

☆ Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi ☆

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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA



14th December 2008

Third Sunday of Advent

• Offertory collection

7th December:

Envelopes £130.64
Loose cash £361.40
Standing Orders £650.00

Total: £1142.04

Thank you for
your kind donations

★ ALTAR SERVERS -

• **please** put your names on list in Advent Room (notice board nearest main entrance) to **indicate the Christmas Mass at which you will serve**, and

• Please take your copy of the **LATEST ROTA** from the box in Advent Room; new rota starts 11th Jan.

• **PARENTS - please remind your Altar Server child(ren) to do the above!** And take their copy of rota for them if they're not here.
Thank you

Our Advent Penitential Service is THIS FRIDAY 19th Dec. at 7.30pm.

We are expecting 5 priests available for individual confessions, so PLEASE TRY TO JOIN US



Buy a **Family Advent Prayer Candle**

from table in Advent Room and use it throughout

Advent to guide you and your family in prayer. Take one "Part A" and one "Part B", then slot them together to make the candle. **Only £1 per set!**
Leave money in basket

CHURCHES TOGETHER: CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

Thank you to all those who delivered bundles of CTEER leaflets. Your help and effort is much appreciated

Let our focus be Christ Jesus

When you have achieved your heart's yearnings, namely this material world, what is next? Your hearts would continue to yearn for more and this will continue until you find ultimate joy in Christ.

During this season of Advent, your attention should be on higher things. Everything in this material world will fade away with time; the only thing that will remain is the love of Christ Jesus.

And this is the main reason why you must focus on Christ who will give you pure endless love, especially this coming Christmas.

Fr. Anthony

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near

★ **Advent Penitential Services** in and around our Pastoral Area are **THIS WEEK:**

☆ Tuesday 16th Dec. at 7.30pm - Christ the King, Whitley
☆ Wednesday 17th Dec. at 7.30pm - St. Joseph's, Tilehurst
★ Thursday 18th Dec. at 7.30pm - St. John Bosco, Woodley
HERE: Friday 19th Dec. at 7.30pm - **Our Lady of Peace & Bl. D. Barberi**
★ Saturday 20th Dec. at 11am - English Martyrs, Reading

PLEASE NOTE - because of our Advent Penitential service, Mass this Friday is at 9.45am

! The Premises Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council are looking to the future and discussing refurbishment of the church, as well as the maintenance of the whole complex. This will be a major project. The Premises Committee wants to recruit people with a range of skills to support this project. We need quantity surveyors, interior designers, and craftsmen and women who can create beautiful things for the church. The group will put together ideas for developing the church as a centre of worship for our community. *Do you have skills/ideas? Could you be a member of initial planning group?* Please either see one of our PPC members after Mass, or contact the Parish Office

! **Our 2008 Christmas Giving Tree is now in Advent Room** and laden with envelopes. This Christmas we are supporting **Churches In Reading Drop-In Centre (CIRDIC)** who provide meals and access to a range of services to many in need across Reading. The Giving Tree envelopes show suggested donation amounts (*i.e.* £3, £5 or £10), and the money raised will be used by CIRDIC to provide a new shower facility at the Drop-In Centre. If you would like to participate, please **take an envelope from Giving Tree and return it with suggested donation amount to the box under the tree anytime before the last Mass on Sunday 21st Dec.** - *i.e.* **NEXT WEEK!**

Tax payers may "Gift Aid" their donation. Many thanks on behalf of a very worthy cause



Take a green leaflet for details of all our Christmas Masses and services (the information is also on orange posters on notice boards)

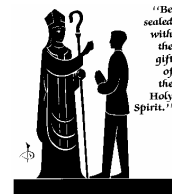


This year there are two types of **CHRISTMAS STAMPS** - one depicting pantomimes and another of the Madonna & Child. If sales of religious stamps are negligible, the Post Office will discontinue any reference to the Nativity in future years. **Keep Christ in Christmas - PLEASE use the RELIGIOUS STAMPS!**

Confirmation 2009 will be 'launched' in our parish on **Saturday 24th January, in the Hall, from 2.00 -4.30pm.**

36 young people will be coming together to begin their preparation, and the Confirmation celebration itself will take place in the church on **Friday 26th June** at 7.00pm with Mgr. Tom McGrath.

