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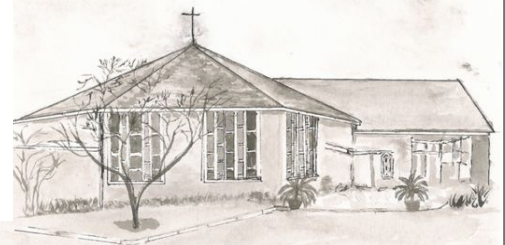
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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

4th October 2009

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

• Offertory collection

27th September:

Envelopes £155.65

Loose cash £355.38

Standing Orders £638.50

Total: £1149.53

• Special collection for the Cathedral raised **£188.77**

Thank you for your kind donations

• Special collection TODAY

is for **CAFOD Harvest**

Fast Day -

so please drop your

CAFOD Fast Day

envelopes into baskets

as you leave church

(some spare envelopes

in Advent Room)

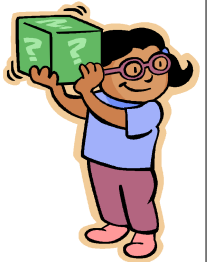
Seeing things in a fresh light

Our generation tends to think we can easily find answers to questions and unravel mysteries. There seems to be no mystery anymore as far as we and science and technology are concerned. Where has our sense of wonder gone? Obviously we have lost it because we feel we know so much that we no longer have a sense of wonder; we have lost that innocence of a child who sees things and ask questions, wondering how things came to be.

Before God we are like children and therefore should see things and happenings around us as new and fresh, seeing God's hand at work in all that we see and do. The result of this is trust in the all-powerful God who promised to be with us all the time.

There is now a need more than ever to try to seek God for help, relying on him and not on any other. Let us throw ourselves in His arms for He will take care of us.

Fr. Anthony



*Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires.
Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace & lead us in the way of salvation*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION IN OUR PARISH:

Our next quarterly parish **BAPTISM** preparation sessions will be held on

Tues. 6th October and Tues. 13th October.

each at **8pm** here. If you wish to celebrate a baptism, please complete a baptism form (available in Advent Room) and return it to the Parish Office TODAY, then turn up here for BOTH sessions

LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR!



First Holy Communion 2010: We look forward to seeing all children at the **FIRST SESSION - TODAY, Sun. 4th October** at 2pm here in church/Dominic Barberi Room



CONFIRMATION - for anyone thinking of joining our next parish confirmation program, just a reminder that the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated every 2 years here, so **our next Confirmation will be celebrated in summer of 2011...** so look out for details about enrolment in the newsletter this time next year (2010)

WEDNESDAY CLUB: Do you have a few hours free on a Wednesday afternoon? Do you have a vehicle? We would very much like to get the 'Wednesday Club' up and running again. Two volunteers have come forward to restart the club but we need at least another 4 more helpers. In addition we need some help with transport. Are you able to help with lifts on Wednesday afternoons, either to or from the hall, or both? Weekly, fortnightly or even sometimes would help. We are totally dependant on your kindness to keep our Wednesday Club running and would be delighted to receive offers of help. Please advise the parish office of your name and telephone number and you will be contacted to discuss further details. The plan is to restart at the end of October. **Thank you**

NEWS - ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL: the Governors, including Fr. Anthony, have recently announced that as of September 2010 the school will begin a change to co-education (i.e. for boys and girls), with aim to have the transition completed by September 2014. As part of this change, next September the school will become St. Joseph's College & the prep department will be called St. Joseph's Preparatory School

St. Thérèse of Lisieux: Join other young adults in Westminster Cathedral at 7.30pm on Wed. 14th October for the last opportunity in this country to pray around the relics of St. Thérèse - "the remains of a burnt out love". Discover her spirituality of the "Little Way", finding God in the ordinary, everyday things of life. Formal liturgy followed by all night prayer vigil ending with Mass at 6am. Thousands expected; priority given to young people via tickets - to get your **free ticket**, e-mail sttherese@ycwimpact.com

October issue of

My day by Day now available in Advent Room, **£1 per copy**



NEXT WEEK

Training Day for Readers at

all our Masses will be held here in church on **Saturday 10th October**, from 10 am to 1 pm, run by Fr. Alan Griffiths

Latest issue of Portsmouth People is now available - **take a copy from Advent Room or outside Lady Chapel**

As usual there will be **MASS COUNTS** at all Sunday Masses in October


CONFESSIONS will be heard in the confessional on **first Friday of each month from 6.30pm**, before **Mass** which is at **7.30pm** on these Fridays; or **by appointment**

