

Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi

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2nd September 2007

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

• **Offertory collection**
26th August:

Envelopes & loose cash
£535.50

St'g Orders £546.00

Total: £1081.50

Thank you very much for your generous donations

• **Second collection** NEXT
Sunday **9th September** for
Racial Justice Sunday

• **Children' Liturgy** starts again **NEXT Sunday, 9th September** at both 9am & 11am Masses!

For all our 2007 1st Holy Communion children and their parents:

Thank you for the lovely display that your clothed "bodies" made in church!

We have finished with them now, so please take home your own "bodies" and clothing items from the Dominic Barberi Room. **Any clothing items still here on Friday 14th September will be taken to a charity shop.**

Thank you!



• **Confessions** are available by appointment; please contact the Parish Office to book a convenient time



Loddon Valley Pastoral Area SUNDAY MASSES:

- ♦ **St. John Bosco:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10am.
- ♦ **Christ the King:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10am.
- ♦ **St. Thomas More:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10.30am.
- ♦ **Our Lady of Peace,** Wargrave: Sun. 9am.

Blessed are the humble

Humility is a 'must have' virtue for all. It is one of those results you experience when the Holy Spirit is at work in you; it does open doors that ordinarily would be shut in your face. Humility at its best is not pretence in any form. Some may misunderstand you and think you are only pretending to be good; no! You are good and that goodness flows from the love in your heart that has been given to you generously. To be able to receive any generous gift from God you must first be open, and this is not possible without humility.

It is all about submitting to God and allowing Him to bend your heart to His will. Humility is living the life of Jesus, the incarnate Son of God the Father who, despite being God, humbled himself to come to earth. He didn't just stop at that; He suffered a humiliating death on the cross. There can never be a better example of humility than the cross of Calvary.

One way of following this example of humility is for us to always accept our faults and sinfulness and say with the Psalmist, "But now I have acknowledged my sins, my guilt I did not hide..."

As a community we must learn to submit to one another in truth, wisdom & justice. This is what Christ is teaching us today. Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord.

Father Anthony

We welcome **Mollie Amber Gould** and her family to our parish community as we celebrate Mollie's baptism at 11am Mass today!

CONFIRMATION "Going Forth" Mass is to be held on **Saturday 8th September** starting at **7pm** here at Our Lady of Peace. The Confirmation certificates will be presented during Mass, and there will be a barbecue afterwards. The young people are involved in organising the event and it promises to be very exciting.

They particularly want to invite ALL PARISHIONERS to join them for the Mass and the shared meal - so we look forward to seeing you all there!

All Confirmation candidates - please check e-mail for details of Going Forth Mass!

EUCHARIST MINISTERS:

All Eucharist Ministers should be commissioned or re-commissioned on a regular basis. For one reason or another we, in this parish, have overlooked this duty for some time. To redress this shortcoming, the **Rite of Commissioning** of all new Ministers and **Renewal of Commitment** of all longer-standing Ministers will take place **DURING ALL MASSES ON SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER.**

The Rite of Commissioning and the Renewal of Commitment will each take only 3-4 minutes and details of what to do will be given on the day. So **PLEASE will all Eucharistic Ministers attend one of the Masses at our parish on this day,** even if it's one you don't normally attend, so that we as a Parish can exercise this Ministry correctly. Thank you all

A SPECIAL REQUEST! To those who have left household items in/near our Lost Property box in Dominic Barberi Room - we appreciate the donations but we are not a charity shop, so **please take any such items to a local charity shop!** Please don't leave items in the D.B. Room; we like to keep it neat and tidy for users. Also if you think you may have items in **Lost Property** - please collect them! **ALL items still in our Lost Property box on 14th September will also be taken to a charity shop!**

Thank you for your help

! **"My Day by Day" booklets** - **September edition** of this lovely handy guide to Mass readings for the month is now available in Advent Room; **£1 per copy.** Please leave money in the basket - thank you

