

# Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi

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**16<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**• Offertory collection  
9<sup>th</sup> September:**

Envelopes & loose cash      £660.73  
St'g Orders      £546.00  
**Total: £1206.73**

**• Second collection on Sun.  
9<sup>th</sup> September for  
**Racial Justice Sunday**  
raised **£234.03****

Thank you very much for  
your kind donations

**• Second collection TODAY  
16<sup>th</sup> September for  
**Home Mission Sunday** -  
please use a Gift Aid form!**

**• New Welcoming rota  
now available: would  
all welcomers please pick  
up your copy of new rota  
from Advent Rm. Thanks**

**WELCOME!**

We extend a special  
**welcome to our parish**  
to all newcomers and  
especially to all students  
arriving in the area  
ready to start at University!  
Great to have you with us!



**Thank you to  
all involved  
for a  
FANTASTIC  
Confirmation  
Going Forth**

**Mass last Saturday. May  
it be the first of many!**



**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.

**Who deserves to be rewarded?**

When you have worked so hard of course you deserve to be rewarded accordingly. This is the Pharisees' view which is very different from the way Jesus viewed our association with others in society. The Pharisees do not associate with people they term as sinners. On the other hand Jesus believes in drawing all - including sinners and outcasts - closer to himself because he thinks it is important to put in every effort to help those in need of salvation.

Naturally we feel bad when we think that someone who is not deserving is rewarded while we, who think of ourselves as working very hard and achieving success for a particular organization or group, may have been short-changed.

From the stories of the lost sheep, the coin and the prodigal son we can understand what the view of Jesus is regarding reward in this sense. Jesus would be keen to search out the lost, rejected and outcast and reward them with His company and love. The reward that was awaiting the prodigal son, for example, was the father's all embracing love because he was lost and found. Though we all are found wanting in some way in our relationship with God, we are all deserving of God's Love.

So you should not be bothered about someone else's reward; just keep working on improving on the good you have done. God's love and blessings will be yours.

Yes, everyone is rewarded if we avail ourselves of His amazing Love.

Father Anthony

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

**EUCCHARIST MINISTERS:**

All Eucharist Ministers should be commissioned or re-commissioned on a regular basis. The **Rite of Commissioning** of all new Ministers and **Renewal of Commitment** of all longer standing Ministers will take place **DURING ALL MASSES TODAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> 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 before Masses. We welcome and thank all Ministers for helping the Parish to exercise this Ministry correctly. Thank you all

**1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION 2008 starts in October.** If you are now starting in Year 3, will be 8 years old between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2007 and 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. 2008, and if you feel ready, you are eligible to join our programme. Parents of those children should **please write to Father Anthony** c/o the Parish Office (and please mark the envelope "1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 2008"), advising of the child's name, date of birth, date & place of baptism, parents' names, address & contact details, **by end of September!**

Also, this will be the **LAST TIME** that **Cath** and **Cathy** will be helping to run the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion programme. They would welcome **new parent helpers** to "shadow" them through this year's programme, so that next time there will be more helpers to lead the preparation for this Sacrament. **If you would like to help with this important job for the children of our parish**, please contact Parish Office! Thank you very much

Are you an **adult seeking baptism and/or confirmation?** If so, please come along to **Journey in Faith** which begins at **8pm on Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> September** in Dominic Barberi Room. Hope to see you there!

**Welcomers' Training:** St. John Bosco Parish is holding 4 informative meetings to promote a better understanding of why "Welcome" is such an important Ministry, and to give guidance on how to be a better "Welcomer". Open to all churches in our Pastoral Area; anyone involved in Welcoming is encouraged to attend. Each session is from 8-9.30pm, on following Mondays: 15<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**To book a place, please call St. John Bosco Parish Office on 0118 969 3423 as soon as possible!**

