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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA



5th April 2009

Passion Sunday

Year B

• Offertory collection

29th March:

Envelopes £150.85

Loose cash £373.91

Standing Orders £626.00

Total: £1150.76

Thank you for your kind donations

• Annual collection on **Good Friday** 10th April for **Holy Places**

Reminder: Your offerings at all 3 of our Easter Masses are for Father Anthony's own personal use

Thought for Palm Sunday

We are here - today did not just happen, it has been a long journey, no matter how long the journey seemed at the beginning we embarked on it any way. We could start the story of our journey way back from our baptism, but let us take off from Ash Wednesday which is still very fresh in our memories.

Ash Wednesday was the beginning of Lent, a time set aside to re-examine our lives, our Christian journey. Some of us resolved and committed ourselves to the discipline of Lent to make God the centre of our lives; to some extent we feel fulfilled that we have achieved our aims; for some of us it has been a challenging time. What ever the situation has been, today's triumphant entry into Jerusalem should give us hope, joy and courage - thank God that we have Jesus to stand for us, take our burden, worries, sorrows and turn them into something new through his suffering and Resurrection.

At this point all the Lord is asking of us is our donkey: "The master needs it..." For our triumphant entry into eternal bliss to take place, the Lord needs a docile open heart for a smooth ride. Children of God, shout Hosanna!

Father Anthony

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest



NB - NO MASS HERE on Tuesday 7th April (Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral)



Our next **First Holy Communion** session is **TODAY** Sunday 5th April, starting at **1.30pm** here in church - earlier than usual to be sure we finish before Stations of the Cross. **All parents - please note!**

After Easter, Father Anthony is going back to Nigeria for his sister's wedding and we will welcome here **Father Albert Ebosele** from Sokoto Diocese in the northern part of Nigeria

EASTER PREPARATION: See poster in Advent Room for details of those doing our various essential Ministries for Easter - **thank you** to all volunteers

Stations of the Cross - today at 4pm will be the last Stations of the Cross for this Lent, led by the SVP and the UCM.

Thank you to all who have helped lead our Stations of the Cross during Lent. In total we had 135 people leading these opportunities to follow Christ's journey



The church will remain open after Holy Thursday's evening Mass, for those who wish to join all-night prayer before the Altar of Repose. Please let Father Anthony know if you intend to join



Thank you to the kind volunteers who offered to clean & mend all our Altar Servers' albs. Your kind help and response to parish needs is much appreciated

Da Angels Choir: If you sponsored the Sinclair family in their efforts to raise funds for Da Angels Choir, they will be available to **collect pledges** in Advent Room **after 9am & 11am Masses TODAY** Sunday 5th April



Our parish Justice & Peace Group Lenten Appeal for collection of items on behalf of Churches In Reading Drop-In Centre (CIRDIC) **ENDS TODAY!** If you still want to donate, please bring along some tinned meat, men's shower gel and/or men's deodorant and leave them at collection point in Advent Room **before the end of today, Sunday 5th April.**


Read about CIRDIC's work in Reading at <http://www.bjsmith.me.uk/ctir/cirdic.html>
Many thanks for all your kind contributions for this very worthwhile local cause

THANK YOU from Cabrini Children's Society - see their letter and poster in Advent Room

Note for your diary - Chopin++ Gala Concert to be held on Saturday 16th May at Park URC centre, in aid of Reading Samaritans and United Church of Zambia. Matinee & Evening performances. Contact David & Mary Holland (07831 532472 or midnight.chardonay@tiscali.co.uk) for further details and ticket reservations



Please check LOST PROPERTY box for any items; all will soon be taken to Oxfam.... !

 **Holy Week and Easter Services** - take a yellow leaflet (Advent Room) for details of all our Masses & services

• **Home Group meeting on Wednesday 8th April** (*i.e. NOT Holy Thursday!*) at 12 Brackendale Way, Earley, at 7.45 for 8pm. All Welcome. For more information or to confirm attendance please call Melly - 0118 9698595

 **My Day by Day - EASTER edition** (starts on Good Friday) now available in Advent Room - only **£1 per copy**. Please leave money in basket

After Easter please note that ALL our weekday Masses will be at 9.45am

Reminder: the Rosary is said before each weekday morning Mass at 9:20am

PARISH BAPTISMS - next quarterly Parish Baptism Preparation sessions will be held on **Wed. 22nd April & Mon. 27th April** each at **8pm** in D.B. Room. If you wish to celebrate a baptism please **complete a baptism form** (available in Advent Room) and send it to Parish Office as soon as possible



