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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

11th January 2009

Baptism of the Lord

• Offertory collection

4th Jan. (only 2 Masses):

Envelopes £78.50

Loose cash £253.48

Standing Orders £650.00

Total: £981.98

Thank you for
your kind donations

• Special collection TODAY

11th January is our annual

White Flower collection
for the **SPUC**.

In common with the Catholic Church, the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society seeks to protect unborn children from abortion, embryo research & unethical fertility techniques, and in recent years has helped fight euthanasia too. SPUC also provides trained speakers for schools and offers a number of pro-life support services, including those for teachers, parents & medical professionals.

Please give generously to this very worthy cause

• Special collection **NEXT** Sunday 18th January is for **Peace Sunday** - take envelope and bring it back full next Sunday!

1st Holy Communion

- next session is

! **TODAY at 2.30pm**
in CHURCH

Next **Home Group** meeting is on **Thurs. 15th January** at 12 Brackendale Way, Earley, 7.45 for 8pm. All Welcome. For more information or to confirm attendance please call Mel on 0118 9698595 or e-mail 2jand2m@talktalk.net

CONFESSIONS available on **Friday evenings** from

! **7pm-7.30pm**
in the confessional

New year! New spirit! New person!

Jesus, who himself was without any stain of sin, submitted himself for baptism. By this special gesture of humility, He invites us to submit ourselves to the transforming grace and power of God. The whole intention is that our lives be transformed if we give ourselves whole and complete. When we are in Christ, everything becomes new and old things are gone. As we begin a new year, may our lives be renewed in Christ. Amen.

Fr. Anthony

We warmly welcome to our parish community
Maria-Teresa Angiolina Tanatswa Ruggieri-Kennedy (11am),
Tony Hanwen Li and **Michael Bowen Li** (5pm)
and their families, as we celebrate their baptisms today



Thank you to the many people who helped in the aftermath of the burst water main last Sunday. We are sorry to say that our halls & Social Club will have **NO ACCESS and no use possible** for some time.

Thankfully the church & Fr. Anthony's home are unharmed - thank God!
The Diocesan Surveyor has taken control and is ensuring that all matters related to insurance and repairs are making progress as efficiently and swiftly as possible

STOP PRESS.... The floods tried to stop it but the show goes on! This year's **Parish Pantomime** "Oh no, not another opening of another show!" will be performed next **Saturday 17th January**, at **2.30pm** and **7.00pm** in **St. Dominic Savio School in Woodley** - our grateful thanks to Mrs. Jones and the school. The Parish Pantomime Group would also like to thank the Polish Community Centre, St. Peter's School, Park Church, and Bulmershe, who all also offered their premises in our hour of need. Our 'neighbours' in the area are truly wonderful. **Tickets are now on sale** - £5 family / £2 individual, after Masses **TODAY**. All profits will go to Naomi House Children's Hospice. We now just need an audience. *Please come along and support your altar servers, young readers, Confirmation group & young people of the parish*

My Day by Day - a few copies of January edition still available in Advent Rm.; **£1 each**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

! **PARISH BAPTISMS** - the first of this year's quarterly Parish Baptism Preparation sessions will be held on **Tuesday 20th & Tuesday 27th January**, each starting at **8pm**. If you wish to celebrate a baptism please complete a baptism form (available in Advent Room) and return it to Parish Office as soon as possible, then turn up on 20th January!

! **CONFIRMATION 2009** will be 'launched' in our parish on **Saturday 24th January**, in the **CHURCH**, from **2.00 - 4.30pm**. 36 young people will be coming together to begin their preparation. Please keep them all in your prayers as they begin their faith journey



MARRIAGE PREPARATION 2009: dates for our parish Marriage Preparation sessions are Saturday 21st February 11am-4pm, Wednesday 25th February 8pm-9.30pm, and Wednesday 4th March 8pm-9.30pm. All couples getting married here this year should note these dates - we hope they can all attend!
Any queries - please contact the Parish Office

Advent Giving Tree - Many thanks to all parishioners for donations we received for CIRDIC (Churches in Reading Drop-In Centre).

The total donations came to more than £1000.

Thank you for your great generosity.