MASS TIMES: 2nd - 9th SEPTEMBER

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 2 nd September	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary Burke RIP (Found'tn: Mass) Geoff Way RIP (anniv.) Sarah Boyle RIP	Baptism: Mollie Amber Gould
Monday 3 rd September	NO MASS	St. Gregory the Great		12noon: Fr. Anthony saying Mass at St. Joseph's Convent for staff & governors 8pm: SVP meeting (D.B. Room)
Tuesday 4 th September	9.45am	St. Cuthbert		7.45pm: Children's Liturgy planning meeting (D.B. Room)
Wed. 5 th	9.45am		Joseph & Kerrie-Anne	8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thurs. 6 th	9.45am			8pm: Liturgy Group mtg. (D.B. Room)
Friday 7 th	9.45am		Jude & Viran Gunasekera	
Saturday 8 th Sept.	7.00pm	Birthday of Our Lady	7pm: Confirmation Candidates' "Going Forth" Mass	
Sunday 9 th Sept.	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	James & Kathleen Buckley RIP (Foundation Mass) For racial justice Michael Lavery RIP (rec. dec.)	Baptism: Rachel Florence Hickling

*** NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OR BEAVERS/CUBS/SCOUTS DURING SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS! ***



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

Linda Clayton (1979), Lydia Robertson (1979), William Doilly (1992), and Bill Hunt (1994).



URGENT! Job Vacancy: DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH - A vacancy has arisen for a part-time **Parish Administrative Secretary** to work for **Rev. Bruce Barnes**, Parish Priest at **Christ the King, Reading.**

The successful applicant will be located in the Parish Office.

For an application form, job description and salary details please contact:
Ms. Ellen McCarthy, Christ the King Church, 408 Northumberland Avenue,
Reading RG2 8NR. Telephone: 0118 931 4469 or e-mail:

ctk.parish@btopenworld.com See yellow poster in Advent Room or outside Dominic Barberi Room. Thank you

- Days of work per week: 3
- Hours of work per week: 10
- Commencement Date: September 2007
- Salary: To be agreed

Reading and Wokingham Life Group AGM - 10am on Tuesday 4th September, at Life Pregnancy Care Centre, English Martyrs Parish Centre, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading, Tel. 0118 958 1699. All Life members are most welcome to attend. Also see Life leaflet in Advent Room

For anyone who knows **Miss Lovatt** from **St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Southampton:** see bright yellow poster in Advent Room for news of her retirement party and thanksgiving Mass on Friday 14th September!

CAFOD Job Vacancy: Diocesan Officer, based in Aldershot; part-time (21 hours per week). See poster in Advent Room for more details and application contacts. Ref: CDOP2. Closing date: 3rd October 2007

Reading Male Voice Choir concert in church on Saturday 6th October at 7.30pm, organised by Parkinson's Disease Society (regular users of our hall). Tickets for the concert will be available soon - see future newsletters for details!



ANGELS CHOIR - reminder:

CONCERT will be held on Saturday 13th October at 5.30pm in our Main Hall.

Tickets are now available either from Cedric in Social Club, or from Fr. Anthony - **Mrs. Ezekwe has tickets after Sunday Masses!** £7 / £5 concessions (OAPs & children 16 and under). Also **volunteer drivers** needed to take the Angels children to their venues & school workshops for duration of their tour, 5th-20th October; driving a 16-seater mini bus. Anyone who can help please call Clare on 07831 093 499 - thank you in advance!



SPUC has provided leaflets (in Advent Room) telling us about the government's draft Human Tissues and Embryos Bill and what it would permit - including the abuse of human embryos, and widening the law on abortion so that even more could happen. We all need to **tell our MPs to oppose this bill; please take a leaflet** from Advent Rm.



Almighty God, every good thing comes from you.
Fill our hearts with love for you, increase our faith,
and by your constant care protect the good you have given us

The **Parish Office** is **OPEN** this week **Tuesday - Friday** from **9am - 2pm** each day