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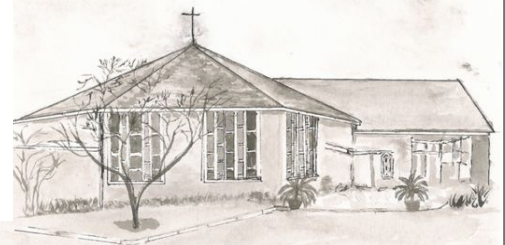
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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

11th October 2009

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

• Offertory collection

4th October:

Envelopes £103.00

Loose cash £384.75

Standing Orders £638.50

Total: £1126.25

• Special collection for **CAFOD Harvest**

Fast Day raised the amazing sum of **£1012.28**

Thank you
for your very kind donations

- **NEXT Sun. 18th October is World Mission Sunday** so there will be a retiring collection for **World Missions** - you can **Gift Aid your donation** using the envelopes provided in Advent Room

Reminder - prayer boards:

All are welcome to put a prayer petition on one of our 2 prayer boards in church; when the prayer has been answered, please remember to remove the petition to make space for others to add their prayer intentions. *Feel free to write petitions of thanksgiving for prayers that have been answered*

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

Includes some "Fascinating Facts and Figures" (p.5) and some lovely pictures of English Martyrs church

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**

Christians must be firm in their choices

Life is full of difficult and challenging choices, but as Christians we must not allow any distractions, greed and the love of materialism to rob us of the blessings that come with making the right choice. Take for example the rich man in the Gospel of Mark 7. All his life he has lived a righteous life, but his decision not to give up that which can impede his progress ruined his bid and plan to achieve heaven. In the final analysis he went away a sad man despite all his wealth. Obviously he was lacking the humility to give up his wealth. Sometimes we Christians are tempted to hang onto things that don't necessarily aid us in achieving the life we yearn for with God. We must therefore be prepared to give up some things in order to move on and progress on our journey.



Fr. Anthony

"...The spirit of Wisdom came to me... Compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud"

Thanks to everybody who gave to CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day. Our parish raised an impressive **£1012.28** which will help poor communities to survive the devastating effects of the financial crisis. Geoff O'Donoghue, international director for CAFOD, says: "The generosity of parishioners is overwhelming. Even at this difficult time, when we're all feeling the effects of the recession, you continue to fund our work. By supporting CAFOD, you're sending a message to the world's poorest that they are not alone. Thank you - on behalf of all the people we work with - for your donations."



Our final **BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION for this year** will be held on **Tues. 13th October at 8pm** in the D.B. Room.

If you wish to celebrate a baptism, please complete a baptism form (available in Advent Room), return it to Parish Office TODAY, then turn up here on Tuesday.

After this, our next baptism preparation will be early in 2010

First Communion Prayer Sponsors:

Our First Communion preparation has now started. Once again we are asking for Prayer Sponsors for each of the 19 registered children. It is intended that as far as possible the Sponsor is from the same Mass as that attended by the child, so that they can meet each other and journey with the child. As a Prayer Sponsor *all you are required to do is to pray for the child*. If you would like to sponsor a child, please put your name on the list in the Advent Room and you will be contacted shortly. Thank you



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**

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday - Catholics everywhere unite in celebrating World Mission Sunday. The theme this year is **Reach Out with Love**. Our prayers and donations on World Mission Sunday help to support mission projects and Catholic communities across the world to grow towards self-sufficiency. Through *Missio* (official organization for the overseas mission of the Catholic church), the Holy Father invites every Catholic in the world to contribute to a special collection next Sunday; your help will bring hope and new life to people thirsting to hear of God's love for them. You will be able to **Gift Aid** all donations by **using the envelopes provided**



MASS TIMES and PARISH DIARY 11th - 18th OCTOBER 2009

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 11 th Oct.	9 am 11 am 5pm	28th Sunday Ordinary Time	Caroline Hobbs RIP Marjorie Parmentier RIP Francois Ramanankilana RIP	
Mon. 12 th	NO MASS	St. Wilfred		
Tuesday 13 th Oct.	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am	St. Edward the Confessor	Margaret Hennessy	Evening: Fr. Anthony - Catenian Clergy Night 8pm: <u>BAPTISM PREP. SESSION 2</u> (D.B. Room)
Wednes. 14 th Oct.	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am	St. Callistus	Johnie Fitzgerald	8pm: 9am Choir practice (Church)
Thursday 15 th Oct.	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am	St. Teresa of Avila	Heather Chandler RIP (recently deceased)	
Friday 16 th Oct.	9.20: Rosary <u>9.45am</u>	St. Margaret Mary	Deceased friends of Teresa Norris	
Sat. 17 th	NO MASS	St. Ignatius of Antioch		
Sunday 18 th Oct.	9 am 11 am 5pm	29th Sunday Ordinary Time	Martin Brannelly RIP Tomasz Jaworski RIP; Gerard Francou David Rimmer RIP (Catenians)	

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

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



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

Mary McGlynn (1998), Marie Maestranzi (2001), Doris Jamieson (2005), Marjorie Parmentier (1996), Kathleen Andrews (1993), and Thomas O'Farrell (1987).

THIS WEEK!

From Churches Together: Join our local churches for a 15 min **Harvest Service** to be held at ASDA on Friday 16th October at 11.30am, led by the Bishop of Reading. Local primary schools and churches are invited; all will be most welcome

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!



Job Vacancy - the Diocese of Portsmouth is now re-advertising the position of **Advisor for Marriage and Family Life**. See yellow poster in Advent Room

! "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

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 "The Wave" posters on notice boards 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

From Reading University Chaplaincy: Tues. 20th October - Ann Pettifor: "Chasing the Moneylenders from the Temple of our Democracy", at Palmer 109, 7.30pm. *Free*. Ann is founder of Jubilee 2000 and predicted the current credit crisis. For information contact chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk or 0118 378 8797

ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) - Sat. 24th October at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead GU34 5LL. Starts with Rosary at 11am; Mass 11.30am, followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament; shared lunch at 1pm; main talk 2.30pm - Geoff & Gina Poulter, 'To draw all to himself'. Ends with tea & prayer for healing at ~4pm. Collection to cover expenses. For more info ring Revd. Deacon John Foley on 01189 333420 or see poster in Advent Room

READING STREET PASTORS need PRAYER PASTORS! The work of Street Pastors patrolling Reading town centre can only be effective when there are pray-ers praying for the town, the people, the pastors, the police, for those in need - for a Spirit of peace to pervade the town centre. **Join us** - we need a dedicated team to pray on a Friday night either at home or at St. Lawrence's (our base) between 10pm - 4am (can be done in shifts). Please contact Matt Hearn on 075 333 25504 or reading@streetpastors.org.uk

St. Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School welcomes prospective parents for **OPEN MORNINGS** on Thursday 12th November 2009 and Thurs. 14th January 2010. See poster, Advent Room

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