See lovely thank you letter just received from CIRDIC, on display in Advent Room



MASS TIMES and PARISH DIARY 11th - 18th JANUARY 2009

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 11 th Jan.	9 am 11 am 5 pm	Baptism of the Lord	Vivian Duarte RIP Therese Polanski RIP Samuel Krauze special intentions	CHILDREN'S LITURGY RE-STARTS! Baptism: <u>Maria-Teresa Angiolina</u> <u>Tanatswa Ruggieri-Kennedy</u> 2.30pm: 1 ST HOLY COMMUNION SESSION Baptisms: <u>Tony Hanwen Li</u> and <u>Michael Bowen Li</u>
Mon. 12 th	NO MASS			8pm: SVP meeting (D.B. Room)
Tues. 13 th	9.45 am		Hannah Turner RIP	2.30pm: UCM mtg. (D.B. Room) - AGM
Wed. 14 th	9.45 am		Ellen & Joseph Doyle	8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thursday 15 th Jan.	9.45 am	St. Ita	Branly Coronel RIP	7.30pm: Meeting of joint PPCs for our Pastoral Area (Church & D.B. Room)
Friday 16 th Dec.	7.30pm		The Mongan family	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat. 17 th	NO MASS	St. Anthony, Abbott		★ ★ PANTOMIME! See front page ★ ★
Sunday 18 th Jan.	9 am 11 am 5pm	Second Sunday Ordinary Time	Martin Brannelly RIP William Kent RIP (rec. dep.) Kathleen McGlynn RIP	<i>Week of prayer for Christian Unity begins</i> Baptism: <u>James John Donald Glover</u> 6.30pm: Unity Service, at St. Peter's

*** **CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am and 11am Masses RE-STARTS TODAY - welcome back!** ***
 ➡ **All Children's Liturgy sessions will now be held in THE ADVENT ROOM** ←

Due to the flood, our CUBS/BEAVERS/SCOUTS groups have had to move!

! From Mon. 12th Jan. until further notice, **CUBS Mondays 6.45pm** will be at Scout Hut in the grounds of Waingels College, Waingels Road, Woodley. **BEAVERS & SCOUTS** do not yet have a new venue - more soon...

Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

✠ James Ahern (1998), Roger Joseph (2007), Vincent McLoughlin (1987), Martin Brannelly (2007), Terence De Sa (1999), Eileen Herbert (2008), Kathleen McGuire (2008), John Hickson (1983), Lesley Hughes (2004), and Josephine Gainey (2007). ✠

! The parish **Justice and Peace group meeting** originally scheduled for this Tuesday 13th Jan. is **CANCELLED** – the next J & P group meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd February at 8pm in Advent Room

Week of prayer for Christian Unity STARTS NEXT SUNDAY! CTEER invites you all to come together to celebrate our unity in Christ on Sunday 18th January at Earley St. Peter's Church from 6.30pm; see *cream posters*. The Unity Service will include the commissioning of the new REinspired Project Director

**St. Dominic Savio School:
CONSULTATION - ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2010**

As required by new regulations, the governing body of St. Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admissions policy for the school year 2010-2011. The consultation period runs from 17th December 2008 until 28th February 2009. Copies of the proposed policy can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website: www.st-dominicsavio.wokingham.sch.uk Comments on the policy should be sent to the clerk to the governors at the school by 28th February 2009. The governing body will consider all comments received before determining the policy by 15th April 2009. Telephone number 0118 969 3893

Douai Abbey - new Pastoral Programme now available in Dominic Barberi Room; includes Days of Recollection for Ministers, Readers, Musicians etc., & residential retreats

Craft Morning on Sat. 24th January, 9am-1pm at Park United Reformed Church. Bring your own crafts and join in some other craft workshops too! See yellow poster and leaflets in Advent Room - please book if interested

Blessed Hugh Faringdon School: see latest letter from Head Teacher - on notice board nearest cloakroom - with good news about a significant investment to be made for the benefit of their students

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DIOCESE HAS NOT PRINTED A YEAR BOOK FOR 2009

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

The **PARISH OFFICE** is **OPEN** this week **Tuesday - Friday** from **9am - 2pm**