

Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi

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20th January 2008

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

• **Offertory collection**
13th January:

Envelopes/cash £592.43
Standing Orders £530.00

Total: £1122.43

• Second collection for
SPUC (White Flower appeal) raised **£287.74**

Thank you for your very kind donations

• Second collection TODAY is for the **Catholic Education Service:**

Education Sunday is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of education. For more than 100 years there has been an annual recognition of Education Sunday in England and Wales, traditionally the 9th Sunday before Easter. The Catholic Education Service helps develop the bishops' conference collegiate policy on education, and speaks for the Church to the media on national matters in education

★ **Diocesan Year Book 2008** - copies available in Advent Room; has addresses & numbers of all churches & Mass times in our Diocese - **£3.50** per copy. Please leave money in basket

CONFESSION: available on request (in confessional). Please contact Parish Office to request a suitable 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.

Who is He to you?

We do ask questions like who is he or she, especially when we notice some closeness or association with some persons - we would ask, by the way who is he or she to you, who was that person?

As Christians, our friends, neighbours and colleagues who notice our devotion and sometimes our commitment in serving Jesus dare to ask us, who is He to you? I dare to ask you and myself the same question today; who is Jesus to you?

Some think He is a healer, Saviour, master; others are not really sure who Jesus is to them. Well, the truth is that we experience Him in different ways, so the way we perceive Him depends really on our different circumstances. Try to sort out the meaning of your relationship with Jesus. He must mean the world to you.

Father Anthony

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will

★ **1st Holy Communion - next parents' session is Tuesday 22nd January at 8pm in the Carl Barton Room!**

Reminder: Mass intentions - 2008 Mass intentions diary is in Advent Room. PLEASE follow the instructions on the front of the book and **PLEASE only use 1 intention per Mass!**

★ **Ash Wednesday this year is 6th February - only 2-and-a-bit weeks away!**

Parish Prayer Evening: The first Parish prayer evening of 2008 will take place in the Church on Tuesday 22nd January.

! Our theme for this year will be: 'Rooted in Prayer, Growing in Grace'. No outside speaker but an opportunity to pray scripture and share what God has been doing in all our lives. **7.45 for 8pm** until 9.30pm. All welcome

Parish Pantomime 2008! On Saturday 26th January at **2.30pm** and **7.00pm** many of our children and young people - representatives of the Scouts and Cubs, 1st Holy Communion group, Children's Liturgy group, Readers, Altar Servers and so on - will take to the stage in the hall to perform **Snow White the Sequel**, this year's parish pantomime. They have all worked very hard so we wish them all the best of luck, and hope many of you parishioners are coming along to support them!

For any queries about tickets - please see Ann Woolley



Marriage Preparation 2008: dates for our parish Marriage Preparation sessions are Saturday 23rd February 11am-4pm, Wednesday 27th February 8pm-9.30pm, and Wednesday 5th March 8pm-9.30pm. All couples getting married here this year have now been contacted about these dates - so we hope they will put the dates in their diaries!

Lost property: please check our Lost Property box (now in Advent Room) for any items you may have lost recently - several umbrellas, scarves, etc. - before they are taken to charity shop!

Did you leave a box of books in the Dominic Barberi Room recently? Thanks for your generosity but we have no use for them here - please take them to a library/charity shop

MASS TIMES: 20th - 27th JANUARY 2008

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 20 th January	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Second Sunday Ordinary Time	Gabriel Maguire RIP (rec. dec.) Mr. Pat Ralph RIP Vincent Bloise RIP	3pm-6pm: Panto rehearsal (Hall)
Mon. 21 st	NO MASS	St. Agnes		
Tues. 22 nd January	9.45am	St. Vincent	Deceased parents RIP of Pat and Ann O'Connor	7.45pm: Parish Prayer Evening (Church) 8pm: 1st Holy Communion parents' prep. meeting (Carl Barton Room)
Wed. 23 rd January	11.00am		Funeral Mass for Therese Polanski James Sullivan RIP (anniv.)	8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thurs. 24 th January	9.45am	St. Francis de Sales	Holy Souls Joseph Short RIP	8pm: Parish Liturgy Group meeting (D. B. Room)
Friday 25 th	9.45am	Conversion of St. Paul	Anna Last - recovery from surgery	3pm-10pm: Panto rehearsal (Hall)
Sat. 26 th	NO MASS	Ss. Timothy & Titus	★ ★ ★ 2.30pm and 7pm: Parish Pantomime!	(Hall) ★ ★ ★
Sunday 27 th January	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Third Sunday Ordinary Time	Regina & Zbigniew Zaboklicki RIP John O'Sullivan Anthony Comerford RIP	Baptism of <u>Emma Marie Musulanov</u> Baptism of <u>Lucia Hammond</u>

*** 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:

Maud Thomas (1981), Caroline Abram (1998), Michael Lynch (1986), Charles Farr (1996),
David Brown (1997), Reg Oakman (2006), Rupert Christopher (2006), Paul McMenamin (2001).

Recently departed: please remember in your prayers **Therese Polanski** and **Eileen Herbert** who both sadly passed away recently. The funeral for Therese will be held on Wednesday 23rd January at 11am.

The funeral for Eileen will be held on Tuesday 29th January at 2pm.

We pray that both Therese and Eileen may rest in peace. Amen

★ **Service of Prayer for Christian Unity** is **TONIGHT, Sunday 20th January** at 6pm at Brookside Christian Centre, Brookside Close, off Gypsy Lane, Earley. This is the **centenary year for this service**, so it would be good if as many people as possible could attend. Refreshments afterwards

Theatre Club: LAST CHANCE!

Your last opportunity to get tickets for "Merrily We Roll Along" at Watermill Theatre, Bagnor, Newbury on Saturday 2nd February at 2.30pm. We have some spare tickets now! If interested please pick up a booking form from Advent Room, or see Fran ASAP!

Reading Churches Men's Group -

next **Men's Breakfast** is at Reading Blue Coat School, Sonning, on Saturday 9th February, 8.15am. Includes Noel Fellowes speaking on "Truth on Trial". Cost: £7 per head. **To book** please contact John Broady on 0118 954 3879 **by Tues. 5th Feb.** See pink poster in Advent Room

For your information:

on Friday 25th January our car park will be busy - we have agreed to let the Red Cross use it as additional parking for an event they are holding at the Fire Station from 3pm-5pm. Thanks for your co-operation

St. Joseph's Convent School has an **open morning** for prospective parents and pupils on Tuesday 29th January from 9.15am-12.15pm for both Preparatory and Senior Departments (ages 3 to 18). No appointment necessary - simply drop in! Further details can be found at www.st-josephs.reading.sch.uk or call 0118 966 1000. See poster and leaflets in Advent Room

Marist Senior School, Sunninghill, Ascot has an **open morning** on Tuesday 5th February from 10am-12noon. See poster in Advent Room

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

The Parish Office is open this week Tuesday - Friday 9am - 2pm