MASS TIMES and PARISH DIARY 5th - 12th APRIL 2009



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 5 th April	9 am 11 am 5pm	Passion Sunday	Deceased members of Durnin & Harvey family RIP Peter Duffy RIP James McAuley RIP & family	1.30pm: 1 st Holy Communion Session 4pm: Stations of the Cross (Church)
Mon. 6 th	NO MASS			8pm: SVP meeting (D.B. Room)
Tuesday 7 th April	NO MASS	St. John Baptist de la Salle		11am: Fr. Anthony at Chrism Mass (Portsmouth Cathedral)
Wednes. 8 th April	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am		Joseph & Roselyn Fernando George Scola RIP	8pm: 11am Choir practice (Church)
Thursday 9 th April	8pm	Holy Thursday	Holy Souls Eric Watson RIP	8pm: Mass of the Last Supper
Friday 10 th April	11 am 3 pm	Good Friday	Family & friends of our parish	Children's Good Friday Service 3pm: Solemn celebration of Lord's Passion
Sat. 11 th	8pm	Holy Saturday	Family & friends of our parish	8PM: EASTER VIGIL - including baptisms
Sunday 12 th April	9 am 11 am	Easter Sunday	Family & friends of our parish Family & friends of our parish	REMINDER - NO 5pm MASS at Easter! 11am - Baptism: <u>Kenenna Benedict Ejike</u>

*** NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY during Easter Holidays - back on 26th April ***

NO CUBS / BEAVERS / SCOUTS over Easter Holidays - re-start week beginning 20th April



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

Carlton Alves (2002), Frederick Harvey (1996) and Muriel Wigley (1993).



St. John Bosco parish - Lenten Reflections on the theme of CAFOD's "The Call of Creation" CONCLUDE on **Tuesday 7th April** at **2pm** in SJB Parish Centre. This will be the last session - all are welcome

From CTEER: Good Friday Outdoor Service - you are all invited to an outdoor service on **Good Friday, 10th April**. We will meet at 11am in the ASDA car park opposite Trinity Church, for ~½ hour of informal worship - **join us!**

CTEER: Easter Sunday open-air service of witness - Forbury Gardens Bandstand, **Sunday 12th April** at 8am. See in Easter morning with other Christians from local area

St. Joseph's Convent School is holding an **Open Morning** for prospective parents and pupils on **Wednesday 6th May** from 9.15am-12.15pm for Preparatory, Senior and Sixth Form Departments (ages 3 to 18). No appointment is necessary, simply drop in. Further details about the school: www.st-josephs.reading.sch.uk or Tel. 0118 966 1000. Scholarships and bursaries are available. See leaflets in Advent Room

See posters on notice board in Dominic Barberi Room for details of **forthcoming Diocesan events** from the Department for Pastoral Formation. Includes Bamenda Youth Day; Domestic Abuse Awareness & Training Day; Ministers of Holy Communion Training Days; 'Fanning the Flames' Evangelisation Workshop... and much more!

THROUGH THY CROSS AND PASSION O LORD + DELIVER US

Cabrini Children's Society: on **Sunday 31st May** they will be hosting a one-off event to celebrate 120 years of work as the Catholic Children's Society and to embrace their future as Cabrini Children's Society. The event will be held in a marquee in the spectacular surroundings of Worth Abbey in West Sussex and starts at **2pm** with **Mass** celebrated by Bishop Kieran of Arundel & Brighton Diocese.

Tickets: £25 per person or £225 for a table of 10 - includes drinks reception, sumptuous afternoon tea & entertainment. The Society will also host an auction of archive materials & photographs charting some of the Society's history, its projects & iconic buildings.

To book your tickets or for more information: e-mail info@cabrini.org.uk or Tel. 020 8668 2181

Vincentian Volunteers: a positive opportunity for young people to have a challenging experience in serving vulnerable people, and living in a community with other like-minded volunteers. Accommodation and living expenses provided. Volunteer year is from September 2009 until July 2010. If you would like to know more please contact Sister Barbara Quilty DC - Tel. 0161 226 9561 or 0161 209 9156, or e-mail barbaraquilty@hotmail.co.uk or visit our website: www.vincentianvolunteers.org

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 - Thursday** from **9am - 2pm** and will then be **CLOSED** from Good Friday up to and including **Monday 20th April**