

# Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi

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LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

8<sup>th</sup> November 2009

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Remembrance Sunday

Year B

## • Offertory collection

1<sup>st</sup> November:

Envelopes £147.00

Loose cash £366.07

Standing Orders £629.20

**Total: £1142.27**

## • Special collection for

**Bamenda Sunday**

raised total of **£711.20**

Thank you  
for your great generosity

## What is the value of our giving?

My question has no connection with monetary gifts whatsoever. There are many other gifts in life that carry much more value. For example love, friendship, knowledge, patience, and the ability to listen, to mention but a few. But what really counts most in life is our ability to offer these gifts selflessly, putting others first before all else and not minding the implication. So, the value of our giving rests on the quality and motive of our giving. If we are giving and counting the cost, our giving will have less value. The widow's story in the gospel is a very good example; while the rich were giving out of their surplus, the widow gave all she had. In this case her intention and selflessness added to the value of her gift. I feel sometimes that some of us Christians practice our faith when we feel it is convenient - in other words, it has to fit our terms or it's not worth it. Jesus invites us to be selfless in service. Our gifts should not be from our human allowances & convenience, but the value they can bring to others. Fr. Anthony

**Reminder - our next  
First Holy Communion  
meeting is TODAY  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November,  
2pm here in church /  
D.B. Room.**

We look forward  
to seeing all  
22 children then



**"...This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.... they have put in money they had over but she has put in everything she possessed"**

THANK YOU FATHER LAZARUS! Father Lazarus will be leaving the country this week - on Friday he returns to Ghana. Our parish thanks him for his pastoral care and the time spent with us in recent months, and we wish him well - we will miss him!

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** will again be marked by a **Church Parade** at our **11am Mass** today, led by the Scouts

## Prayer for the faithfully departed

God our Father, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end.

We pray in hope for our families, relatives and friends and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ, who died and now lives,

May they rejoice in Your kingdom where all our tears are wiped away.

Unite us together again in one family to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen

We will remember them...



**A big THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way at our annual Senior Citizens lunch on Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. - a good time was had by all!

**Wednesday Club** is now back up and running on alternate Wednesdays, but **we always need more helpers**, so would welcome more volunteers

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

**Anyone wanting to read at 11am Masses:** please send your contact details to Jane in the Parish Office or to Colin Forrestal via parish website, **ASAP** - in time to be included in next rota

**CONFESSIONS** will be heard in the confessional on **first Friday of each month from 6.30pm** before **Mass** which is at **7.30pm** on these Fridays; or **by appointment**

Today we are displaying red  
Roses for Remembrance  
in memory of our departed loved ones  
and all whose names are listed on altar



**Blessing of Graves:** Fr. Chris (from St. John Bosco parish) will be blessing the graves at Mayes Lane Cemetery at 12 noon today

**Reminder:** as mentioned in last week's newsletter, Bishop Crispian has been advised to relax the restrictions imposed due to swine flu; **we have therefore returned to normal practice for sign of peace and giving Holy Communion.**

If any parishioners feel uncomfortable about shaking hands or receiving from the chalice, then they must feel free to make the choice not to do so.


Parishioners are encouraged to **continue using hand sanitizers** near church entrance

The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) has published guidelines governing the prosecution of cases of **assisting suicide**. It is very important that Catholics should know what these guidelines say and make their views known to the DPP; **public consultation will close on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009**. A briefing note '**HAVING YOUR SAY ON ASSISTING SUICIDE**' can be found **on notice board in Advent Room** explaining what this is all about and what you can do about it. There are also details online at [www.catholicchurch.org.uk](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk) See poster in Advent Room for more details

**PANTO 2010** - this is probably not the best of ideas - and those involved are certainly thinking 'oh no, not again!'....but if you are of school age and would like to be part of Panto 2010 please come along to our hall on **Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.** between 3pm-5pm to register your interest. If you can't make that day but would still like to join in, please e-mail Ann on [woolleya78@btinternet.com](mailto:woolleya78@btinternet.com)



