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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

8th March 2009

Second Sunday of Lent

Year B

• Offertory collection

1st March:

Envelopes £143.00
Loose cash £499.13
Standing Orders £626.00

Total: £1268.13

Thank you
for your kind donations

• Special collection TODAY
Sunday 8th March for
CAFOD Lent Fast Day
on **Friday 6th March** -

we will collect the CAFOD envelopes given out last week for your donations

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

followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Help yourself to a free copy of "The Evangelist", magazine of St. John's Seminary, in Advent Room

! **Welcome Ministry - new rota** covering ALL MASSES is now available. *Paper copies available in Advent Room for those who have not received it on e-mail - please take your copy*

Next **Home Group meeting** is on **Thurs. 12th March** 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

First Holy Communion meeting - NEXT Sunday 15th March, starting at 2pm here in church & followed by **Stations of the Cross** at 4pm, which will be led by the 1st Holy Communion group. **All parents - don't forget!**

CONFESSION - available at **Lent penitential services** or by appointment

Faith and Trust go together

Faith looks a very simple word to describe what we have in God. To have faith is to trust with all our hearts. No doubt our faith is tested from time to time; our faith experiences its 'up and down' moments, like the followers of Jesus Christ. Once the faith of Peter, James and John was upbeat for a moment at the transfiguration and Peter even exclaimed, "It is wonderful for us to be here..." You just wait and see what is going to happen to these guys when Jesus begins to face His passion. Peter even denied knowing his friend Jesus. When we experience our down moments in life on our Christian Journey, we must learn to turn to Jesus Christ and to trust God with the Kind of trust Abraham had in God, the trust that made him give up his most treasured gift; his son. Our faith is measured by the amount of trust that we have in God fulfilling His promise to always be there with us. Fr. Anthony

With God on our side who can be against us?

CAFOD Lent Fast day: please give generously to CAFOD's Lent Fast Day and bring hope to people living in poverty. Envelopes are available if you forgot to bring back the ones we gave out last week. Don't forget to fill in your Gift Aid details if you are a tax payer

WARNING - ROAD CLOSURES DUE TO GAS WORKS

You may already be aware that there will be road works and some road closures nearby due to essential gas works near the crossroads, **starting on 16th March.**

Please note - Aldbourne Ave. & Ramsbury Drive will be for residents' access only for the duration of these gas works, and Wilderness Road & Church Road will be closed from 3rd April to 6th May. Please be aware of this in advance!

For further details see www.wokingham.gov.uk/three-tuns or ring 0845 0701431

Angels Choir: the Sinclair family is running in the Reading Half Marathon to raise funds for **DA ANGELS CHOIR (DAC)** founded by Father Anthony under Archbishop Jatau's Catholic Music Foundation, and are hoping you will please **sponsor them after Masses on Sunday 15th March** (NEXT week)



FILM EVENING: As part of the celebrations for the Jubilee Year of St. Paul, the Parish Liturgy Group is showing the **second part** of the film on life of St. Paul in church on **Tuesday 10th March**, from 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

Thanks to all those who saw Pt. 1 - join us again for Pt. 2! All are welcome



Stations of the Cross - During Lent we have Stations of the Cross at **7.30pm on Fridays** and **4pm on Sundays.** The next sessions are **TODAY Sunday 8th March** at 4pm led by the Choir/various groups; then on **Friday 13th March** at 7.30pm, led by Mothers & Wednesday group; and then **Sunday 15th March** at 4pm, led by the First Holy Communion group. **All are most welcome to these opportunities to follow Christ's journey**

St. John Bosco parish is holding Lenten Reflections on the theme of CAFOD's "The Call of Creation" on **Tuesday afternoons each week.**

You will be welcome whenever you feel able to attend.
Next session - **Tuesday 10th March** at 2.30pm in SJB Parish Centre

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

Lent Reconciliation Services: local parishes are again offering Lent penitential services, each with priests available for 1:1 confessions:

Wednesday 25th March, 7.30pm

Tuesday 31st March, 7.30pm

Wed. 1st April, 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd April, 7.30pm

