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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

15th February 2009

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

• Offertory collection

8th February:

Envelopes £129.15

Loose cash £474.04

Standing Orders £626.00

Total: £1229.19

- Special collection for the **Catholic Education Service** raised **£264.96**

Thank you for your very kind donations

- Special Collection NEXT Sunday 22nd February for **Cabrini Children's Society** (formerly known as Catholic Children's Society) - **Take a donation envelope!**

We wish all students and teachers a good half term break! (16th - 20th Feb.)

Parish Prayer Evening:

The next Parish Prayer Evening will be held here on **Tues. 24th Feb.** from 8pm to 9pm. Everyone from our Pastoral Area is invited to attend. Contact details 0118 9698595

! **Next First Holy Communion meeting** now **Sun. 15th March**, NOT 22nd March (Mothers' Day!). **Starts at 2pm** here in church & will be followed by Stations of the Cross at 4pm, led by 1st HC group. All parents please note this change in your diaries!

Next **Home Group meeting** is on **Thurs. 26th February** at 12 Brackendale Way, Earley, at 7.45 for 8pm. All Welcome. For more information or to confirm attendance please call Mel Noronha on 01189698595 or e-mail 2jand2m@talktalk.net

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

God can do anything

Life is sometimes difficult; certain situations may arise and we can find it very difficult to get our heads around them. Sometimes, no thanks to our impatience, we are frustrated easily. But life is like that. There is no straight and easy way out; we must put this at the back of our minds.

When we encounter such difficult moments in life we must not give up, because God is always there for us, maybe not in the way we expect. He will repair any damage that has been done, like the case of the leper: I bet during his time he was an awful sight to behold, but God rescued him despite his condition. The man only needed the courage to ask the Lord to cure him and when he finally found courage to ask, he was cleansed.

You too must ask the Lord to help heal your situation, no matter how bad it may be, because God can do anything for us.

Fr. Anthony

"...Whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone..."

THE LATEST ON OUR HALL - Following a meeting this week involving our insurers, Thames Water's insurers and the Diocesan Surveyor, it is clear that work to repair the damage to our hall floors is more substantial than first thought. We hope for completion at end of July, so unfortunately the halls and club will be out of action until end of July at the earliest. Our apologies to everyone inconvenienced by this

NEWS..

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

NEXT WEEK!

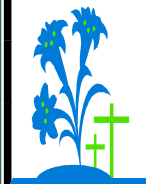
MARRIAGE PREPARATION 2009 - dates for our parish Marriage Preparation sessions: Saturday 21st February 11am-4pm, Wednesday 25th February 8pm-9.30pm, & Weds. 4th March 8pm-9.30pm. Any couples in the parish getting married this year - if you've not already done so, **please contact Parish Office to confirm your attendance**



Taizé Evening: join us on Thursday 5th March, 7.30pm, here in church for an opportunity to sing and pray in the Taizé tradition. All are most welcome to join us



★ LENT STARTS NEXT WEEK - Ash Wednesday is on 25th February ★



Stations of the Cross - During Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at **7.30pm on Fridays** and **4pm on Sundays**. The first session will be on Friday 27th February at 7.30pm, led by Liturgy Group & Rosary Group. All are welcome to this opportunity to pray together and follow Christ's journey. The second session will be held on the First Sunday of Lent: Sunday 1st March at 4pm. If you would like to get involved with leading a session, please contact Mel on 0118 9698595. Thank you

PLEASE NOTE - Our FRIDAY MASSES during LENT will be at 9.45am

St. John Bosco parish will hold Lenten Reflections - theme: "The Call of Creation", supplied by CAFOD's **LiveSimply** program. Sessions will be held on Tuesday afternoons each week or Thursday evenings. Please put your name on list on notice board in porch at SJB as soon as possible, or e-mail the SJB parish office (st.john-bosco_01@tiscali.co.uk) so they know numbers. This is open to everyone in our Pastoral Area

