

Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi

338, Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading RG6 7DA

Tel.: 0118 966 3711

E-mail: parish@olop.org.uk

Parish Website: www.olop.org.uk

Portsmouth Diocesan Trust - Registered Charity Number 246871

Parish Priest: **Father Anthony Ikhenoba**

Parish Secretary: Jane O'Rourke



PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

20th July 2008

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

• Offertory collection

13th July:

Envelopes £177.00

Loose cash £429.02

Standing Orders £642.00


Total: £1248.02


- Second collection for Apostleship of the Sea raised the wonderful sum of **£410.40**

Thank you
for your kind donations

- Retiring collection NEXT Sunday 27th July for the **Missionary Sisters** of England & Wales, and we will warmly welcome Sister Maura Wagner (a Medical Missionary of Mary) here to speak at all Masses about their work

Wednesday Club summer outing is on Wed. 23rd July - our last session before the summer break! If anyone can help with driving at 1:30pm and 5pm, please contact Angela on 9873784. Thank you

! **LEADERS/HELPERS NEEDED** for 1st Holy Communion program commencing September 2008 for 1st HC in May 2009. 
Carmel Keightley has kindly volunteered to run the programme but needs assistance. If you can help with this important task for our parish, **please contact Jane in the Parish Office**

Now it's the **SUMMER HOLIDAYS** we wish all children, students and teachers a **wonderful summer break!** 

PARISH OFFICE is open this week Tues. - Fri. from 9am - 2pm

! **CONFESSIONS** are on **Friday evenings from 7pm - 7.30pm** in the confessional

Thank you Father Peter!

Father Anthony is now back with us and getting used to life here again after his time away! We all thank Father Peter again so much for his time and care, and we wish him good luck in London - hope he comes back to visit us!

Lord, be merciful to your people. Fill us with your gifts and make us always eager to serve you in faith, hope and love

★ The next **Parish Prayer Evening** will be held here in church on Tuesday 22nd July - 7.45 for 8pm to 9:30pm. All are invited to attend ★

Focus on...

Readers

Every week we hear members of our parish read the Word of God at Mass. This is a great responsibility and all those taking on this role have to work hard preparing their readings. It can be a challenge to communicate the meaning underlying the surface words, but we have many talented readers in the parish. Like other ministries in the parish they work off a rota so that we hear the Word via a range of different voices.

The Wednesday Club

The club has been meeting for the past 30 years. It is open to anyone living in the area who would like to come along. Most of our members are senior citizens who cannot always get out and about. We do provide transport (if possible) and are pleased to hear from anyone who can help. Weekly meetings consist of a few games of bingo, refreshments and a raffle. We have an annual dinner and a summer outing.

Premises Committee

This was established 2 years ago to manage the maintenance & general improvements to the buildings which make up our Church & community centre. We are a small team meeting every 2 or 3 months. Recently we have tackled various challenges including leaking roofs and a serious water leak in Church grounds. We try to undertake at least one significant project per year which we manage using the very varied talents & skills in the parish. Last year the painting of the exterior Church windows was completed over 2 weekends; the year before, the inside of the Presbytery was decorated. These events are a great way to meet people & make new friends and are a very cost-effective way of improving the buildings. This year's major project is replacement of the hall floor in community centre by a specialist contractor.

Want to know more? Interested in joining in? Then please contact the Parish Office!
*Hope it helps to learn about the groups in your parish... **Why not get involved?***

Please note: the **Liturgy Group meeting** that was to be on Thursday 24th July has been **postponed** until Thurs. 21st August, at 8pm in D.B. Room. **All are welcome**

From our parish Justice and Peace group: Please pray for and, if possible, write a letter of support for two Iranian women who have been jailed for promoting equal rights for women. If you can help please take a copy of **pink appeal sheet** available from the J & P notice board in the Advent Room. Thank you

Would you like to help couples from our parish prepare for the sacrament of marriage? The parish needs more help running our annual marriage preparation sessions, held once each year in January /February. If you would like to help our parish with leading this important ministry, please contact Jane in the Parish Office ASAP - and see below...



