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LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA



13th December 2009

Third Sunday of Advent

Year C

• Offertory collection

6th December:

Envelopes £155.00

Loose cash £379.09

Standing Orders £629.20

Total: £1163.29

Thank you
for your kind donations

! **NEW ROTA** - for Ministers who take
• **Holy Communion to the Sick & Housebound** of our parish: the new rota is now available (starts on Sunday 10th January 2010). **Please take your copy from Advent Room now**

New **Welcome Ministry Rota** is also now out - for those with e-mail, please check your inbox!

New rotas are being made for Sacristans, Readers for 9am & 5pm Masses, Ministers of Communion for all Masses, Opening & Closing of Church on weekdays and on Saturdays. If you are interested in joining any of these rotas, please contact Jane in Parish Office, or Mel Noronha - 9698595 or e-mail 2jand2m@talktalk.net

Latest issue of Portsmouth People for December/January is now available - take a copy

Thank you from SPUC: see letter in Advent Room from SPUC thanking us for their very successful recent membership drive here, when they got **18 new members!** Thank you all

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

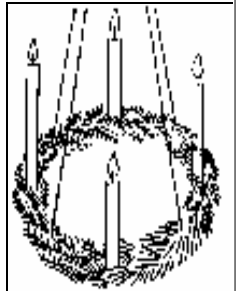
Thought for the week

The call for a change of heart is at the heart of the Advent message. Change of heart is required in order to progress on our spiritual journey. Love is a requirement to drive this spiritual project of heart change. In today's Gospel (Luke 3:10-18) John, in his preaching and call to repentance, puts forward some practical ways to love and to show love. Some of the examples are helping the needy, promoting justice, being humble, practicing patience, caring for others and ensuring peace.

Anything short of putting the love that we profess into practice is a departure from God's ways, whereas our invitation is to turn back to God and walk in His ways of love and righteousness.

We can only rejoice and be happy when we have loved our neighbours as Christ taught us.

Fr. Anthony



Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues each weekday in Advent, 6am-6:55am

Last few **CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS** with details of all local Christmas church services are still in Advent Room...

! PLEASE could volunteers deliver appropriate bundle(s) of leaflets to houses in these **LAST FEW roads, including Whiteknights Road, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE?**

Many thanks to all helpers so far

Our next quarterly parish **BAPTISM preparation sessions** will be held on **Tuesday 12th January** and **Tuesday 19th January 2010**, each at **8pm** here in the D. B. 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 for BOTH sessions



Ends TODAY



Advent Giving Tree: A Christmas gift that shows we care

This year our Giving Tree is in support of clients of **Christian Community Action (CCA)**, a local Reading charity helping people through spiritual and practical support. **Please return any gift you have bought, with its label, & place it under Giving Tree BY END OF TODAY, Sun. 13th Dec.** CCA have requested that we do not wrap the gifts this year as this will make it easier for the CCA Mums to choose the most appropriate gifts. Our parish Justice & Peace group and CCA thanks you all very much for your generosity

Advent Penitential Services: Calling to mind and repenting our sins is an important part of our Advent preparations. Please do make a special effort to attend one of the services in and around our Pastoral Area:

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 15th Dec. at 7.30pm - Christ the King, Whitley

HERE: Wednesday 16th Dec. at 7.30pm - Our Lady of Peace & Bl. D. Barberi (Fr. Anthony, Fr. Chris and Fr. Bruce will attend our service here)

Thursday 17th Dec. at 7.30pm - St. John Bosco, Woodley

Thursday 17th Dec. at 7.30pm - St. Thomas More, Twyford

Saturday 19th Dec. at 11am - English Martyrs, Reading

Monday 21st Dec. at 7.30pm - St. Joseph's, Tilehurst



Note time change



Calling all Angels and Shepherds...
Advance Notice: Our Children's Service on Christmas Eve will re-enact the Nativity, so we need all the children to come dressed as Angels and Shepherds!