Saturday 4th April, 11am

Christ the King, Whitley

St. John Bosco, Woodley

Our Lady & Bl. D. Barberi

St. Joseph's, Tilehurst

English Martyrs, Reading



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 8 th March	9 am 11 am 5pm	Second Sunday of Lent	Marie Fahey RIP (anniv.) Joseph & Roselyn Fernando Mary Batterbsy (anniv.)	4pm: Stations of the Cross (Church)
Mon. 9 th	NO MASS	St. Frances of Rome		8pm: SVP meeting (D. B. Room)
Tues. 10 th March	9.45 am	St. John Ogilvie	Special intention of Martin Kendal	2.30pm: UCM meeting (D.B. Room) 7.30pm: Film evening , Pt. 2 (in Church)
Wed. 11 th March	9.45 am	St. Aengus	M. & J. Hennessy's anniv.; Kate Marriott (exams)	8pm: 11am Choir practice (Church)
Thursday 12 th Mar.	9.45 am		Mary Hennessy RIP	2.45pm: Fr. Anthony at St. Dominic's 7.45pm: PPC meeting (D.B. Room)
Fri. 13 th March	9.45am		Jonathan Marques RIP	10:30am: Adoration of Bl. Sacrament 10:30am: Fr. Anthony at St. Dominic's 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross (Church)
Sun. 15 th March	9 am 11 am 5pm	Third Sunday of Lent	Owen Kilbane RIP (anniv.) Oswald Gibb RIP Joseph Furnival	2pm: 1st Holy Comm'n. meeting (Church) 4pm: Stations of the Cross (Church)

***** CHILDREN'S LITURGY at 9am and 11am Masses each week *****

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 2nd Woodley Scout HQ, Vauxhall Drive, Woodley
SCOUTS Fridays 8pm at 1st Woodley Scout HQ, the Close, Southlake Crescent, Woodley RG5 3QL

Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
 Edwin Anderson (1994), George Scola (2006), Irene Garton (1978), Jacqueline Gallagher (1982),
 Margaret Molony (2003), Chris Dickie (1996), William Miller (1986), and Doreen Warrick (2000).



St. Dominic Savio School **RESIDENT SITE CONTROLLER** required as soon as possible.
 Closing date: 13th March. For more information
 see poster on notice board in Advent Room

Reading Uni Amnesty Talk: **What future for Palestine-Israel after Gaza?** Friday 13th March, 7pm
 in Palmer Building Main Lecture Theatre, Whiteknights Campus. More info: e-mail s.v.oleary@reading.ac.uk
 or Tel. 0118 378 8576

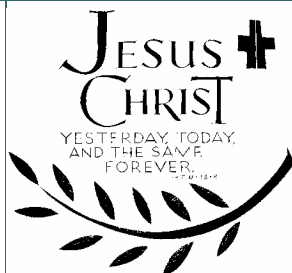
Churches Together in Berkshire Forum Saturday 28th March from 10:15am - 3:45pm at Abbey School, Kendrick Road, Reading. Keynote Speaker: Dame Anne Owers (HM Chief Inspector of Prisons & incoming Chair, Christian Aid). Theme - Justice, Mercy & Humility. Includes workshops; lunch provided. See posters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



Celebrating Marriage: On Sat. 25th April there will be a special Mass at St. Bede's, Basingstoke for couples in our diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during 2009. If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th or 50th anniversary during 2009, or any anniversary over 60 years, please send your names to Keith Chappell at Department for Pastoral Formation as soon as possible: Tel. 01329 835583 or e-mail kchappell@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Attendance is by invitation only and numbers are limited

Pastoral Area Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Christ the King parish is 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; **contact the Christ the King parish office ASAP to book your place! 0118 931 4469**

Being church, doing church, changing church: National Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park, Esher from 12th - 15th May. Aimed at meeting the needs of church for both today and tomorrow. Includes seminars by gifted speakers, music and entertainment in a relaxed, friendly environment. For more details see www.creonline.co.uk



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL LAY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION



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. More information nearer the time

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**