday 7th December we warmly welcome our **RCIA candidates to Masses** - **Nancy Johnson, Ian Murdoch-Stone, Han Li and Minru Liu.**

The Rite of Welcoming is the first step on their journey to join our faith, which we look forward to celebrating at Easter. **Please keep them all in your prayers and join in welcoming them to our parish community**

Thank you from the UCM! Thank you to all who supported the UCM sale after Masses last Sunday. Proceeds from sale of goods, cake raffle and donations was **£234.56** which will pay for the annual Senior Citizens' Annual Dinner in new year. Thank you all for your generosity! And we wish to thank members of the Social Club for donations in their bottle of £59.17

Cake raffle: Ticket 57 - Jane McKinney won the cake



This year there are two types of **CHRISTMAS STAMPS** - one depicting pantomimes and another of the Madonna & Child. You do not have to accept the pantomime stamps and can ask for the Madonna & Child stamps. If sales of religious stamps are negligible, the Post Office will discontinue any reference to the Nativity in future years. **Keep Christ in Christmas - PLEASE use the RELIGIOUS STAMPS!**

! **Our 2008 Christmas Giving Tree is now in Advent Room** and laden with envelopes. This Christmas we are supporting the **Churches In Reading Drop-In Centre (CIRDIC)** who provide meals and access to a range of services to many in need across Reading. The Giving Tree envelopes contain suggested donation amounts (*i.e.* £3, £5 or £10), and the money raised will be used by CIRDIC to provide a new shower facility at the Drop-In Centre. If you would like to participate, please **take an envelope from Giving Tree and return it with suggested donation amount to the box under the tree anytime before the last Mass on Sunday 21st Dec.**

Tax payers may "Gift Aid" their donation. Many thanks on behalf of a very worthy cause



! **CHURCHES TOGETHER: CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS** Most of our allocation of leaflets for distribution in local roads is still in Advent Room... We could all be encouraging people to come back to church, and this is a good way to start! Each bundle has been counted, so please could we have volunteers to deliver bundles of leaflets, **by next Sunday 14th Dec.?** Thank you to those who have delivered leaflets

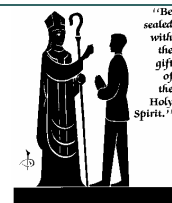
Details of our own Christmas Masses and services are shown on orange posters

Confirmation 2009 will be 'launched' in our parish on

Saturday 24th January, in the Hall, from 2.00 -4.30pm.

36 young people will be coming together to begin their preparation, and the Confirmation celebration itself will take place in the church on **Friday 26th June** at 7.00pm with Mgr. Tom McGrath.

Please keep them all in your prayers as they begin their journey towards confirmation, and over the next few months





MASS TIMES and PARISH DIARY 7th - 14th DECEMBER



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 7 th Dec.	9 am 11 am 5pm	Second Sunday of Advent	Deceased members of Durnin / Harvey families Roselyn & Joseph Fernando Declan & Noreen Duffy (wedding anniversary)	<u>RCIA Rite of Welcome at all Masses</u> 3pm-7pm: Pantomime Group meeting (Hall & Carl Barton Room)
Monday 8 th Dec.	9.45am	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		8pm: SVP meeting (D. B. Room)
Tuesday 9 th Dec.	9.45 am		Martin Iast RIP Helen Evans RIP	2.30pm: UCM meeting (D. B. Room)
Wednes. 10 th Dec.	9.45 am		Marcelo Coronel RIP	~10:20am: Prayer Group after Mass 2.15pm: Rosary prayed in church 8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thur. 11 th	9.45 am		Sr. Joseph OSC RIP (rec. dep.)	
Friday 12 th Dec.	7.30pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Peggie Bentley RIP (Foundation Mass)	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 13 th	NO MASS	St. Lucy		1pm-4pm: Pantomime Group mtg. (Hall)
Sunday 14 th Dec.	9 am 11 am 5pm	Third Sunday of Advent	Salomon Coronel Erna Haymsen RIP Rhona Clifton RIP	3pm-6pm: Pantomime Group meeting (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: Bernadette Joyce (1984), Peggie Bentley (1989), George Tawfik (1980) and John Mackie (2005). ✠

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| ★ | Advent Penitential Services in and around our Pastoral Area START NEXT WEEK! | ★ |
| ☆ | Tuesday 16 th Dec. at 7.30pm - Christ the King, Whitley | ☆ |
| ★ | Wednesday 17 th Dec. at 7.30pm - St. Joseph's, Tilehurst | ★ |
| ☆ | Thursday 18 th Dec. at 7.30pm - St. John Bosco, Woodley | ☆ |
| ★ | HERE: Fri. 19th Dec. at 7.30pm - Our Lady of Peace & Bl. D. Barberi | ★ |
| | Saturday 20 th Dec. at 11am - English Martyrs, Reading | ★ |

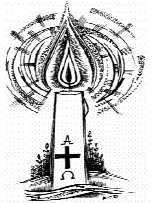


My Day by Day - the **ADVENT** edition of this guide to Mass readings is now available in Advent Room; **£1 each**.

Please leave money in basket

Also available - **My Day by Day Junior edition** (red cover) - take one for your children!

Buy one of the **Family Advent Prayer Candles** from table in Advent Room and use it throughout Advent to guide you and your family in prayer. Take one "Part A" and one "Part B", then slot them together to make the candle. **Only £1 per set!** Leave money in basket



Parish prayer box: the box on steps of the altar is a prayer box. You are encouraged to write your prayer requests & intentions on strips of paper provided beside the box and pop them through the opening in the lid. Each Wednesday after morning Mass, a parish prayer group meets in the church. The box is always placed centrally among those who meet for prayer so that we can entrust into God's care all the intentions in the box. The prayers are never read out individually at any time but simply entrusted to God's care. When the prayer box is full, a member of the prayer group spends time in prayer, burning the prayer requests, symbolically offering them up to God

Douai Abbey - Magnificat Music and Reflections for Advent on **Sunday 21st Dec.** at 8pm. See [pink posters](#)

Boxing Day - Prayer for the Persecuted Church: St. John's and St. Stephen's church, Orts Road, Newtown, will be open from 11am to 5pm on **Friday 26th December** for all to pray for Christians across the world who are experiencing persecution. Drop in any time, or join us for morning prayer at 11am, midday prayer at 1pm or evening prayer at 4pm. Various resources will be available. For further information please contact Chris or Jeannie Cobbold: 0118 966 7355 or cobboldsjacs@aol.com

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