From Christ the King: As part of our celebrations to mark the Golden Jubilee of our church we have organised a series of talks during Sunday afternoons of Lent. They will take place in Christ the King Parish Hall at 3.30pm, followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction. See Advent Room poster for details of each talk

MASS TIMES and PARISH DIARY 15th - 22nd FEBRUARY 2009

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 15 th Feb.	9 am 11 am 5pm	Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time	Jacqueline Ramanankilana RIP Deceased members of the Wells family RIP Frank & Lelia Biddle RIP	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY - HALF TERM
Mon. 16 th	NO MASS			
Tuesday 17 th Feb.	9.45 am	Seven Founders of Order of Servites	Father Colin Kelleher RIP (recently departed)	11am: Fr. Anthony at PA priests' meeting
Wednes. 18 th Feb.	9.45 am		Kathleen Dempsey RIP (4 th anniversary)	8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thursday 19 th Feb.	9.45 am		Catherine Hanley RIP (recently departed)	8pm: Liturgy Group meeting (D.B. Room)
Fri. 20 th	7.30pm		Harold Auch	6.30pm: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament
Sat. 21 st	NO MASS		11am - 4pm: Marriage Preparation - Session 1 (D.B. Room)	
Sunday 22 nd Feb.	9 am 11 am 5pm	Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time	Deceased members of the Ducey family RIP Maria & Antonio Di Giovanni Teresa Martinez RIP; Caroline Victor RIP (anniv.)	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY - HALF TERM Baptism: <u>Grace Bicknell</u>

*** **NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY** during HALF TERM - back on Sunday 1st March ***

No CUBS/BEAVERS/SCOUTS during HALF TERM - back next week

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



Maria Giovanni (1987), Robert Green (1991), Christopher Coles (1989), Lauren Savage (2002),
Henry Ward (1988), Gisella Nottingham (1979), Gerard Conway (2005), Stanley Tompkins (1989),
Frances Newman (1983), and Gerald O'Sullivan (1992).



We are very sorry to report that **Dr. Richard Johnston** died on 4th February. Richard's funeral will be held here on Tuesday 24th February at **2.30pm**. Please remember Richard and his family in your prayers

Theatre Club - REMINDER to please make your bookings **ASAP** for **Merchant of Venice**, Sat. 28th March at Watermill Theatre. See Theatre Club booking forms in Advent Room; cheques for OLOP Theatre Club, to be sent to Parish Office **ASAP**



Justice & Peace Group - at our next meeting we will welcome Claire Palmer from the Drop-In Centre (CIRDIC), on Thursday 26th February at **8pm** in Advent Room. All parishioners are welcome to join us

On Saturday 7th March at 8pm, **Tamesis Chamber Choir** will be performing a **concert of uplifting sacred music** in English Martyrs Church, Liebenroad Road, Reading. The theme of the concert is "Earth" and it will feature music by composers such as Palestrina, Parry, Rutter and Mendelssohn. **Tickets** cost £10 (£7 concessions) on the door, or get £2 off if you buy your tickets in advance by calling 0118 934 3200 or online at www.tamesischamberchoir.co.uk



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL LAY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

The official commissioning of Ministers of Communion for our Pastoral Area will be on **Sunday 14th June** (Corpus Christi) **HERE at our church at 5pm Mass**. If every Minister could make a special effort to attend it would be much appreciated. Father Bruce and the other priests have agreed to have this special celebration together. More information nearer the time



Marriage refresher: see *yellow posters* for details of a one-day refresher course for married couples, on Sat. 4th April, 10am-4pm at St. Bede's in Basingstoke. Complete a yellow booking form if you want to attend

Pastoral Area Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Saturday 9th May:
As part of Christ the King's Jubilee celebrations they are organising a pilgrimage to Walsingham and would like to share this with our Pastoral Area. Date: Saturday 9th May, leaving Christ the King at 7am and returning to Reading at 10pm. See *poster* in Advent Room for details; **contact the Ctk parish office ASAP to book your place!**

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**