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**My Day by Day** - **FEBRUARY** edition is now in Advent Room - **£1 per copy**

**Woodley Jumbulance Group:** After our successful holiday to Brittany last year we have booked to go to Holland this year. The Jumbulance will leave from Woodley on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August & return on Sun. 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be staying in the 4\* Hotel DeRipjer Eilanden, which is north of Amsterdam. A full programme of outings will be organised including a boat trip on the canal. We have vacancies for male and female helpers, nurses, and the unable. For more information please contact one of the following: John Gill: 0118 9694769; Marie O'Gorman: 0118 9691927; Anne MacDonald: 0118 9585841

**READING CHURCHES MEN'S GROUP - MEN'S BREAKFAST** at Reading Blue Coat School, Sonning at 8.30am on Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> February. Tony Lighterness will give talk, "In the Business World with Christ" about his life in southern Africa as Deputy Finance Director at Rio Tinto plc. **Bookings** can be made by phoning John Ledger (Chairman): 0118 986 1917 **by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at the latest**

**Job Vacancy**

The **Marist Preparatory School, Ascot**

seeks a **Deputy Headteacher**. See further details on **Board 7** (outside Lady Chapel)

Anyone who is not a Catholic or who is unable to receive Communion is most welcome to **come forward for a blessing at Communion time** - just fold your arms across your chest to indicate you want a blessing

**Your Church Office is OPEN this week Tuesday - Friday 9am - 2pm**

**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.
- ♦ **OloP & Bl.D.B'beri, Earley:** Sunday 9am, 11.30am, 5pm.



**An evening with Charles Whitehead** - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm, at Corpus Christi R.C. Church, Sturges Road, Wokingham RG40 2HE. Tickets: £4 in advance, £5 on the door. Charles received a Papal Knighthood from Pope John Paul II and currently chairs Catholic Evangelisation Services. He is an international speaker and writer, founder of the Celebrate Family Conference. For tickets contact Julie 0118 973 0528, Penny 0118 973 6536 or Ursula 0118 978 7749

**PILGRIMAGE to Santiago de Compostela:** Corpus Christi R.C. Church in Wokingham is going to Spain this year, travelling along part of the Camino - the Way of St. James. Please join us from 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> June. Spiritual Director: Canon Frank O'Sullivan. Contact details: Julie - 0118 973 0528

**Latest diocesan news and events** now available - see lilac sheets on Board 9 in the Dominic Barberi Room

Anyone interested in the **history of the development of Catholicism in the Reading area** - St. James parishioners have kindly offered to do presentations on various topics; see **blue poster**, Board 1 (Adv't. Rm.)

A **Friends of the Holy Land** representative will give a presentation at Church of Our Lady & Saint Anne, 2 South View Avenue, Caversham RG4 5AB on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. All are welcome to learn about this young charity, raising awareness of what is happening to Christians in the Holy Land today

# Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Yr. B p. 61 **5<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

### Thought for the week

All human beings experience suffering and pain. Like Job in today's first reading, it is difficult for us believers to understand why God allows evil and suffering to exist in the world. The Church teaches that evil causes the imperfections that cause human suffering; however, the meaning of suffering will always remain a mystery. When reflecting on this it is important to look at the power of God's love. God is good and all-powerful. Jesus shared our suffering and death so that our sins would be forgiven. And Jesus continues to bring God's healing love into the world - through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick continues Christ's work of healing among us.



Psalm Response: *Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted*

Today, **Education Sunday**, we pray and give thanks for the Lord's fellow workers in the field of Catholic Education, including all students and teachers. Our schools and colleges are not merely places of secular learning: they share in the divine mission of helping all to arrive at the fullness of Christian life and are one of the principal ways in which the Church places herself at the service of society

**i** From the first weekend in Lent, **our newsletter will be changing - we will be having a Loddon Valley Parish newsletter** each weekend. **i** The new newsletter will cover all 3 churches in our Pastoral Area Parish. The front page will cover items which apply to all 3 churches, then each church will have a page for their own items. As normal, if there are any items for consideration for inclusion in the coming weekend's newsletter, please e-mail them to your own church office by the Tuesday before. It is hoped that the new newsletter will build strong relations between all 3 church communities and help parishioners identify with our Loddon Valley Parish now and for the future

### THIS WEEK

Our next **SVP meeting** is **TOMORROW**, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. at **7.30pm** in the Dominic Barberi Room, and is an **OPEN MEETING** - we hope to welcome anyone who is interested in knowing about the SVP (St. Vincent de Paul Society) and its work. The meeting will last ~1 hour and **all are most welcome**


