

# Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi

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LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009

Christ the King

Year B

## • Offertory collection

15<sup>th</sup> November:

Envelopes £128.87

Loose cash £415.32

Standing Orders £629.20

**Total: £1173.39**

Thank you for  
your kind donations

## • Special collection TODAY Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> November for International Refugee

**Trust.** We welcome  
Adrian Hatch from the  
Trust to tell us about  
their valuable work.

**PLEASE use a  
GIFT AID ENVELOPE!**

Today marks the final  
Sunday of Liturgical Yr. B;  
**next Sunday we start  
Liturgical Year C**  
in which we will hear mostly  
the Gospels of **St. Luke.**

*If you have any parish  
Mass books at home,  
please return them*

## CHURCHES TOGETHER: CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS

with details of all local  
Christmas church  
services have been  
printed and our  
allocation for distribution in  
local roads is in Advent  
Room. Each bundle has  
been counted, so **please  
could volunteers deliver  
appropriate bundle(s) of  
leaflets to houses in the  
named roads, by Sun.  
13<sup>th</sup> December?** Take this  
opportunity to 'spread the  
Good News'! Thank you

Our **Wednesday Club** got  
off to a great start when it  
recently re-started -  
thanks to all involved....  
see you on Wed. 25<sup>th</sup>

**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

## The King of Glory

Last week we reflected on "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth...". Today the Gospel helps us to have a better insight into that kingdom we have been praying for. The realisation of the kingdom of God is through us, by us and above all by the grace of God. We all, Christians and non-Christians, need to co-operate with God's grace by our obedience; ensuring justice, fostering peace and sharing love. We must also recognise that by virtue of our (Christian) baptism we share in the three-fold ministry of Jesus Christ, part of which is kingship - in other words, we are kings. But Jesus' kingship is very different from our worldly model. The model of Jesus' kingship is a servant model. "I have come to serve and not be served..." We are a privileged people; however this privilege has some added responsibilities, one of which is to recognise the will of God and carry it out. The will of God is that we love and serve one another. This is in line with actualising and completing the plan of the kingdom of God here on earth. Today is the feast of Christ the universal King. No matter what we do or how much we have achieved, Jesus must be acknowledged as the King and sovereign ruler of our life. Fr. Anthony

*"Yes, I am a king.... All who are on the side of truth listen to my voice"*

## TODAY: CAKE SALE

There will be **cake sales**  
in aid of **Children in Need,**  
**after 9am & 11am Masses**  
**TODAY Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
in the Dominic  
Barberi Room.

Thank you all  
for your support



## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**DURING ADVENT:** It has been suggested that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament be offered to the parish during Advent, to help in our preparation to welcome the gift of Christ. This would allow people to spend a few minutes with the Blessed Sacrament at the beginning of their day, particularly those who leave early for work/studies.

**It would be from 6am - 7am, Monday to Friday during Advent.** Could people please **register their interest with Jane in Parish Office ASAP** and **before THIS Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.** PLEASE NOTE: no commitment is being asked for, just whether you would be interested

## ADVENT GIVING TREE APPEAL: A Christmas gift that shows we care

It is now a tradition for our parish to erect a "Giving Tree" in the Advent Room and many of you will be familiar with the idea. This year we have decided to dedicate our Giving

Tree in support of the clients of **Christian Community Action (CCA)** which is a local Reading charity helping local people through spiritual and practical support (e.g. a chain of shops which act as support centres as well as providers of affordable goods and a major furniture redistribution scheme to provide for the needs of their clients). Our Giving Tree is available from this weekend. If you would like to participate **please take a label from the tree after Mass.** This label will provide a suggestion for a Christmas gift that can be given to children & Mums via CCA. You can then return the gift with its label by placing it under the Giving Tree after any of the Masses over the next three weekends. The tree will be taken down after the last Mass on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.** The kinds of gifts required are soft toys, puzzles, games, felt-tips, coloured pencils, colouring books, sticker books, toiletries etc. CCA have requested that we do not wrap the gifts this year as this will make it easier for the CCA Mums to choose the most appropriate gifts.

Our parish Justice & Peace group and CCA thank you in advance for your generosity

**Christmas Ministry:** in the Advent Room there are slips of paper for you to take and tick your availability for which Ministry you can do for our Christmas services. Please complete a slip and hand it to the Parish Office, or post through the letter box, **BY NEXT SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER,** then we will contact you. Thank you for all slips received so far



**UCM Christmas sale - after all Masses next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. - buy some gifts!**



**Father Anthony will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving here on Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm** to thank God for successful completion of his Masters university program. Tea & coffee, cakes, wine etc. will be served afterwards. **All are welcome!**