MASS TIMES and PARISH DIARY 4th - 11th OCTOBER 2009

| DATE | TIME | DEDICATION | MASS INTENTION | PARISH DIARY |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Sunday 4 th Oct. | 9 am 11 am 5pm | 27th Sunday Ordinary Time | Edyth Cameron RIP Roselyn & Joseph Fernando Marg McAteer RIP | ★ CAFOD Fast Day collections ★ 2pm: 1st Holy Communion - Session 1 (Church/D.B. Room) |
| Mon. 5 th | NO MASS | St. Faustina | | 8pm: SVP meeting (D.B. Room) |
| Tuesday 6 th Oct. | 9.20: Rosary 9.45 am | St. Bruno | Funeral - Mrs. Maria Agostino John Hennessy | 2.15pm: UCM meeting (D.B. Room) 8pm: <u>BAPTISM PREP. SESSION 1</u> (D.B. Rm.) |
| Wednes. 7 th Oct. | 9.20: Rosary 9.45 am | Our Lady of the Rosary | Holy Souls | 8pm: 11am Choir practice (Church) |
| Thursday 8 th Oct. | 9.20: Rosary 9.45 am | | Martin Brennan RIP (recently deceased) | 7.45pm: <u>Home Group</u> (12 Brackendale Way) 7.30pm: PPC meeting (D.B. Room) |
| Friday 9 th Oct. | 9.20: Rosary <u>9.45am</u> | St. Denis & companions | Rev. Fr. Bernard Waldron OSB | |
| Sat. 10 th | NO MASS | St. Paulinus of York | | 10am: Readers' Training Day (Church) |
| Sunday 11 th Oct. | 9 am 11 am 5pm | 28th Sunday Ordinary Time | Caroline Hobbs RIP Marjorie Parmentier RIP Francois Ramanankilana RIP | |

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

CUBS Mondays 6.45pm / BEAVERS Thursdays 5.30pm / SCOUTS Fridays 8pm, each week



Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
John Tierney (1990), Marion Collins (2007), Jeanette Barron (1983), Philomena Butler (1988), Emily George (1996), Caroline Hobbs (2004), Mary McGlynn (1998), and Marie Maestranzi (2001).

 We are sorry to report that **Mrs. Maria Agostino** died on 24th September. Her **funeral Mass** will be celebrated here on Tuesday morning at 9.45am. Please remember Maria & family in your prayers

Reading Street Pastors Commissioning Service at Greyfriars Church on Saturday 10th October, 7pm for refreshments, service starts 7.30pm. A fantastic opportunity to show Reading Town Centre that Churches in Reading are active, working together, involved in people's lives and offering practical help to those in need. If you want to be involved in serving our town centre late at night, or if you have a heart for praying for us while we are out, then please contact us: reading@streetpastors.org.uk or call Matt Hearn on 0753 332 5504

Weekend retreat for married couples - 16th-18th October at Verbum Dei Community Centre in Newport, Isle of Wight. Activities for children provided. Contact Phil & Laurinda Brown on 9623828 for more info

October 2009: Free Wills Month - THIS MONTH, CAFOD is offering all those aged 55+ and resident in the UK the chance to make a will for free with participating solicitors in Reading. For more information, call 0845 020 4309, e-mail info@freewillsmoth.org.uk or visit www.freewillsmoth.org.uk
or collect a form & leaflet from our Traidcraft Stall

CYG.net - our youth group has **Film Evening** on Sunday 18th October here in D. B. Room, from **6.30-9.30pm**; refreshments available. All young people welcome!



Climate Change Rally: On Saturday 5th December a coach will travel from the Reading/Woodley area to the Rally on Climate Change in London (see poster on notice board in Advent Room for details). Rally is to ensure world's leaders gathering in Copenhagen put needs of the poorest at the heart of their negotiations. Places on the coach may be reserved on payment of £10 each. Please contact Rita Belletty, Tel. no. 0118 969 6219 or e-mail rita.belletty@talktalk.net

! "The Christ We Are, the Christ We Share"
Bournemouth 22nd-24th January 2010: an opportunity for people involved in ministry in the Church to deepen their experience of the person of Jesus and to consider how they share that experience with others - explored through input, practical sessions, prayer, reflection & liturgy. For more information, please see details and booking form on Diocesan website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Deadline for bookings: 20th October

Calling All Runners! If you get a place in the ballot for the London Marathon (or any other event), why not run on behalf of the Cabrini Children's Society? Cabrini provides services for children, families & adults with learning disabilities and has been doing so since 1887. If you are interested please contact Ann Hoggan on 0208 668 2181 or e-mail ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk

The **Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service** Chaplaincy Team are looking for **help in finding Chaplains** for a range of stations that are currently without Chaplains. See notice in Advent Room for further details

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 Ikhonoba **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 from Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 2pm