

# Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi

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**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2007**

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

**• Offertory collection**

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

Envelopes & loose cash

£564.90

St'g Orders £546.00

**Total: £1110.90**

**• Second collection on Sun.**

16<sup>th</sup> September for

**Home Mission Sunday**

raised **£296.08**

Thank you very much for your kind donations

**• Second collection NEXT Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September for the **Cathedral****

**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!

**• CTEER** AGM was held recently; see **orange** poster (on PPC board, Advent Room) for notes from the meeting, including forthcoming CTEER events in the area

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In case of urgent need of Sacramental Ministry of a priest, please **KEEP SAFE** the following numbers for our other Pastoral Area parish priests: St. John Bosco (Fr. Chris Whelan): **0118 969 3423**; Christ the King (Fr. Bruce Barnes): **0118 931 4469**; St. Thomas More (Fr. Vincent Flanagan): **0118 934 0854**

**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.

**Money or God?**

This is a very interesting question in our time and generation, considering the craze for worldly things at the detriment of our eternal salvation. But caught in between, what is your priority - or better put, how can you get a balance? God is the giver of every good thing including material goods and money. Money is not bad in itself; what counts is how it is put into use.

Many have drifted away for the love and pleasure this world has to offer, neglecting God. When we choose to devote more time to the pursuit of this world and all that it offers, it leaves us with little or no time to manage our affairs of God; doing God's will, concentrating on the important things that make our relationship with God work well. We are not prudent at all in using God's gifts, including the ability to consider what is of paramount importance in our lives.

God's will is that everyone should be saved; the requirement for one to be saved is to have knowledge of God and the Christian truth; the truth is about doing God's will and walking in his ways. How knowledgeable are we in the ways of God and how much time and effort do we put into discerning the ways of God? Would we rather go with the world, and be wise about the things of the world? Remember, "...All shall pass away but my word will endure for ever...". Channel all your energies rather towards knowing God and other things will fall in place, because we cannot give equal attention to both God and other things. So the choice is yours.

Father Anthony

We welcome **Sophie Ada Elliss** and her family to our parish community as we celebrate Sophie's baptism at 11am Mass today!

★ **To all APF "red box" holders:** please expect to be contacted within the next month regarding the autumn APF collection

★ **\*\* WELCOMERS PLEASE take your copy of new rota from Advent Room!\*\*** Hardly any have been taken - it would be good to save on postage if possible!

**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—ONE WEEK LEFT!** Thank you to all the parents who have written so far.

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. **We've still had no volunteers** to help with this important job for the children of our parish! **If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible!** Thank you very much

**Christian Aid march against climate change** - Christian Aid's historic Cut the Carbon march is heading across southern England soon. The London leg of the march is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Joyce Wise and Rita Belletty (from St. John Bosco) are going; if anyone is interested in joining them, please call Rita on 0118 969 6219 - thank you. See [http://www.christianaid.org.uk/stoppoverty/climatechange/march/carbon\\_march.aspx](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/stoppoverty/climatechange/march/carbon_march.aspx)

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** is on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. CAFOD envelopes will be **available from church next weekend**. Please share what you can with poor communities in the developing world, and please fill in the gift aid slip if you're a tax payer!

★ **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: 23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
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 Everett family, & Ken RIP	<b>Baptism:</b> Sophie Ada Elliss <b>Celebrant:</b> Fr. Jack Creagh
Mon. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>			
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9.45am		Anthony Geer RIP (Eileen Cafferty's brother)	<b>Celebrant:</b> Fr. Kevin Delaney
Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup> September	9.45am	St. Cosmas	Maureen O'Reilly RIP	<b>Celebrant:</b> Fr. Kevin Delaney <b>8pm:</b> Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9.45am	St. Vincent de Paul	Holy Souls	<b>Celebrant:</b> Fr. Kevin Delaney
Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am		James Tyrrell RIP	<b>Celebrant:</b> Fr. Kevin Delaney
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Pat Colbeck RIP (rec. dec.) Frances Brannigan RIP Theresa Semple RIP (anniv.)	<b>Celebrant:</b> Fr. Jack Creagh <b>Celebrant:</b> Fr. Jack Creagh <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:

Bernadette Barnes (1985), John Thompson (1990), John Lilley (2002),  
Godfrey Vivian Watson (1998), and Ethel Wiggins (2005).

\*\*\* URGENT! \*\*\* Fr. Bruce Barnes at Christ the King still has no parish secretary!

Fr. Bruce is now Coordinating Pastor for our Pastoral Area, so he and the parish of Christ the King definitely need administrative support. **Please help him and our neighbouring parish!** For further information, 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.pariah@btpopenworld.com](mailto:ctk.pariah@btpopenworld.com) See yellow poster, Advent Room/D.B. Room

**Macmillan Cancer Support - Coffee morning** at Woodford Park, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at Woodley Bowls Club, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. All welcome!


**Jumble Sale** for Reading & Wokingham Life Group, at English Martyrs church hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September from **1pm**. Admission 20p. All welcome!

**Thank you from Jack & Melly!** All tickets for the Indian meal in the hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, to raise money for The Bethany Society, have now been SOLD - so **thank you all for your support for the Bethany Society**. Jack & Melly hope you enjoy a wonderful meal and a great evening on Saturday!

**TRADCRAFT:** The new Autumn Traidcraft catalogues are now available to borrow from Advent Room (next to the Traidcraft shop). If you would like to make an order through Claire Wong (who is a Traidcraft fairtrader), which would save you p&p costs!, please **fill in an order form** and **place it in envelope marked 'Traidcraft Orders'** on Traidcraft table. Please **do NOT leave payment with your orders as you pay on receipt of goods**, but do remember to **provide a contact name & tel. no.** so that Claire can contact you when your order arrives.  
**NB:** Christmas cards will be available to order through the church at a later date as usual. Thank you!

**Newsletter from Blessed Hugh Faringdon School** - including a letter from the Head, details of school exam success, dates for the diary & a list of all new staff - see blue sheets on left hand notice board in Advent Room

**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 & church was packed!**  
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

 **ANGELS CHOIR CONCERT** on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm in main hall - few **TICKETS** available from Fr. Anthony!  
**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 mind grows rich from what it receives,  
the heart from what it gives*

★ 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! ★