**MASS TIMES and DIARY 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2012**

DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	DIARY
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9 am 11.30 am	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	Vera Gorman RIP Thanksgiving, Ochoa's family Doris Villa RIP	9am Celebrant: Fr. Bonaventure 11.30am Celebrant: Fr. Pat Madden <b>2pm: First Communion meeting</b> 5pm Celebrant: Fr. Chris Whelan
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	<b>NO MASS</b>	St. Paul Miki & companions		<b>7.30pm: SVP meeting</b> (D.B. Room) 8pm: Refurbishment mtg. (Adv't. Rm.)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	<b>NO MASS</b>		<b>10am Masses at St. John Bosco &amp; Christ the King</b>	<b>8pm: Baptism preparation mtg. 2</b> (Advent Room)
Wednes. 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9.30: Rosary 10 am	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita	Holy Souls	Celebrant: Fr. Pat Madden <b>7.30pm: 9am choir prac.</b> (Church)
Thurs. 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9.30: Rosary 10 am		Sepp Stocker RIP	Celebrant: Fr. Chris Whelan 7.45pm: Home Group (8 Thyme Close)
Fri. 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>	St. Scholastica	<b>10am Masses at St. John Bosco &amp; Christ the King</b>	
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>			
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9 am 11.30 am 5 pm	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	Regina Zaboklicka & Zbigniew Zaboklicki RIP Doris Villa RIP Harry & Dora Ward RIP (Foundation Mass)	9am Celebrant: Fr. John Nelson After Mass: <b>Baptism</b> - Selen Serinturk 11.30am Celebrant: Fr. Chris Whelan 5pm Celebrant: Fr. Pat Madden

★ **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** during **9am AND 11.30am Masses today** - register your child before Mass ★  
 ★ **CUBS Mondays 6.45pm/BEAVERS Thursdays 5.45pm/SCOUTS Fridays 8pm** each week in **HALL** ★

Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
 † Monica Carroll (1997); Anna Pelickan (1978); Roselyn Fernando (1990); Agnes Teresa Walsh (2007);  
 † Kathleen Patience (1977); Catherine Winston (2004); and Mary Wallace (1987).

The Sacrament of **RECONCILIATION** may be celebrated here on the **first Friday of the month**, i.e. next is **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** from **~6.30pm** (before Mass), with Fr. Chris; or by appointment



- Offertory collection 29<sup>th</sup> January:** Envelopes £139.10  
Loose cash £461.93  
Standing Orders £686.00  
Total: £1287.03

**Thank you for your kind donations**

- Special collection TODAY Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Education Sunday** - is our annual collection for the **Catholic Education Service**.  
**Today all children are invited to come to Mass dressed in their school uniforms so that our church community can recognize and pray for our children's schools**

**MINISTRIES OF COMMUNION & READERS:**

9am Mass - Readers & Ministers of Communion; 11.30am Mass - Ministers of Communion only; 5pm Mass - Readers & Ministers of Communion.

**New rotas will be issued soon for the above**, covering from 01.04.2012 to 31.03.2013. Anyone who wishes to join or leave a rota please contact either **Mary Holland** (9am/11.30am) or **Jayanthi Vincent** (5pm) **ASAP**. Training will be given for both ministries. If there are dates you will not be able to do, again please let Mary/Jayanthi know. Mary - Tel. 926 8860 or [antoINETTE.holland@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:antoINETTE.holland@tiscali.co.uk) or Jayanthy - Tel. 987 2772 or [jayanthivincent@yahoo.com](mailto:jayanthivincent@yahoo.com)

**TODAY**

**Fundraising Concert for Father Anthony's charity**


**NGCF: The Next Generation Christian Foundation** (Father Anthony's charity) invites you and your family and friends to join them for an evening with the Reading Community Gospel Choir **HERE** at our church on **Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb., 7.30pm. Tickets may be obtained after Masses here TODAY Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.** NGCF aims to engage young people through activities they enjoy and bring them closer to Christ

**LENT PREPARATIONS:**

**Ash Wednesday is 22<sup>nd</sup> February.** Each Sunday during Lent the **Stations of the Cross** will be held and all are welcome. If you wish to volunteer to lead one of the Stations please complete **Form A** in the Advent Room (**Board 1**). If you wish to lead but do not belong to any group, wish to read more than once, or want to be on a reserve list, please complete **Form B**. Thank you

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion:**

**REMINDER** - next meeting for all our First Holy Communion children is **TODAY Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February** at **2pm in church**



**THIS WEEK**

**Home Group:** our next meeting is *this week* on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 7.45pm** at **8 Thyme Close, Lower Earley RG6 5XU**. For more details please contact **Loretta: Tel. 0118 3750407**