

Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi

CONFESSIONS

will next be heard in the confessional on the **FIRST FRIDAY OF MAY (7th May) from 6.30pm**, or by appointment



• Offertory collection 25th April:

Envelopes £104.00
Loose cash £373.37
Standing Orders £646.50
Total: £1123.87

Thank you for your generous donations

- Special collection TODAY Sun. 2nd May is for the **Clergy Training Fund** - a fund to help with the training of students to the priesthood

TODAY

Cake Sale after 9 am Mass Today -

Fiona Marston will be selling homemade cakes after 9 am Mass today to raise funds for her daughter Alex to take part in a Tall Ships Challenge this year in which physically able and disabled crews sail round part of the UK coast.



This event is part of Girl Guiding UK's Centenary celebrations and will help Alex towards her Queen's Guide Award. Come & buy a cake!

URGENT

Our First Communion Day is Saturday 15th May at 11am.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to help with the following duties on the day:

- Welcome and ushers - 1 more person;
- Ministers of Communion - 3 more persons;
- Refreshments after Mass - 2 more persons;
- Car park/road-side assistance - 1 more person.



Please sign up on sheet in the Advent Room TODAY (above font), or drop a note into the church Office ASAP. *Thank you very much to all helpers*



My Day By Day - the May issue is now available in Advent Room - only **£1 per copy**. Please leave money in basket

MASS TIMES and DIARY 2nd - 9th MAY 2010

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	DIARY
Sunday 2 nd May	9 am 11 am 5 pm	5th Sunday of Easter	Terry Gorman RIP Iyenos Obomighie (birthday) John M ^c Andrew RIP	★ 9am: NO CH'DRNS LIT. TODAY ★
Mon. 3 rd	NO MASS	Ss. Philip & James		8pm: SVP meeting (D.B. Room)
Tuesday 4 th May	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am	English Martyrs	Mary O'Sullivan RIP (recently deceased)	2.15pm: UCM meeting (D.B. Room) 7.45pm: Children's Lit. meeting
Wednes. 5 th May	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am		John Cunningham RIP	8pm: 11am Choir practice (Church)
Thursday 6 th May	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am		Rosemary Cardoza RIP (recently deceased)	8pm: PPC meeting (D.B. Room)
Friday 7 th May	6.30: Rosary 7.30pm		Jude & Viran Gunasekera	6.30pm: Adoration of Blessed Sac't. & Rosary, during Confessions
Sat. 8 th	NO MASS			11am: 1st Holy Communion Rehearsal (in Church)
Sunday 9 th May	9 am 11 am 5 pm	6th Sunday of Easter	Paul Hicks Jean Richards RIP Mary Conway RIP	

★ **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** during Sunday morning Mass(es) - please register your child before Mass ★

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:

Margaret Horslett (1990), Marian Lewis (1985), Vi Greenway (2003), Gerald Frost (1992), Herbert Pegg (2003), Danny Daniels (1981), Ann Maureen McAuliffe (1998), Thomas Harbison (2006), Louise Miles (1999), and Mary Morris (2000).



i As you heard last week in the letter from Bishop Crispian, the Bishops of England & Wales have asked us to make the four Fridays in May *special days of prayer for reparation and atonement*. We are therefore pleased to announce that **here at our church on the four Fridays in May we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and praying of the Rosary from 6.30pm, then Mass at 7.30pm on every Friday.**

There will be no morning Mass on Fridays in May. We hope you will join us for these special times of prayer & Mass on Friday evenings this month

MOTHER'S PRAYERS GROUP: Following a number of requests for an evening Mother's Prayers group, a new fortnightly evening group is being started. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th May, 8pm at Claire Wong's house: 58, Hawkedon Way, RG6 3AP. Please contact Claire for more information or to let her know if you can make it- Tel. 9266988 or e-mail: claireandkids@googlemail.com All Mothers welcome!

THIS WEEK

Portsmouth People - special edition (in Advent Room) on **Living Our Faith**. Please share a copy

IMPORTANT

Our Children's Liturgy group:

Unfortunately due to a shortage of Leaders, we are no longer able to offer Children's Liturgy every week at the 9am Mass. Children's Liturgy will continue to be available every week at 11am Mass. Please look out for the signs on the front door of the church to see which weeks will have Children's Liturgy at 9am Mass in the summer term. **If you would like to become a CL Leader – please contact the church office**

THIS WEEK

Diocese of Portsmouth Annual Rosary Rally -

the focus this year will be an authorised visit of a uniquely blessed and consecrated image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, visiting **St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth** on **Saturday 8th May**; Mass at 12:15pm.



Everyone welcome! See poster in Advent Room

Thank you all very much from Earley Pre-School (users of our hall) for the many

Sainsbury's "Active Kids" vouchers you have donated recently. They really appreciate your thoughtfulness and would very much like you to keep up the good work - so please continue to donate them! Leave vouchers at the church office. Thank you

CIRDIC - Churches in Reading Drop-In Centre

has requested specific food and household items for their clients / customers. See list on display in Advent Room; feel free to place any donated items in the box under the notice board. Thank you

Invocation 2010: National Festival for young men & women aged 16-35:

- ◆ Are you looking to deepen your relationship with Christ?
- ◆ Do you wish to discern God's will for your life?
- ◆ Perhaps you are open to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life?



Attend the Vocations Discernment Weekend from **2nd-4th July** at St. Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. See poster & leaflet on display in Advent Room or visit www.invocation.org.uk

Have you lost a watch?

A watch with a broken face was recently found - it may have been lost by someone in church or in the hall, or it may have been dropped in the car park. Contact Jane in the Church Office if you think it may be yours



St. Joseph's Convent School has **job vacancies** in the Prep. Department and in the Senior School.

Prep. Department:

- ◆ Part-Time Key stage 2 class teacher (0.8);
- ◆ Full-Time Foundation Stage Teacher.

Senior Department:

- ◆ Part-Time Geography Teacher (0.3).

Details and application forms available from website: www.st-josephs.reading.sch.uk or Tel.0118 966 1000.

See small green posters. **Closing date: 10th May**

OUR HALLS: Having a party? Celebrating an anniversary? Getting married? Holding a meeting? Whatever it is, we can help.

Use your parish complex and hire one of the halls! Both have kitchens - the small one has a patio attached. E-mail or phone

Margaret (details on p.1 of newsletter) and she will be happy to discuss your requirements & the hire charges. Remember - parishioners receive discounted rates!



Church office is open this week from Tuesday - Friday, 9am-2pm (CLOSES AT 1.30PM THURSDAY)



LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

- ◆ **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 PRIEST FIRST

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LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

2nd May 2010

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Power of Love

After the resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples several times, bringing them reassurance, hope and love.

His first words to His disciples were, "Peace be with you..." He also gave them His spirit. Their mission was to look after the flock entrusted to them. And today He gives us the greatest mission: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another "(John 13:34-5). Whatever we do as Christians must be based on love, because love is our Christian identity. Love has the power to change things. Take the cross as an example; it is the greatest sign of love by which we are saved. Love brings life and hope; it is the only language and tool we need. Love is what we need to carry out the mission of Christ. This new commandment of love is our power.

Fr. Anthony

TAKE A COPY!

Choosing the Common Good:

Leaflets are now available in Advent Room, recently published by the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, in which some key themes of Catholic teaching are presented - relevant to both this week's General Election and forthcoming visit of Pope Benedict XVI. **Help yourself!** Donations are welcomed to cover costs (25p each)