

# ☆ Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi ☆

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LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA



29<sup>th</sup> November 2009

First Sunday of Advent

Year C

## • Offertory collection

22<sup>nd</sup> November:

Envelopes £150.29

Loose cash £382.58

Standing Orders £629.20

**Total: £1162.07**

## • Special collection for International Refugee Trust raised **£1085.83**

Thank you for your very generous donations

**UCM Christmas sale** is **after all Masses TODAY** - come and buy some gifts!

Today marks the first Sunday of **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*

**Children in Need: Cake Sale - Many thanks** to everyone who baked and/or bought cakes last Sunday. Together we raised **£110** for Children in Need - a great outcome!!



**My Day by Day - ADVENT edition** of this guide to Mass readings is available in Advent Room; **£1 per copy.**

Also available -

**My Day by Day JUNIOR edition**

Please leave money in basket



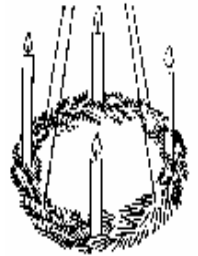
**CONFESSIONS** will be heard in the confessional on **first Friday of each month from 6.30pm, i.e. the next is THIS FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER,** before **Mass** which is at **7.30pm** on these Fridays; or by appointment

## Thought for the week

Advent should be that period when we set out to try to improve our relationship with God and man. During this Advent, it may be helpful to make a list of things you wish to do in order to achieve the goal mentioned above. I personally see an opportunity here to enhance our prayer life. Visiting the Blessed Sacrament during this period is one way to do this. If we commit ourselves wholeheartedly we will not fear, in spite of all that is going on around us, because God has promised that our liberation is near us.

On another note, I would like to congratulate Nicolas Doye on behalf of our community for taking a bold step on his journey of faith. Please support him with your prayers as he begins this journey through the Rite of Welcome today.

May our Advent exercise be rewarding for us all. Amen



Fr. Anthony

Today we warmly welcome Nicolas Doye, RCIA candidate, to our 11am Mass for the first step on his journey to join our faith. Please welcome him and keep him in your prayers



**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 it through the letter box, **BY END OF TODAY Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> NOV.,** then we will contact you.

Thank you for all the slips received so far

**LAST CHANCE!**

**FROM YOUR PPC:** We will be seeking new members for the PPC early next year. If you are

interested, why not come along to one of the next meetings and see what we do - 10<sup>th</sup> December or 14<sup>th</sup> January, at 8pm in Dominic Barberi Room

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING ADVENT:**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered to the parish during Advent, to help in our preparation to welcome the gift of Christ. Spend a few minutes with the Blessed Sacrament at the beginning of the day. **It will be from 6am - 7am, Monday to Friday during Advent - i.e. starting TOMORROW, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November**



**Rehearsals for this year's panto effort, 'A Midwinter Night's Dream',** begin next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December - in the **hall** from **1-4pm.** If you are of school age, and want to come along and join in, you will be very welcome

**Advent Giving Tree appeal: A Christmas gift that shows we care**

This year our Giving Tree is in support of the clients of **Christian Community Action (CCA),** a local Reading charity helping local people through spiritual and practical support.

If you would like to participate **please take a label from the tree after Mass.** The labels provide suggestions for Christmas gifts 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** - 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-tip pens, 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



**CHURCHES TOGETHER: CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS** with details of all local

Christmas church services have been printed; 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 Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December?**

Take this opportunity to 'spread the Good News'! Thank you

Our Next **1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** meeting is NEXT Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 2pm here in church / D.B. Room





**Advent: a season of hope and anticipation**



**MASS TIMES and PARISH DIARY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2009**



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	9 am 11 am 5 pm	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	Cathy & Peter Snashall RIP Luigi Fiorentini RIP Arthur James Bushill RIP (anniversary)	 <b>UCM Christmas sale after all Masses</b> 
Mon. 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>	St. Andrew		<b>8pm:</b> SVP meeting (D. B. Room)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	<b>9.20: Rosary</b> 9.45 am		Ibhade Asuelimen & Eluzeh as they prepare for marriage	<b>2.15pm:</b> UCM meeting (D.B. Room) <b>7.45pm:</b> Childrens Lit. <sup>gy</sup> mtg. (D.B. Room) <b>8pm:</b> Liturgy Group mtg. (Advent Room)
Wednes. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	<b>9.20: Rosary</b> 9.45 am		Alice Willson RIP (Foundation Mass)	<b>8pm:</b> Choir practice - 11am Mass (Church)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	<b>9.20: Rosary</b> 9.45 am	St. Francis Xavier	Eric Watson RIP (anniv.)	<b>7.30pm:</b> "Come Sing" rehearsal (Church) 7.45pm: <u>Home Group</u> (at 71 Hawker Way)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	<b>7.30pm</b>	St. John Damascene	Jude & Viran's intentions	<b>6.30pm: Adoration of Bl. Sacrament, and Confessions</b> (in confessional)
Sat. 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>			<b>1pm:</b> Panto rehearsal (Hall)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9 am 11 am 5 pm	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	Deceased members of Durnin/Harvey family Luigi Fiorentini RIP Eric Vinet RIP	<b>2pm:</b> <u>1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Session</u> (Church/D.B. Room) <b>3pm:</b> Panto rehearsal (Hall)

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

**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:**

William O'Riordan (1996), Peter Sellen (2004), Z. Maratona (1991), Olive Henry (1991), Helen Nolan (1984), Alice Willson (1999), Michael Clarridge (1993), Eric Watson (1997), Diane Smith (2001), and James Eighteen (2005).

**THIS WEEK:**

**University of Reading Chaplaincy Christmas Lecture:** "Why Science is Reviving Belief in God", by Prof. Keith Ward, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Palmer Building room 109, at 7.30pm. All welcome. For more info: [www.reading.ac.uk/chaplaincy](http://www.reading.ac.uk/chaplaincy) or 0118 378 8797

**Come Sing for Christian Aid:** come and join us for an evening of readings, songs and carols for Advent, here in church on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm, in aid of Christian Aid. **All welcome;** mulled wine & mince pies afterwards. See posters for details

**OLoP Social Club -** latest newsletter is now available from Advent Room



**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!**

The Goan Community of Reading invites you all to **celebrate the feast of St. Francis Xavier** at Christ the King church on Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> December: Mass at 11am. See poster in Advent Room

**PLEASE NOTE** - the fence & wall at entrance to car park belongs to our neighbour, it is NOT our land - so please **do not stick flyers up on fence/wall.** Flyposting is illegal; please do not damage our neighbour's property

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**All those who ordered Advent Calendars and Christmas cards can collect them from our Traidcraft stall TODAY Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. - pay by cash or cheque only. See Joan**  
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<b>Advent Penitential Services</b> in and around our Pastoral Area:	
★ Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30pm	- Christ the King, Whitley
☆ <b>HERE: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30pm</b>	- <b>Our Lady of Peace &amp; Bl. D. Barberi</b>
★ Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30pm	- St. John Bosco, Woodley
☆ Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec. at 8pm	- St. Thomas More, Twyford
☆ Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec. at 11am	- English Martyrs, Reading
★ Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec. at 7.30pm	- St. Joseph's, Tilehurst

**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.

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**PLEASE CALL YOUR OWN PARISH PRIEST FIRST**



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

