

# Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi

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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

27<sup>th</sup> September 2009

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

• **Offertory collection**  
**20<sup>th</sup> September:**  
Envelopes £157.70  
Loose cash £403.64  
Standing Orders £638.50  
**Total: £1199.84**

• Special collection for  
**Home Mission Sunday**  
(CASE) raised **£195.45**

Thank you  
for your kind donations

• Special collection TODAY  
is for the **Cathedral**

• Special collection NEXT  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October is for  
**CAFOD Harvest Fast**  
**Day** which is this week,  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** - so  
**please bring back your**  
**full CAFOD Fast Day**  
**envelopes** next Sunday  
(some spare envelopes  
in Advent Room)

! **NEW ROTA** - for  
Ministers who take  
• **Holy Communion to**  
**the Sick & Housebound**  
of our parish: the new rota  
is now available  
(starts 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.). **Please**  
**take your copy from**  
**Advent Room now**

**To all APF "red box"**  
**holders:** Promoters will be  
calling within the next  
month to empty APF red  
boxes & deliver autumn  
Mission Today magazines

**October issue of**  
**My day by Day**  
now available in  
Advent Room,  
**£1 per copy**

**CONFESSIONS** will be  
heard in the confessional  
on **first Friday of each**  
**month from 6.30pm,**  
**i.e. next is THIS FRIDAY**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> October,**  
before **Mass** which is at  
**7.30pm** on these Fridays;  
or by appointment

## How do you give thanks to God?

I can appreciate a kind gesture in an indirect way. In the same way we can give thanks in different ways and through different channels. The main focus here is appreciating God's love in our neighbours and being charitable to them. Sometimes we are very unkind in the way we condemn each other. St. Paul stresses the fact that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). If this is the case, we are expected to reproduce this love by the way we live and relate with others around us, manifested in good and generous acts such as caring and providing for the needs of others. In this way, indirectly we shall be seen to appreciate and give thanks for God's love which purifies our heart.

In other words, we can thank God by loving others.

Fr. Anthony

## CELEBRATION WEEKEND -

Pat and Mel would like to thank all those who helped in any way for "OLOP has Talent" and the Parish Fair. We are also grateful to everyone who gave their support by coming to celebrate together two wonderful events which together produced a cash profit of £825.92! But the real profit was in seeing the Parish celebrating together and showing what a vibrant community we have here.

- The **Cake** (donated by Catherine Waters) weighed **835gm** and was won by Jack Noronha. (This may look like a 'fix' but he really won fair and square!)
- The **Teddy Bear's** name was **Egbert** and it was won by Caroline Thomson.
- There were **120 sweets in the jar** and it was won by Lucia and Dinah Wanis.

**Well done and thank you all! See PHOTOS in Advent Room**

**Visit of Fr. Anthony's parents:** sadly Mr. & Mrs. Ikhenoba's travel visa was refused, so no travel plans have been possible yet. But be assured that the money donated by the parish for the visit of Fr. Anthony's parents is still set aside solely for this. Please keep them in your prayers - we hope & pray their visas will soon be granted (on appeal)

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION IN OUR PARISH:

### 1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION 2010

Thank you to all parents who have registered their children for our next parish 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion preparation program. We are delighted to welcome **18 children** to prepare to receive their First Holy Communion in May 2010; Carmel & the team look forward to seeing all parents at the **FIRST MEETING - a PARENTS ONLY MEETING TODAY, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September** at **2pm** here in church/Dom. Barberi Room



Our next quarterly parish **BAPTISM preparation sessions** will be held on **Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> October** and **Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> October**, each at **8pm** here. If you wish to celebrate a baptism, please complete a baptism form (available in Advent Room) and return it to the Parish Office, then turn up here for **BOTH** sessions

**CONFIRMATION** - for anyone thinking of joining our next parish confirmation program, just a reminder that the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated every 2 years here, so **our next Confirmation will be celebrated in summer of 2011...** so look out for details about enrolment in the newsletter this time next year (2010)

**Our parish Justice and Peace group** is meeting here at church on Tuesday evening (29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2009) at **8pm**. We will have a guest speaker from Christian Community Action (CCA), which is a local charity that collects quality used furniture donations in order to distribute these to those in need across the Reading area. As well as meeting practical needs, CCA offers support & advice via their four shops which also serve as Support Centres. Our guest speaker is Ann-Marie Paterson of our own parish who is managing director of CCA. Feel free to join us for our open meeting on Tuesday evening

**As usual there will be MASS COUNTS at all Sunday Masses in October**

! **DON'T FORGET** the regulations issued by Bishop Crispian and now in force at all churches in our diocese to guard against swine flu, concerning bowing at the Sign of Peace and giving Holy Communion only on the hand

**MASS TIMES and PARISH DIARY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER - 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2009**

