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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

10th May 2009

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B

• Offertory collection 3rd May:

Envelopes £163.50
Loose cash £402.38
Standing Orders £626.00

Total: £1191.88

Thank you
for your kind donations

• Special collection TODAY
for **LIFE** - we warmly
welcome **Christine Wall**,
Chairman of Reading and
District Life Group, to
speak at each Mass today



Our next
**Confirmation
session** is TODAY
Sunday 10th May,
3pm - 5pm
at Park Church

**THIS WEEK: Reading
Pray for Schools event -**
Thursday 14th May at
St. John's Church, Orts
Road. Churches Together
and Christian Links And
Support for Schools (CLASS)
aim to bring together
Christians to pray for local
schools, hoping to make
every school in the UK a
prayed-for school. Please
join in! See leaflets and
poster in Advent Room



CYG.net - our
youth group has a
Mime Evening
next Sun. 17th May
here at OLoP church.
All young people welcome!

Our next **Home group
meeting** on Thurs. 21st May
is at 21 Radstock Lane,
Earley, Reading RG6 5RX, at
7.45 for 8pm. All Welcome.
For more information or to
confirm attendance please
call Mel Noronha on
0118 9698595 or e-mail
2jand2m@talktalk.net
Thank you

CONFESSIONS

will be heard on the
first Friday of each month,
after our morning Mass,
in the Confessional

Remain in the Lord

The resurrection of Jesus Christ allows us to have a clearer grasp of His person and what He plans for us. He has been manifesting Himself in a way that He has never done before. These different stages of revelation bring us into a deeper knowledge and awareness of whom He claims to be, but prior to His death and resurrection His followers were still doubting. On one occasion He reveals Himself as the Good Shepherd and says, '...I lay down my life for my sheep...'. Today He reveals himself as the true vine and assures us of His love if we remain with Him. Jesus knows His ability and power, this is why He claims all righteousness. So let us be confident that He who is all powerful will be with us and keep us safe if only we associate ourselves with His works; suffering, death, resurrection and love. If we choose to remain with Him we shall bear fruit in plenty. As we continue to celebrate the Risen Christ let us all endeavour to remain in His love.

Fr. Anthony

A huge **thank you to
Father Albert** for his
time and pastoral care in
recent weeks. We hope
he has enjoyed his time
with us, and we thank
him for being so humble
and willing to learn!



**I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord;
he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit**

We warmly welcome to our parish community **Andrew Njenga Njoroge**
and his family as we celebrate his baptism at 11am Mass today

Father Terry Burke is back! He is visiting for a short time, and we will be delighted
to welcome him HERE to **celebrate our 9am Mass on Sunday 24th May**



First Communion Day for our parish - **Saturday 16th May at 11 am:**

Please keep the 1st Holy Communion children in your prayers this week as
they prepare to receive the Sacrament on Saturday. And thank you in
advance to all parish volunteers who have kindly offered to help on the day

CANCELLED

**The planned Chopin concert on Saturday 16th May has,
regrettably, been CANCELLED due to lack of support. For
ticket refunds please contact**

**John Parten [07801 124215 or john.parten@ntlworld.com] or
David Holland [07831 532472 or midnight.chardonay@tiscali.co.uk].**

**John or David will also be in the Advent Room
after all Masses TODAY (Sunday 10th May) for refunds**



Training class for young (primary) readers here on morning of **Saturday 30th May**.
More details nearer the time. **Anyone wanting to read at 11am Masses** - please send
your contact details to Jane in the Parish Office or to Colin Forrestal via website, ASAP

24/7 Week of Prayer: to try to identify what direction CTEER should take to achieve
God's work, we are having a 24/7 Week of Prayer hosted by Trinity Church (by ASDA),
from Pentecost Sunday 31st May right through to Sunday 7th June. All our local churches
will take their turns praying at Trinity Church and fill the time slots in whatever way they
wish. This is your opportunity to pray both for our parish and for ideas for our local
churches. **Our Lady of Peace parish has its slot for praying at Trinity Church on
Friday 5th June, from 3pm to 9pm.** If you wish to take part, please give your name, tel.
no. and time preference, to Jane in the Parish Office, so we know how best to fill our slot

From the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: the end of April marked the
41st anniversary of the Abortion Act. Statistics indicate that since 1968 a total of over
7 million unborn children have been killed under the Act. Please keep these little ones, and
their mothers and fathers, in your prayers. The proposal to permit advertising of abortion
advice services on TV and radio has aroused widespread concern. Women and girls will be
persuaded to do something they could regret for ever, and more unborn babies will die.
Public consultation on abortion advertising ends on 19th June. It's vital that you act now
to keep abortion ads off our screens. Please contact SPUC for a briefing on
how to act - e-mail information@spuc.org.uk or phone 020 7091 7091. Thank you

The Parish Office is open this week Tuesday - Friday from 9am - 2pm

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 10 th May	9 am 11 am 5pm	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Deceased family & friends of Way family Mary Hart RIP (1 st anniv.) Kate Marriott (exams)	Baptism: Andrew Njenga Njoroge 3pm: Confirmation Session (Park Church)
Mon. 11 th	NO MASS			
Tuesday 12 th May	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am	St. Pancras	Cotter & Jones deceased RIP	6pm: Fr. Anthony - meeting re: wedding
Wednes. 13 th May	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am	Our Lady of Fatima	Kate Marriott (exams)	8pm: 9am Choir practice (Church)
Thursday 14 th May	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am	St. Matthias	Charles & Emma Bentley	
Friday 15 th May	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am	St. Carthage	Kate Marriott (exams)	10.30am: Adoration of Bl. Sacrament
Sat. 16 th	11am	St. Brendan	★ ★ ★ 11am: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS ★ ★ ★	
Sunday 17 th May	9 am 11 am 5pm	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Rhoda Thomas Holy Souls John McAndrew RIP	

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

Details for our CUBS/BEAVERS/SCOUTS groups while our hall is out of action:
CUBS Mondays 6.45pm at Scout Hut in grounds of Waingels College, Waingels Road, Woodley
BEAVERS Thursdays 5.30pm 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:

Abdul Jazrawi (1980), Mary Vidgen (1980), Cyril Tilton (1981), Eileen O'Brien-White (1980),
Ivy Florence Allen (1998), Katy Mills (2002), Edward McAuliffe (1977), Nellie Sawyer (2000),
Vera Johnston (1995), Herbert Pegg (2003), Maria Filippo (1997), and Alfred Walsh (1984).

Our neighbours at Park URC have helped us so much recently - so we are pleased to help in return...

A member of Park URC is holding an exhibition of depictions of the Annunciation, from 5th—7th June
at her home, 244 Wokingham Road. See posters in Advent Room, or for more information
please contact Beryl: 0118 926 4312 or e-mail beryl@beryllevett.plus.com

The **Portsmouth Diocese Rosary Rally** (Crusade) this year is being held at
St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Sat. 16th May. Begins with Mass at 12.15pm
followed by recitation of the Rosary in Procession, led by the Statue of Our Lady
surrounded by flowers. Please join this special occasion in honour of
Our Blessed Lady! See poster in Advent Room for more details

**Reading Churches Men's
Breakfast** - on Sat. 16th May
at Blue Coat School, Sonning.
See pale green poster in
Advent Room for more details

**Vocations Weekend for Young
Women** - for those considering
Religious life. Where: Broadstairs,
Kent. When: 22nd-24th May. For
More information please contact
Sr. Lynne: lynnefcj@hotmail.com
See gold poster in Advent Room

Catholic Miracle Rally - Friends Meeting House, Euston, 23rd - 24th May: join more
than 1000 others for a conference of inspirational preaching, joyful praise, Adoration,
Holy Mass, prayer and healing miracles. Programme: Saturday 9.30am - 9.30pm,
Sunday 9.30am - 5pm. Registration from 9am on Sat. 23rd May (registration fee £5).
Includes open Miracle Service, Saturday 6pm. Invite your friends & those who are sick!
To book, click on "booking folder" at:
http://www.coretlumenchristi.org/Site_stream/miracle_rally.htm

CAFOD: **School Volunteers: CAFOD Portsmouth** are currently seeking volunteers to visit Catholic schools to deliver lively
presentations about CAFOD's work. Expenses covered, training provided, materials supplied & ongoing support given.
The role does not require the full educational expertise of a teacher. What is essential is the ability to communicate with
young people of all ages. **For more information** please contact CAFOD on 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk
Speaking Up for CAFOD - on 6th June CAFOD Portsmouth will be holding a special training day for anyone interested in
speaking about CAFOD in their local community. The day will be held from 10.30am until 4.30pm at the parish hall,
St. Joseph's, Queen's Road, Aldershot. **To book** - numbers are limited so please ring CAFOD Portsmouth on 01252 329385
to book a place, or e-mail portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

REGENERATE Midsummer Party - Saturday 20th June in Forbury Gardens, Reading: this year Churches Together and
RCN, as a sign of unity to our Saviour, will share a Midsummer Party from 12 noon to 6pm on 20th June. Events include:
Bouncy Castle, Ball Pond, Children's Slide, Ball Skills Workshops, Face Painting, Balloon Modelling, Puppet Show,
Clay Modelling, Craft Tent, Prayer Tent, Youth Tent (for young people to 'chill out'), stands for Christian organisations to
publicise their work, and Church Information Point. 12:30 - 2:30pm Salvation Army Band; 3 - 4pm Evangelistic Children's
Show/Entertainment in Marquee; 4:30pm Football Freestylers Demonstration. **Volunteer NOW to make this possible!**
If you can help with any activities, see **green poster** in Advent Room for list of who to contact. Thank you

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