Take a **yellow leaflet** for details of all our **Christmas Masses** and services (or see the **bright yellow posters** on notice boards)



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 13 th Dec.	9 am 11 am 5 pm	3rd Sunday of Advent	Peggie Bentley RIP (Foundation Mass) Anne & George Dalloz RIP Henryk Hosowicz (life celeb ^{mn} .)	3pm: Panto rehearsal (Hall)
Monday 14 th Dec.	6am Ador.^{mn} NO MASS	St. John of the Cross		
Tuesday 15 th Dec.	6am Ador.^{mn} 9.20: Rosary 9.45 am		Erna Haymsen RIP	7.30pm: Penitential Service, Christ the King
Wednes. 16 th Dec.	6am Ador.^{mn} 9.20: Rosary 9.45 am		Maris Wallis RIP, Denis Wallis RIP, Helena Ahlquist RIP	7.30pm: Advent Penit'l. Service HERE
Thursday 17 th Dec.	6am Ador.^{mn} 9.20: Rosary 9.45 am		Reuben Porter RIP (anniv.)	7.30pm: Penitential Services, SJB / Twyford 7.45pm: <u>Home Group</u> (at 8 Thyme Close)
Friday 18 th Dec.	6am Ador.^{mn} 9.20: Rosary 9.45 am		Deceased members of Ducey family RIP	
Sat. 19 th	NO MASS			11am: Penitential Service, English Martyrs
Sunday 20 th Dec.	9 am 11 am 5 pm	4th Sunday of Advent	Margery Tormey RIP Clive Wright RIP; Peter Tilton RIP (Found ^{mn} . Mass) Jacqueline Ramanankilana RIP	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY over Christmas

***** CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am & 11am Masses TODAY - LAST TIME THIS YEAR! *****

CUBS Mondays 6.45pm / BEAVERS Thursdays 5.30pm / SCOUTS Fridays 8pm, THIS WEEK



Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
George Tawfik (1980), John Mackie (2005), John Carter (2001), James O'Grady (2001),
Peter Tilton (1991), and Gladys Arnold (2001).



We are sorry to report that **Mrs. Mary Carter** died on 4th December. Her **funeral Mass** will be celebrated here on Tues. 22nd December at **10am**. Please pray for Mary, her husband Derek and the family



Rehearsals for this year's pantomime, 'A Midwinter Night's Dream', continue TODAY
Sunday 13th December from 3pm in the HALL for all secondary school-age participants;
then next is on Wednesday 30th December from 10am-2pm



Home Group - please note the change in venue for our last meeting this year: next Home Group meeting is on Thursday 17th December at 8 Thyme Close, Lower Earley RG6 5XU at 7.45 for 8pm prompt start! Please confirm your attendance to Mel by e-mail: 2jand2m@talktalk.net or phone 0118 9441534. Thanks

CAFOD SUPPORTERS DAY - Sat. 9th January
at St. Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX: 10.30am-3.30pm (Stations of the Cross at 3.30pm). An opportunity for all CAFOD supporters across the Diocese to get together and hear about upcoming plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Lent Fast Day, and be led by our Spirituality Team reflecting on and praying in solidarity. Refreshments provided - please bring your own lunch. To book a place, contact the CAFOD Portsmouth Office: portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329385

Special commemorative booklets now available in Advent Room covering recent visit of the relics of **St. Thérèse of Lisieux**. Price £3.50 each - ONLY 3 COPIES LEFT!

NEXT WEEK

FACING CHRISTMAS: An Ecumenical candlelit Service recognising that Christmas can be a difficult time and a challenge whether it is through bereavement, divorce, redundancy, illness or separation. Please join us at St. John Bosco on Monday 21st December at 7pm for this special service; refreshments afterwards ~ all are welcome

Fancy a trip to Lourdes?

The parish of Corpus Christi in Wokingham is leading a trip to Lourdes next May, with Monsignor Jim Joyce in charge. Dates: 24th—29th May 2010. Cost: ~£600. SEE LEAFLET IN ADVENT ROOM. There are a few **spaces available** - if anyone is interested in joining the trip, please contact Fr. Anthony or Jane in the Parish Office ASAP

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2009-2010: the diocese has provided a few copies of our latest diocesan directory - **£3.50** each. Please contact Jane in the Parish Office if you wish to buy one. Alternatively, all information is available from on-line diocesan directory: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/directory/>

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 from Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 2pm.

Wed. 23rd Dec. is the last day the Parish Office is open before Christmas;
it will then re-open on Tuesday 5th January 2010