There is a **Diocesan Marriage Preparation TRAINING course** to be held on Saturday 20th September - see posters in Advent Room and D.B. Room. This course is for existing marriage prep^d. providers, clergy, and anyone with an interest in the subject - e.g. new prepⁿ. providers. The focus will be on spirituality and sexuality. If interested, see posters for details of how to book

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 20 th July	9 am 11 am 5pm	16th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Isabel & Lorenza Sanchez Ortega Cofone Francesco John J. McAndrew	
Monday 21 st July	NO MASS	St. Lawrence of Brindisi		
Tuesday 22 nd July	9.45 am	St. Mary Magdalene	Holy Souls	8pm: Parish Prayer Evening (in Church)
Wed. 23 rd	9.45 am	St. Bridget	Frances Brannigan RIP (1 st anniv.)	8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass
Thur. 24 th	9.45 am	St. Declan	Edmund Kowalski	
Friday 25 th July	7.30 pm	St. James	Madeleine Sole RIP (1 st anniv.); Kitty Coughlan RIP (11 th anniv.); Liboria Tejero RIP	6.30pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday 27 th July	9 am 11 am 5pm	17th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Naomi Kennedy RIP Patricia Owen RIP Ann Taylor RIP	Baptism: <u>Laika Munywoki</u>

*** CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am and 11am Masses TODAY - LAST TIME THIS TERM! ***

** NO BEAVERS/CUBS/SCOUTS DURING SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - back in SEPTEMBER! **



Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Norman Mace (1976), Frances Scott (1995), Colin Hay (2000), and Filomena Colella (1988).



Christian Community Action: see Advent Room for most recent newsletter from this local charity that provides practical help to those most in need in our local area. Their newsletter includes the good news of Ann-Marie Paterson's recent appointment to work with them. Good luck Ann-Marie!

CIRDIC - Churches in Reading Drop-In Centre - recently had NO SOUP to offer its visitors! So please would you buy one tin of soup and bring it to the D.B. Room, so that Catherine Kernthaler (a volunteer at CIRDIC) can take it to them. Thanks in advance

Churches in Reading Women's Centre (Wesley Church Hall, Queens Road) would appreciate any donated food/drink items for Reading's most needy women. See **list in Advent Room** for what they need most

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL - Sat. 26th July 2008: St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. The theme for this year is THE LOVE OF THE FATHER, this month focusing on **FORGIVE US**. Starting with Rosary at 11am - MASS at 11.30am concelebrated by Fr. Andrew McMahon and Fr. Nicholas Broadbridge OSB - Shared lunch at 1pm - Praise & Worship 2pm - Talk 2.30pm: Fr. Andrew McMahon OFM speaking on the topic FORGIVE US - Finishing with tea & prayer for healing ~ 5pm. Collection to defray expenses. For more information or directions, ring Rev. John Foley on 0118 9333420 or **see pink posters**. NO MEETING IN AUGUST - next meeting Saturday 27th September

Latest on Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill: as you may have heard, on 10th July the government announced the unexpected postponement of the Report Stage of the HFE Bill, which will now not happen before October. The delay provides more time for you to become aware of the *pro-abortion amendments* that have been tabled. These include allowing nurses and midwives to carry out abortions; extending locations where abortions can take place, including local health centres and school sick rooms; and prison sentences for any pro-life counselling group which "misleads" expectant mothers by its adverts. *This Bill is only postponed, not cancelled.* We urge you to **continue campaigning against the Bill** & **write to your MP to oppose the bill**. For more info: www.spuc.org.uk

Catholic Children's Society - Photography Competition: they want photographs depicting the theme of 'the cross' which they can print as greetings cards. Maybe you already have a photo, or perhaps there will be new opportunities on holiday? *6 winning entries* will be printed for *limited edition cards* available to purchase to raise money for the Society. *Entries close on 15th Sept.* For details of how to apply: www.cathchild.org or contact Ann Hoggan: ann.hoggan@cathchild.org or 020 8668 2181. **Good luck & happy snapping!**

Lost property: if you may have lost anything in church, please reclaim it from the **Lost Property box** outside D.B. Room. Any items still there by end of July will be taken to a charity shop!
Thank you

Children's real letters to God:
Dear God,
thank you for the baby brother
but what I prayed for was a puppy
Joyce

LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AT OUR OTHER CHURCHES:

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

Emergency contact numbers for Ministry of priest:

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 in emergency if your own priest is unavailable, please try one of our other Pastoral Area priests on the numbers above