

From your Parish Pastoral Council:

## **The Parish Journey**

A second Parish Prayer evening was held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December to pray and discuss the feedback from the earlier Prayer evening held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, feedback that has been displayed in the Lady Chapel. At this second meeting it was decided that the first steps to be taken in moving forward are that:

- a) A questionnaire will be developed by the Liturgy Group to give to all parishioners to find out what appeals to them about particular Masses and any changes they would like to see;
- b) A time of prayer will be held after Mass on Wednesday mornings;
- c) A box will be constructed to be placed by the altar into which parishioners can place prayer intentions;
- d) A parish prayer meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month, beginning in January, at the Church. Further details about this will be announced soon;
- e) Claire Wong invited parishioners to join in the "Mothers Prayers" meeting that she holds at her home every week, usually on a Tuesday between 1:30pm and 2:30pm. Contact Claire through the Parish Office.

Other suggestions and observations put forward were that:

- a) Everyone should be invited to join in activities;
- b) There was a need to reach out to others spiritually as well as socially;
- c) There was a desire to break the mould – God is not just there on a Sunday;
- d) Three levels of devotion could be considered:
  1. personal devotion through praying the scriptures;
  2. house groups;
  3. parish group meetings;
- e) For parishioners meeting in groups, it was felt that organising these meetings to take place in Church would be more inclusive than for them to take place in people's homes;
- f) An evening Mass could be held each week, to be followed by a period of prayer;
- g) More acts of Service should be encouraged:
  1. through existing Ministries;
  2. through engaging with those elderly parishioners who are unable to participate in parish activities;
- h) Consideration should be given to organising prayer sponsors or "Guardian Angels";
- i) Scripture reading groups could be arranged;
- j) Services of Healing and Anointing could be held (Christ the King is holding such a Service in the New Year – *details overleaf*).

Charles Kernthaler  
16<sup>th</sup> December 2007



# PARISH NOTICES:



## **URGENT - PLEASE HELP TO SAVE NEW LIFE**

**Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill:** this Bill, currently before Parliament, seeks to widen the scope for the use of newly-conceived test-tube babies in experiments, as well as promoting other serious abuses. **PLEASE help oppose the bill by signing a petition to Parliament - petition forms are in Advent Room (on blue boards).** The bill is due to go to the House of Commons in February 2008. To campaign in more ways or to do your own petition, please contact **SPUC** on 020 7222 5845 or [enquiries@spuc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@spuc.org.uk)

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**Service of Healing and Forgiveness** (with anointing) to be held at Christ the King on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January at 12 noon. Get the New Year off to the best possible start!  
See poster and leaflet in Advent Room for more information

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**Year 6 and Year 11 parents:** St. Joseph's Convent School is now recruiting girls for entry in September 2008 for Year 7 (Senior Dept.) and Year 12 (Sixth form).  
Year 7 entrance exam will be on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 9am.  
For an application form or prospectus please call the School on 0118 966 1000.  
See **leaflets** in Advent Room

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**St. Dominic Savio School** has an **Open Day** on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008.  
See poster in Advent Room for more details

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### **New Year Reflection Day – Aston Tirrold Centre for Reflection** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 10am-4pm.

Rev. Keith Green will lead the day: "We prepare, pray, watch and hope during Advent. Once again new birth is given to us at Christmas. Which door has opened for us in 2008?"  
Cost £20 including lunch. For more details or to book, ring **01235 850423** or e-mail [coordinator@reflect.freeuk.com](mailto:coordinator@reflect.freeuk.com)

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### **Service of Prayer for Christian Unity:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm.

Venue: Brookside Church, Brookside Close, Lower Earley.

A unique opportunity to celebrate our diversity and remember our unity.

**Don't miss it!**

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### **Justice & Peace day – Portsmouth Diocese: A day to celebrate Social Justice**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February, from 10am. Venue: St. Anne's School, Southampton.

Includes key speakers, workshops, and a Fairtrade Market to sample food & wine!

See **bright yellow posters** and booking forms in Advent Room/outside D.B. Room

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**Emergency contact numbers for Ministry of a priest in our Pastoral Area:** 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, but if an emergency arises and your own priest is unavailable, please try one of our other Pastoral Area priests on the numbers above