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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

17th May 2009

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B

• Offertory collection

10th May:

Envelopes £141.90
Loose cash £528.32
Standing Orders £626.00
Total: £1296.22

• Special collection for LIFE raised £495.75

Thank you for your great generosity

• Special collection NEXT Sunday 24th May for World Communications

We are God's special people

God has a special place for all of us, just like we have a special place in our hearts for our dear friends. With friends we reserve everything special for them.

In the same vein, God has made us special by allowing us to be His friends through His son Jesus Christ. When we claim to love God, in fact we are only responding to His love which He offered us immeasurably. The love of God inspires us to love or give love to others.

Furthermore, love is a great sacrifice and to love is to sacrifice even our lives; Jesus gives us an example of the sacrifice that goes with love. His suffering and death on the cross is the price of that love and friendship.

We are God's special friends - He invites us to love one another and equally be prepared to go the full length of the way in this relationship.

Fr. Anthony

...Help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord and to express in our lives the love we celebrate



Congratulations to all our 1st Holy Communion children who yesterday received the Sacrament for the first time. We hope they and their families had a wonderful day

From our parish Justice and Peace Group: The next meeting of our parish Justice and Peace group will be on Tuesday 19th May. We will have a **guest speaker**, Peter Burt, from Reading Credit Union (RCU) which is a local community cooperative bank run by its members with no external shareholders. Peter will be explaining how RCU can **help local people who struggle financially in difficult times, especially in the area of debt management**. He will also inform us about the links RCU has with local charitable organisations. *Please note* that the meeting will be held at Brid Durnin's house, i.e. 124 Hamilton Road, RG1 5RE. Anyone interested in attending should feel free to turn up for 8pm on Tuesday

NEXT WEEK

Father Terry Burke is back! We will be delighted to welcome him HERE to **celebrate our 9am Mass NEXT Sunday 24th May**



Training class for young (primary) readers here at 11.30am on Sat. 30th May. It will last ~1 hour and is targeted at under-12s. Please could parents of new prospective young readers contact Stephen on 0118 926 3202 or via e-mail to Parish Office

On Sunday 31st May we have our **annual UCM plant & book sale** after Masses, in Dominic Barberi Room & on patio outside. If you've any plants or cuttings to donate, just bring them along on the day



Anyone wanting to read at 11am Masses - please send your contact details to Jane in the Parish Office or to Colin Forrester via parish website, **ASAP** - in time to be included in the next 11am readers' rota

Please Note - the next **SVP meeting** is not until Monday 1st June (at 8pm, in D.B. Room), due to May Bank Holidays



CONFESSIONS

will be heard on the first Friday of each month after our morning Mass, or by appointment

Abortion adverts - SIGN A PETITION! Life has organised a National Petition asking the Advertising Standards Authority NOT to give abortion agencies permission to advertise on TV and radio. It would be lamentable if the abortion industry were given permission to corrupt our society further - we must do all we can to stop them. So **please sign the petition in Advent Room**. It will then be sent to Life who will present the petition in June

24/7 Week of Prayer - to identify what direction CTEER should take to achieve God's work. Hosted by Trinity Church (by ASDA), from Pentecost Sunday 31st May right through to Sunday 7th June. All local churches will take their turns and fill the time slots praying at Trinity Church. This is your opportunity to pray both for our parish and for ideas for our local churches. **Our parish slot for praying at Trinity Church is 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

PARISH BAPTISMS - our next quarterly Parish Baptism Preparation sessions will be held on Tuesday 7th July and Tuesday 14th July, each at **8pm** in the Dominic Barberi Room. If you wish to celebrate a baptism, please **complete a baptism form** (available in Advent Room) and **return it to the Parish Office**, then turn up here on 7th July

MASS TIMES and PARISH DIARY 17th - 24th MAY 2009

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 17 th May	9 am 11 am 5pm	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Rhoda Thomas Holy Souls; Peter Ridge RIP John McAndrew RIP	7.30pm: CYG.net Mime Evening (church)
Mon. 18 th	NO MASS	St. John I, Pope		
Tuesday 19 th May	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am	St. Dunstan	Holy Souls; James Shields exams	7.30pm: Confirmation meeting (Church) 8pm: Justice & Peace mtg. (Brid's house)
Wednes. 20 th May	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am	St. Bernardine of Siena	Deceased members of Sanjurjo Fernandez family RIP	8pm: 11am Choir practice (Church)
Thursday 21 st May	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am	St. Christopher Magallanes & Comp.	David and Daniella De Lima	
Friday 22 nd May	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am	St. Rita of Cascia	Margaret Greenaway and Sister Bnyignis (Ireland)	10.30am: Adoration of Bl. Sacrament
Sat. 23 rd	NO MASS			
Sunday 24 th May	9 am 11 am 5pm	Ascension Sunday	Rhoda Thomas Thanksgiving - V. Gunasekera Bernard Ramanankilana RIP	<u>CELEBRANT:</u> FR. TERRY BURKE Baptism: <u>Toby Andrew Jack Way</u>

*** 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:

Maria Filippo (1997), Alfred Walsh (1984), Anne Flannery (1979), Patrick Walsh (2001),
 Charles Turner (1988), Henrietta Jane O'Hara (1998), Lilian Ralph (2004), Patrick McLoughlin (2001),
 Elizabeth Parker (2003), and Chris Waters (2005).

Christian retreat for families in Belgium, 24th-28th July: see small colour posters for details. Book by 31st May

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

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

LOURDES



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: the Diocese of Portsmouth invites you to its Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 21st-28th August. Open to all - sick pilgrims, young helpers, and anyone else who wants to go.

See colour poster and brochures (including booking forms) in Advent Room for more details. Pilgrimage Director: Fr. Vincent Harvey vharvey@gotadsl.co.uk or 01256 465214

Scout Group - 22nd AGM

on Monday 8th June at 7.30pm here in our Dominic Barberi Room

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 (above font) 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

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