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LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA



25th December 2009

The Nativity of Our Lord

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★★★ THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS THE NEXT 2½ WEEKS ★★★

• **Offertory collection**

20th December:

Envelopes £173.70

Loose cash £356.19

Standing Orders £640.50

Total: £1170.39

Thank you for your kind donations, and for your consistent generosity throughout the past year

• Our **Crib Offerings** will this year go to Christian Schools in the Holy Land. Please see poster next to the crib for details

• Special collection on Sunday 10th January is our annual **White Flower collection** for the **SPUC**

A time to give thanks

2009 has been a very interesting year with its many challenges and some glorious moments to remember. I count myself lucky for my many achievements, including my birthday when I turned another year older (40?) and the successful completion of an MA degree programme. Thanks for your support and above all to God be the glory. I would like to thank you all for the time and resources you put in to make things work in the parish.

I only hope 2010 will be more fruitful, healthier and peaceful for us all.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



Fr. Anthony

Wishing everyone a joyous Christmas and a peaceful New Year

OUR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES - as shown on bright yellow posters:

Christmas Eve: **Thurs. 24th Dec.:** Children's Carol Service (**NOT** Mass) - starts at **5pm**

Midnight Mass (preceded by carols): starts at **11.30pm**

Christmas Day: **Friday 25th Dec.:** **9am** and **11am**

- please remember there is **NO 5pm Mass on Christmas Day!**

! **Christmas collections:** Please remember that collections at our 3 Christmas Masses traditionally go directly to your Parish Priest. This is to thank Fr. Anthony for all his hard work over the past year. So please show your appreciation by your generosity. Thank you



Advent Giving Tree - THANK YOU

to all parishioners for the many presents we received for local clients of Christian Community Action. All gifts have been collected and your support is much appreciated; the gifts will make a huge difference to local families needing CCA's help this Christmas. Thank you all!

My Day by Day -

January 2010 edition is

now available

in Advent Room;

£1 each.

Please leave money in basket



The next **rehearsal for our pantomime**, 'A Midwinter Night's Dream', is on Wednesday 30th December from 10am-2pm in HALL

SERVICE OF HEALING AND FORGIVENESS -

Christ the King church, Friday 1st January 2010 at 12 noon. A service of healing and forgiveness with anointing. A chance to start again - a new beginning. All are welcome. See poster in Advent Room

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



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

Thank you to everyone who helped deliver the Churches Together Christmas leaflets

The Epiphany of the Lord is celebrated on **Sunday 3rd January**

Our next **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING** is on **Sunday 10th January**, at 2pm in church



PLEASE NOTE!

The Parish Office is now closed for Christmas. The next newsletter will be printed for Masses on **Sunday 10th January 2009**

Due to the Christmas break, **CONFESSIONS** will next be heard in the confessional on the **FIRST FRIDAY OF FEBRUARY (5th Feb.) from 6.30pm.** or by appointment



| DATE | TIME | DEDICATION | MASS INTENTION | PARISH DIARY |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|
| Thursday 24 th Dec. | 11.30pm | Christmas Eve | Family & friends of the parish | 5pm: Children's Carol Service 11.30pm: Midnight Mass |
| Friday 25 th Dec. | 9 am 11 am | Christmas Day | Family & friends of the parish Family & friends of the parish | HAPPY CHRISTMAS! |
| Sat. 26 th | NO MASS | St. Stephen | | |
| Sunday 27 th Dec. | 9 am 11 am 5 pm | Holy Family | Gunasekera family - thanksgiving Bernard Ramanankilana RIP Ronald Evans RIP | NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY |
| Mon. 28 th | NO MASS | Holy Innocents | | |
| Tuesday 29 th Dec. | 9.45am | St. Thomas Becket | Richard Johnston RIP and Coleman Morrison | |
| Wed. 30 th | 9.45am | St. Eugene | Joy Sellen RIP (Found ^{tn} . Mass) | |
| Thur. 31 st | 9.45am | St. Sylvester | In memory: Hanna Dean's parents | |
| Friday 1 st Jan. | 12 noon | Mary, Mother of God | Intentions of Rowlinson family; Mary & Ricky Silverstone's golden wedding anniversary | HAPPY NEW YEAR! |
| Sat. 2 nd | NO MASS | St. Gregory | | |
| Sunday 3 rd Jan. | 9 am 11 am 5 pm | Epiphany | Arthur Pearl RIP (Foundation) | NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY |
| Mon. 4 th | NO MASS | | | 8pm: SVP meeting (D.B. Room) |
| Tuesday 5 th Jan. | 9.45am | St. John Neumann | Mrs. B. Tyrrell | ★ PARISH OFFICE RE-OPENS ★ 2.15pm: UCM meeting (D.B. Room) 7.45pm: Children's Lit. mtg. (D.B. R'm) |
| Wed. 6 th | 9.45am | | Pat & Tom Leonard's intentions | |
| Thurs. 7 th | 9.45am | St. Raymond | Mrs. Josephine Marvin RIP | |
| Friday 8 th | 9.45am | | Jude & Viran Gunasekera | |
| Sat. 9 th | NO MASS | | | |
| Sunday 10 th Jan. | 9 am 11 am 5 pm | Baptism of the Lord | Myles Jennings RIP Jack Lidchburn Teresa Igoe RIP (recently dec.) | CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESTARTS |

***** NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY during Christmas school holidays - back on Sunday 10th January *****

***** NO CUBS / BEAVERS / SCOUTS during Christmas school holidays - back in January *****



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

Muriel Bowman-Smith (1976), Pauline Thackram (2001), Donald Wignall (1996), Anthony Lesner (1999),
Mary Kayley (1982), Joy Sellen (1993), Zena Pringle (1997), David Botherel (1992),
Sarah Doherty (1979), Brian Sheldon (1997), Cis Byrne (1999), Arthur Pearl (1976), Robert Scott (1989),
Kathleen Rooney (2001), Therese Polanski (2008), Wally Kulan (2001), Anne Wellman (1980),
Lesley Borg (2002), Tim Chapman (1995), Emma Cattaneo (1984), and Teresa Smith (2006).

**St. Joseph's Convent School: ENTRANCE EXAMINATION Tuesday 5th January and
OPEN MORNING Tuesday 26th January. See flyers in 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.

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PLEASE CALL YOUR OWN PARISH PRIEST FIRST

The Parish Office is open this week on **Tuesday and Wednesday, 9am - 2pm.**

Wed. 23rd Dec. is the last day the Parish Office is open before Christmas;

it will re-open on Tuesday 5th January 2010. Thank you for all your cards, gifts and kind wishes!

Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas

