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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

## • Offertory collection

15<sup>th</sup> February:

Envelopes £151.00

Loose cash £477.53

Standing Orders £626.00

**Total: £1254.53**

Thank you  
for your kind donations

- Special Collection TODAY for **Cabrini Children's Society** (formerly the Catholic Children's Society) - **Use a DONATION ENVELOPE!**

- Next Sunday we will give out **envelopes** for CAFOD Fast Day, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

## THIS WEEK:

- **Lent begins this week** on **Ash Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February** - join us for **Mass** at **9.45am or 7.30pm**

## • Parish Prayer Evening:

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

## • Justice & Peace Group -

at our next meeting we will welcome Claire Palmer from the Drop-In Centre (CIRDIC), on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February** at **8pm** in Advent Room. All parishioners are welcome

## • Home Group meeting on

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:2jand2m@talktalk.net)

**CONFESSIO** - available **★** at Lent penitential service or by appointment (not Friday evenings in Lent)

## Freedom through the healing power of Jesus

Jesus invites us on a daily basis to enjoy the benefits inherent in the various sacraments. The sacraments are various channels through which God imparts His graces and blessings on us. Each sacrament carries with it the abundant grace of God. The sacrament of reconciliation (penance) could bring us healing depending on our disposition. In Mark's gospel, Jesus heals the paralyzed young man through words of love and forgiveness - "your sins are forgiven..." After those words he enjoyed freedom again and felt like he had never felt before. Today Jesus gives us another invitation to bare our hearts and receive His healing grace and be free. But in order to enjoy this freedom, we must give completely, or else we will be limiting our opportunity to gain complete freedom in Christ Jesus. So the decision we need to make is to search our hearts and acknowledge our inadequacies (faults), so as to let Jesus release us through His power. It is only in this way that we can fully enjoy the freedom of being God's children.

Fr. Anthony

Today Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February the **Annual Collection** for the **Cabrini Children's Society** (previously the Catholic Children's Society) will take place. Cabrini provides wide ranging services to children, young people & families and to adults with learning disabilities. To learn more about their work go to [www.cabrini.org.uk](http://www.cabrini.org.uk) or ring 020 8668 2181

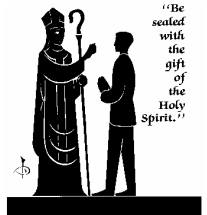


We warmly welcome to our parish community **Grace Bicknell** and her family as we celebrate Grace's baptism at 11am Mass today

**Welcome Ministry update!** Thank you for your generous response to the appeal for new Welcome Ministers for all Sunday Masses. We are very pleased to announce that we are able to start a new Welcome Ministry at our 5pm Mass. Please note that a new welcome rota covering ALL MASSES will be issued shortly

**Next First Holy Communion meeting** is now on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, NOT 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Starts at 2pm** here in church & will be followed by Stations of the Cross at 4pm, led by 1<sup>st</sup> HC group. **All parents please note this change!**

**Next Confirmation session** is next week on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - meeting in church after 11am Mass. After spending a short time preparing the Stations of the Cross for the afternoon service, the group will then walk down to Park Church Hall where they will share together a Lenten lunch. After their afternoon group session they will walk back to our church to lead the reflections on Stations of the Cross at 4pm. Parents can collect them after this



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



**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 4pm, led by the Confirmation Group. So far 82 people have volunteered to do Stations; this is great - thank you all! If you would like to get involved, please contact Mel: 0118 9698595. Thanks

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

**St. John Bosco parish** will hold Lenten Reflections on the theme of CAFOD's "The Call of Creation". Sessions will be held on **Tuesday afternoons ONLY** each week.

There is still time to sign up (in St. John Bosco church porch or via e-mail: [st.john-bosco\\_01@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:st.john-bosco_01@tiscali.co.uk)), even if you are not sure you can attend all of the sessions - you will be welcome whenever you feel able to attend. First session is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30pm at SJB Parish Centre

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY - 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2009**

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb.	9 am 11 am 5pm	<b>Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	Deceased members of the Ducey family RIP Maria & Antonio Di Giovanni Teresa Martinez RIP; Caroline Victor RIP (anniv.)	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY - HALF TERM <b>Baptism:</b> <u>Grace Bicknell</u>
Mon. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>	St. Polycarp		<b>8pm:</b> SVP meeting (D.B. Room)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9.45 am		William Norris RIP	<b>2:30pm - FUNERAL:</b> <b>Richard Johnston</b> <b>8pm:</b> Parish prayer Evening (Church)
Wednes. 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	<b>9.45 am 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	François Ramanankilana RIP Richard Johnston RIP	<b>8.30pm:</b> <u>Marriage Prep. sess<sup>n</sup>. 2</u> (D.B. Rm.) <b>After Mass:</b> 11am Choir practice (Church)
Thur. 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.45 am		Maria Wilman's intentions	<b>8pm:</b> Justice & Peace mtg. (Advent Room)
Fri. 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.45am</b>		Peter Duffy RIP (recently dep.)	<b>7.30pm:</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> (Church)
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9 am 11 am 5pm	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	Nan Laffey RIP (Foundation Mass) Bernard Ramanankilana RIP Jane Bartington RIP	CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS <u>Confirmation Session</u> (after 11am Mass) <b>4pm: Stations of the Cross</b> (Church)

\*\*\* **NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY today (Half Term) - back next week on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March** \*\*\*

**Details for our CUBS/BEAVERS/SCOUTS groups until further notice:**

**CUBS Mondays 6.45pm** at Scout Hut in grounds of Waingels College, Waingels Road, Woodley  
**BEAVERS Thursdays 5.30pm** (NOTE EARLIER TIME!) at 2<sup>nd</sup> Woodley Scout HQ, Vauxhall Drive, Woodley  
**SCOUTS Fridays 8pm** at 1<sup>st</sup> Woodley Scout HQ, the Close, Southlake Crescent, Woodley RG5 3QL

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

Frances Newman (1983), Gerald O'Sullivan (1992), Edgar Wheeler (1994),  
Tadeusz Wielogorski (2006), and Jane [Jean] Bartington (2008).

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

**Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Diocesan Study Day** will be held in hall at St. Joseph's, Tilehurst, on Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> February. The speaker will be Sister Ann Theresa from the Medaille Trust - a charity founded by Catholic nuns, brothers and priests to help those who have been freed from sex-trafficking and to enable them to regain their dignity and self-worth. The day will begin with Mass at 10am and finish at 3.30pm. All are welcome. Cost £5. Please bring a packed lunch; tea & coffee will be provided. *See posters & flyers in Advent Room*

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm, **Tamesis Chamber Choir** will be performing a **concert of uplifting sacred music** in English Martyrs Church, Liebenrood Road, Reading. Concert theme: "Earth", featuring 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 tickets in advance - call 0118 934 3200 or online at [www.tamesischamberchoir.co.uk](http://www.tamesischamberchoir.co.uk)

**Churches Together in Berkshire Forum** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 10:15am - 3:45pm at Abbey School, Kendrick Road, Reading. Keynote Speaker: Dame Anne Owers (HM Chief Inspector of Prisons & incoming Chair, Christian Aid). Theme - Justice, Mercy & Humility. Includes workshops; lunch provided. *See posters & booking forms in Advent Room*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL LAY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

The official commissioning of Ministers of Communion for our Pastoral Area will be on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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. More information nearer the time

**Pastoral Area Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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!**

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**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**