## MASS TIMES and PARISH DIARY 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 	9 am 11 am 5 pm	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time; REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>	R. F. Moniz RIP (anniversary) John Lilley RIP (anniversary) Mary Conway RIP (rec. dep.)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS <b>2pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Session 2</b> (Church/D.B. Room)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>7.30pm</b>	Dedic. <sup>tn</sup> of the Lateran Basilica	Catherine Heil RIP	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>9.20: Rosary</b> 9.45 am	St. Leo the Great	Don Francis Anthony and Gertrude Kulatunga RIP	<b>2.15pm:</b> Fr. Anthony at Reading Cremat. <sup>m</sup> for <b>funeral service</b> of <b>Catherine Heil</b>
Wednes. 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>9.20: Rosary</b> 9.45 am	St. Martin of Tours	Brian Clements RIP	<b>1.30pm:</b> Wedn's <sup>dy</sup> . Club (Carl Barton Rm.) 8pm: Choir practice for 9am (Church)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>9.20: Rosary</b> 9.45 am	St. Josaphat	Thanksgiving - Quinta	<b>8pm:</b> PPC Meeting (D.B. Room)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>9.20: Rosary</b> 9.45 am		UCM Wokingham 60 <sup>th</sup> anniv.	
Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>			<b>3pm:</b> PANTO - 1 <sup>st</sup> rehearsal (Hall)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	9 am 11 am 5 pm	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Winifred & Arthur Lees RIP (Foundation Mass) Joseph & Amelia Bandini Jack Conway RIP (anniv.)	

\*\*\* CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am and 11am Masses each week - welcome back! \*\*\*

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



**Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:**  
Violet Knight (1981), Theodora Ward (1987), Jean Mary Oakman (2005), Catherine Ondore (2008),  
Henry Wiggins (1980), Catherine Purcell (1975), and Winifred Lees (1998).

We are sorry to report that **Catherine Heil** of Austen House died on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, aged 90. Catherine was known to those of you who kindly gave her a lift to Mass. Fr. Anthony will celebrate Catherine's funeral service this week at Reading Crematorium on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm** and will celebrate **Mass** here for Catherine TOMORROW, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm

### THIS WEEK

**Theatre Club: REMINDER** - for trip to St. Paul's Cathedral on Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. - the **COACH leaves Aldbourne Avenue at 5pm!**

### We Wait In Joyful Hope –

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> November at English Martyrs church from 10:30am until 4pm: exploring how we celebrate Advent and music to enhance the season. Led by Paul Inwood, Diocesan Director of Music & Liturgy. All singers & instrumentalists welcome, together with anyone who wants to know more about celebrating Advent in the parish. If you are bringing an instrument, please advise what it is when booking and bring your own music stand. Tea and coffee provided but please bring your own lunch. To book, please contact Sarah Finch on 0118 945 6545 or contact Jane in Parish Office **ASAP**

**St. Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School - OPEN MORNINGS** on Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> November and Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> January. See poster in Advent Room. Also **Job vacancy** - Foundation Stage/Reception class teacher. See poster in Advent Room for details



On Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> November, **Thames Voyces** will sing the Requiem by John Rutter HERE in church at 7.30pm. Some church choir members are in Thames Voyces so please support this! **Tickets** - £10, with £8 concessions & under 16s FREE, **available after Masses** or ring Nigel: 0118 979 1819 or Maggie: 0118 976 1117. See posters

### Christmas - Ministry:

in the Advent Room there will be slips of paper for you to pick up and tick your availability for which Ministry you can do for our Christmas services. Please **complete a slip** and leave it at the Parish Office, or post through letter box, **by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - then we will contact you. Thank you



- **Traidcraft Christmas Cards** can be ordered from our Traidcraft stall

- **St. John Bosco** recently held an art competition for children in the parish. The 12 winning entries have been printed into Christmas cards to be sold in aid of **Don Bosco charity** which helps street children in Mumbai. Cards are **now available to buy** - see Mel after today's Masses



**Lost Property:** some jewellery was recently found in church. Have you lost something important while in church?  
If so, please contact Parish Office



### 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:

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**

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