Please keep them all in your prayers as they begin their journey towards confirmation, and over the next few months





DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 14 th Dec.	9 am 11 am 5pm	Third Sunday of Advent	Salomon Coronel Erna Haymsen RIP Rhona Clifton RIP	3pm-6pm: Pantomime Group meeting (Hall)
Mon. 15 th	NO MASS			
Tuesday 16 th Dec.	9.45 am		Thanksgiving for safe delivery of baby Judge	7.30pm: Christ the King pent'l. service
Wednes. 17 th Dec.	9.45 am		Father Franco Aguirre	9.45am: Funeral - Demetrio Cuzzocrea 7.30pm: St. Joseph's (Tilehurst) penitential service 8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thur. 18 th	9.45 am		Liboria and Paulo Tejero RIP	7.30pm: St. John Bosco penit'l. service
Friday 19 th Dec.	9.45am		Peter Tilton RIP (Foundation Mass)	9.45am: morning Mass 7.30pm: ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Sat. 20 th	NO MASS			11am: English Martyrs penit'l. service
Sunday 21 st Dec.	9 am 11 am 5pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Kathleen and Arthur Pearl RIP Frank O'Keeffe RIP Thanksgiving for Lanki, Lathica & family	

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

*** **CUBS Mondays 6.45pm / BEAVERS Thursdays 5.45pm / SCOUTS Fridays 8pm THIS WEEK** ***

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

 John Carter (2001), James O'Grady (2001), Peter Tilton (1991), and Gladys Arnold (2001).

We are sad to report the death of Demetrio Cuzzocrea; Demetrio's funeral will be held here this week on Wednesday 17th December at 9.45am. Please remember Demetrio and his family in your prayers

A chance to recycle and help others! Please donate any old used stamps and any unwanted pairs of spectacles and put them in the labelled box in Advent Room. The Knights of St. Columba (KSC) will be collecting them for use abroad. Thank you in advance

Christmas gifts that make a world of difference: we still have **CAFOD World Gift catalogues** available in the Advent Room; why not take one and buy gifts that make a **real** difference?

Christian Community Action (CCA) is in need of some help:

1. They cannot source enough **beds**, particularly **mattresses**, at the moment. So spread the word amongst your friends, family, neighbours and colleagues - should anyone be replacing any beds in near future to PLEASE get in touch with CCA.

2. They have been offered a large number of sofa beds from a local hotel, but don't have space to store many. If **anyone has a space**, roughly 6' x 3', e.g. in a garage, could they stack 2 sofa beds until CCA needs them?

If anyone can help please e-mail warehouse@ccam.org.uk or ring 0118 9512338 Thanks in anticipation

From Blessed Hugh Faringdon School: see letter on notice board in Advent Room from the Chair of Governors, thanking the current Head Teacher for his guidance and announcing the school's new Head Teacher

The next **ecumenical Julian meeting of contemplative prayer** will be held on Thurs. 18th December in Upper Room at Abbey Baptist Church. The session will run from 10am to 10.45am followed by coffee for those who wish to stay

Douai Abbey - Magnificat Music and Reflections for Advent on Sunday 21st Dec. at 8pm. See pink posters

Boxing Day - Prayer for the Persecuted Church: St. John's and St. Stephen's church, Orts Road, Newtown, will be open from 11am to 5pm on Friday 26th December for all to pray for Christians across the world who are experiencing persecution. Drop in any time, or join us for morning prayer at 11am, midday prayer at 1pm or evening prayer at 4pm. Various resources will be available. For further information please contact Chris or Jeannie Cobbold: 0118 966 7355 or cobboldsjacs@aol.com

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOKS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DIOCESE HAS NOT PRINTED A YEAR BOOK FOR 2009

<p>SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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. 	<p>Emergency contact numbers for Ministry of a 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</p>
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PARISH OFFICE is OPEN this week Tues. - Fri. from 9am - 2pm but will be closing early at 12 noon on Tuesday 16th December!
Friday 19th Dec. is the last day the Parish Office is open before Christmas - it will then re-open on Tuesday 6th January 2009