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	9 am 11 am 5pm	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	Regina & Zbigniew Zaboklicki Ethan Campbell RIP (baby) William de Souza	<b>2pm: First Holy Communion 2010 FIRST MEETING - PARENTS ONLY</b> (Church/D.B. Room)
Mon. 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>	St. Wenceslaus		<i>Electrician here - NO POWER in church</i>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>9.20: Rosary</b> 9.45 am	Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	Con and Emily Harvey	<b>7.45pm:</b> Children's Lit. mtg. (D.B. Room) <b>8pm:</b> Justice & Peace mtg. (C'ch/Adv. Rm.)
Wednes. 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>9.20: Rosary</b> 9.45 am	St. Jerome	Eileen Hardy RIP (rec. dep.)	<b>8pm:</b> 9am Choir practice (Church)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct.	<b>9.20: Rosary</b> 9.45 am	St. Teresa of the Child Jesus	Jude & Viran Gunasekera	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct.	<b>9.20: Rosary</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Guardian Angels	Druman Coronel RIP	<b>6.30pm: Adoration of Bl. Sacrament,</b> and <b>Confessions</b> (in confessional)
Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>			
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	9 am 11 am 5pm	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	Edyth Cameron RIP Roselyn & Joseph Fernando Marg McAteer	★ CAFOD Fast Day collections ★ <b>2pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion - Session 1</b> (Church/D.B. Room)

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

**CUBS Mondays 6.45pm / BEAVERS Thursdays 5.30pm / SCOUTS Fridays 8pm, each week**



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

John Lilley (2002), Godfrey Vivian Watson (1998), David Wilford (2007), Ethel Wiggins (2005), William Collins (1988), Mary Murray (1999), John Tierney (1990), and Marion Collins (2007).

**LIFE:** The AGM of Reading & District LIFE will be held on Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> September in the **LIFE Care Centre, English Martyrs Church**, Reading at **11 am. All welcome**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Day of Prayer for Environment:** **St. John Bosco church** in Woodley will be holding Mass on theme of the environment next Sunday morning (10am) and the Saturday evening before (6.30pm). All welcome

**Praise & worship, teaching & healing ministry evening** at The Friends Meeting House, directly opposite Euston Station, London at 7 - 9.30pm on Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> October (no booking; a donation-only event). The last similar Catholic Miracle Service was HUGELY enjoyable.  
For more information, Tel: 01932 565747



**DATE FOR DIARIES - Training Day for Readers** at all our Masses will be held here in church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 10 am to 1 pm

**St. Thérèse of Lisieux:** Join other young adults in Westminster Cathedral at 7.30pm on Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> October for the last opportunity in this country to pray around the relics of St. Thérèse - "the remains of a burnt out love". Discover her spirituality of the "Little Way", finding God in the ordinary, everyday things of life. Formal liturgy followed by all night prayer vigil ending with Mass at 6am. Cathedral expects thousands of people to attend; priority entrance given to young people via tickets - to get your **free ticket** please e-mail [sttherese@ycwimpact.com](mailto:sttherese@ycwimpact.com)

"Does anyone have a small boat/canoe/kayak that they do not want? I need one for my dissertation on the Loddon - a large part is only accessible from the river. Please contact **Colin** via parish office if you can help. Thank you"



**Weekend retreat for married couples - 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October** at Verbum Dei Community Centre in Newport, Isle of Wight. Activities for children provided. Contact Phil & Laurinda Brown on 9623828 for more info

**October 2009: Free Wills Month** - During month of October, CAFOD is offering all those aged 55+ and resident in the UK the chance to make a will for free with participating solicitors in Reading. A list of participating solicitors will be confirmed on 1<sup>st</sup> October and can only be obtained via the Free Wills Month information line, the FWM website and the local press. Call Free Wills Month on 0845 020 4309, e-mail [info@freewillsmoonth.org.uk](mailto:info@freewillsmoonth.org.uk) or visit [www.freewillsmoonth.org.uk](http://www.freewillsmoonth.org.uk) for more information, **or collect a form & leaflet from our Traidcraft Stall**

**Climate Change Rally:** On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December a coach will travel from the Reading/Woodley area to the Rally on Climate Change in London (see poster on notice board in Advent Room for details). Rally is to ensure world's leaders gathering in Copenhagen put needs of the poorest at the heart of their negotiations. Places on the coach may be reserved on payment of £10 each. Please contact Rita Belletty, Tel. no. 0118 969 6219 or e-mail [rita.belletty@talktalk.net](mailto:rita.belletty@talktalk.net)

**"The Christ We Are, the Christ We Share"** Bournemouth 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> January 2010: an opportunity for people involved in ministry in the Church to deepen their experience of the person of Jesus and to consider how they share that experience with others - explored through input, practical sessions, prayer, reflection & liturgy.

For more information, please see details and booking form on Diocesan website: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
**Deadline for bookings: 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA**

- ♦ **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 a priest:**

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- [Fr. Bruce Barnes](mailto:Fr. Bruce Barnes) **0118 931 4469,**
- [Fr. Vincent Flanagan](mailto:Fr. Vincent Flanagan) **0118 934 0854.**

**PLEASE CALL YOUR OWN PARISH PRIEST FIRST**

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