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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME5th February 2012*Registered as a Charity – No 234216***PSALTER****Sundays – Cycle B****WEEK ONE****Weekdays – Cycle 1**

Sat	[for Sun] 6 pm Vera Halsall (ld)
Sun	8.30 am
	10.30 am Mass during which the children of the First Holy Communion class will be presented with bibles.
Mon	No service today
Tue	9.15 am Morning Prayer
	9.30 am Peggy Sandars (ld)
Wed	note time
	8.15 am Morning Prayer
	8.30 am Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard
Thu	9.15 am Morning Prayer
	9.30 am Graham & Eijkenboon Families
Fri	9.15 am Morning Prayer
	9.30 am Jack Kiely (Boggis)
Sat	[for Sun] 6 pm Dermot O'Connor (ld) (Cassell)
Sun	8.30 am
	10.30 am Jack Kiely (Evans)

Confessions

Sat 5 pm - 5.45 pm

PARISH DIARYSat. (4th) 3.00 pm Children's Choir Practice

Sun 10.30 am Children's Liturgy

After 10.30 am Mass - Coffee

My dear parishioners,

The years come round so fast! This Sunday (the nearest to the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple) marks the

Sunday when the children of the **First Communion Class** are given bibles. The importance of the Word of God in our lives is highlighted not only for these children but ourselves. For so long in the Church we hardly read or studied the bible, but one of the fruits of the liturgical renewal after the Vatican Council, was that the bible was read systematically in church. Better still "proclaimed". Remember Word is the Lord, and he still speaks to each and every one of us in the quietness and stillness of our hearts. That's why we have little silences in the mass so that we can catch the meaning, and the Lord through the Holy Spirit inspire and help us.

We have nearly twenty children and if anyone wants to sponsor one of the bibles for the children as a gift from the parish the suggested donation is £10.

Friday last (the 3rd) saw the Feast of St Blaise, a martyr bishop of the fourth century. Tradition has it that as he went to his death he cured a youngster who was choking. The custom arose of blessing throats with crossed candles. I thought it appropriate to resurrect this custom: so many including myself have terrible sore throats. Please God, his prayers will help us.

The **650th Celebrations of the English Hospice in Rome** lasted three days, and started a whole year of celebration. You have to, don't you when you are 650. The hospice where pilgrims to Rome used to stay was eventually to become in the 15th century the "King's Hospice". And then after England's break with Rome, and the stream of pilgrims dried up, it became in 1579 the Venerable English College, only the fourth Seminary in the world, where priests were to be trained for the English Mission. *The Times* had a fine article last Saturday (28th Jan) describing it all.

A flying visit by the archbishop this week. Archbishop Bernard wants to make a whistle stop tour of the deanery. He comes late evening on Tuesday, stays with me overnight. He will then celebrate mass at 8.30 am on Wednesday morning (note time), and then he and I tour the seven parishes and four schools, Ourselves, Caversham, Sonning Common, Goring, Dorchester, Watlington and Thame make up the parishes. Quite a mileage to cover. It is a privilege to have him stay with us, and I know many of you will make the effort to come to mass on Wednesday morning,

Bless you all*Father Anthony*

Parish Priest

PARISH ROTA for weekend 11/12 February
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Pg 137 in the Parish Mass Book

Saturday Readers

Sat K Edwards
 6 pm S Drew

Sunday Readers

Sun H Richardson
 8.30 B Bowder
 Sun J French
 10.30 R Metcalfe
 Joan Cunningham
 Libby Meachin &
 Maria Ferguson
 TBA
 Julie Green
 J French, E Bradford
 E & F Lefebure

Flowers
 Coffee

Children's Liturgy
 Eucharistic Minister-10.30 am
 Church Cleaners

PARISH STATISTICS for weekend 28/29 January

Mass Attendance	2012	(2011)
6.00 pm (Sat)	68	78
8.30 am	56	44
10.30 am	<u>123</u>	<u>170</u>
	<u>247</u>	<u>292</u>

Offertory	£ 194.50	[Envelopes]
Collection	£ 225.74	[Loose]
	<u>£ 420.24</u>	

Your prayers are asked for the following sick or housebound:

Arthur Evans (brother-in-law of Margaret), **Teresa Nash** (relative of Margaret Keane), **Cynthia Stewart, Margaret Keane, Pauline Siveter** (nee Harper), **Rita Good, Madeleine Molenkamp, Judy Skinner, Mary McKenna** (sister of Eleanor Bradford), **Gillian Engbers, Liz Gale** (friend of Millie Deverell), **David Harrison** (husband of Ann), **Katie Curtis** (friend of Anne Sandars), **John Grantham, Abigail Stynes** (niece of Ann Harrison), **Dagmar Grenfell** (sister-in-law of Caroline Mieczkowska), **Eileen Frewin, Elizabeth Sheppard, Brendan Foot** (brother of Margaret Waldron), **Elisabeth Ritchie** (niece of Father Anthony) **Derek Marsh, Elisabeth Lefebure** (sister-in-law of Eric) and **Yvonne Preston.**

Lord, we pray for our brothers and sisters who are sick. Let them know the great power of your healing Spirit. Let them experience the support of your people.

Retiring Collection this weekend 4th/5th February
CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

February Parish Walk
Saturday 18th February

The February Parish walk will be the Bluebell Walk followed by tea and cakes at St. Botolphs.
 We don't know the exact time yet so keep an eye on the newsletter.

✠ Your prayers are asked for **Peggy Sandars**
 (mother of Edward) who has died.

Lord, in your mercy, grant to your sister peace and light in your kingdom. May she rest in peace.

Justice and Peace Group

Reading Drop In Centre: An enormous amount of warm outdoor clothing was delivered to the centre at the start of the week just in time for the return of the really cold weather. Many thanks to all those who donated so generously.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 29th April: International Lunch
Saturday 29th September: Parish Quiz

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS

For the last nine years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer 8 internships: Five interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; two in Public Policy with CAFOD and CARITAS Social Action Network; and one in a media internship at Archbishop's House Westminster.

All internships will run from September 2012 - July 2013 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances.

Full details and an application form can be found on our website: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns>

Completed application forms must either be emailed to interns@cbcew.org.uk or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 5pm on 29th February 2012 and Assessment days will be 28th and 29th March 2012.

If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

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 Dear Father Anthony,

I would like to sponsor the Bibles for the First Holy Communion children. I enclose £.....

Name:.....

Address/Email/Tel.....