# MASS TIMES: 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Oliver family intentions Martin Brannelly RIP George & Peggie Bentley RIP	- Commissioning of Eucharist Ministers - Commissioning of Eucharist Ministers - Commissioning of Eucharist Ministers
Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>NO MASS</u></b>			<b>8pm:</b> SVP meeting, at <b>St. John Bosco</b>
Tues. 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am		Peggie & George Bentley RIP	<b>8pm:</b> Justice & Peace meeting (DB Rm.)
Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup> September	9.45am	St. Theodore of Canterbury	Des O'Sullivan	<b>1.30pm:</b> Wednesday Club (Hall) <b>8pm:</b> Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thurs. 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Korean Martyrs	William Watson	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	<b><u>10.30am</u></b>	St. Matthew	Lilian Ralph	<b>Funeral Mass</b> for Regina Zaboklicka (Zofia Pielak's mother)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Regina (Zofia's Mum) Clive Wright RIP	<b>Baptism:</b> Sophie Ada Elliss <b>Celebrant:</b> Fr. Jack Creagh

\*\*\* CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am and 11am Masses each week \*\*\*

\*\*\* CUBS Mondays 6.45pm / BEAVERS Thursdays 5.45pm / SCOUTS Fridays 8pm, each week \*\*\*

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

Richard O'Connell (2002), Graham Smallbone (2004), Bridget Malone (1990),  
Michael Sorenson (1990), Surinder Dhir (2001), and Theresa Semple (2006).

**URGENT! Job Vacancy:** DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH still has a vacancy for a part-time **Parish Administrative Secretary** to work for **Rev. Bruce Barnes**, the new Parish Priest now at **Christ the King, Reading**. Successful applicant will be located in Christ the King Parish Office. For application form, job description & salary details please contact **Fr. Bruce** at **Christ the King**, 408 Northumberland Avenue, Reading RG2 8NR. Telephone: 0118 931 4469 or e-mail: [ctk.parish@btopenworld.com](mailto:ctk.parish@btopenworld.com)  
*Please help Fr. Bruce! See yellow poster in Advent Room/outside D.B. Room*

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


★ **OLoP Theatre Club: REMINDER - Sound of Music, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September:** the coach will leave from OLoP car park area (Aldbourn Ave.) at **5pm PROMPTLY!** See you then ★

**Enjoy an Indian Meal and raise funds for Charity:** The Bethany Society is a not-for-profit secular registered charity established in Megalaya, India. It caters for the educational needs of children with a disability residing in remote rural communities. **Jack and Melly** are organising an **Indian Meal on Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in our main hall** to raise funds. Come enjoy and help this cause! **Tickets:** Adult - £10, children - £5 (under 11), family - £25 (2 adults & 2 children). **Tickets after all Sunday Masses from Jack & Melly**, or ring them: 0118 969 8595

**Hearts and Minds participants:** as discussed at our last session we are planning a visit to the **Dominican Priory** on **7<sup>th</sup> October**. Leaving late morning; packed lunch to share together at convent; drinks provided. Rosary & prayers 4pm-ish, then tea & cakes, then back home. Please contact Mary Johnston on 0118 969 5090 **ASAP & by Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Sept.** if interested - **we urgently need to know numbers!** Thank you

**Reading Male Voice Choir** concert in church on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**, organised by Parkinson's Disease Society (regular users of our hall). This concert was a huge success last time, and the church was packed - it's bound to be wonderful again! See posters & flyers, Advent Room.  
**Tickets: £8** (including glass of wine / soft drink), now available from Graham - 0118 979 1263, Michael - 0118 958 4493 or Ted - 0118 934 5686

**Help needed to clear rubbish from Father's garden:** A skip has been arranged next weekend 22/23 September. Please come along on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 9:00am** and help to fill it. It should take about 2 hours, or less with more volunteers! Please bring a shovel and barrow if you have one. Contact Jack on 0118 969 8595 - thank you

🎵 **ANGELS CHOIR CONCERT** will be held on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm** in our **MAIN HALL**. A few **TICKETS** are still available either from Fr. Anthony or from Cedric (Bar). 

**Job vacancies** - see posters in Advent Room for details:  
• **Head Teacher** at St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School, Abingdon: closing date 1<sup>st</sup> October.  
• **Learning Support Assistant** at St. Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School, Woodley.

**Volunteer drivers** needed to take Angels children to their venues & school workshops for duration of their tour, 5<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October; driving a 16-seater mini bus. Anyone who can help with transportation please call Clare on 07831 093 499 - thank you in advance!

The **Parish Office** is **OPEN** this week **Tuesday - Friday** from **9am - 2pm each day** but will be **CLOSED** from **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September** to **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October inclusive!**