



# Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi



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25<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Fifth Sunday of Lent

## QUICK NEWS

### • Offertory collection 18<sup>th</sup> March:

Loose cash & envelopes

£577.85

St'g Orders £533.00

**Total: £1110.85**

The special collection for  
**Clergy Assistance Fund**  
raised **£226.65**

Thank you very much for  
your kind donations

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Our parish Service of  
Reconciliation for Lent  
will be TOMORROW,  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**at 7.30pm.**

At least 3 priests will  
be available for 1:1  
confession.

### Eucharistic Ministers:

following our recent  
retreat, guidelines for all  
Eucharistic Ministers are  
now available in the  
Advent Room. Please  
each take a copy and  
follow the guidelines.  
Thank you

**Gift Aid:** if you have  
not yet collected  
your box of new Gift  
Aid envelopes,  
please collect your  
box from the table in  
the Advent Room.  
Thank you



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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES in our Pastoral Area:

- ♦ **St. John Bosco:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10am.
- ♦ **Christ the King:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10am.
- ♦ **St. Thomas More:** Sat. 6.30pm, Sun. 10.30am.
- ♦ **Our Lady of Peace,** Wargrave: Sun. 9am.

## THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK

We all know this expression, don't we? This is true of our everyday life as we relate with others around us, accusing this person or that person of things we are guilty of ourselves. This is also very true of the Pharisees' and scribes' reaction to the woman caught in adultery. "This woman was caught in the very act..." Thank God they were not caught themselves in the very act. This kind of attitude gives birth to an additional commandment, my own eleventh: "Thou shall not be caught". So for the Pharisees and scribes, the very fact that they were never "caught in the very act" makes them saints; righteous and good people.

Self-righteousness is not humility. We need to acknowledge that God knows all and sees all, so He alone has the right to judge everyone according to their deeds. We read that they all dispersed in shame starting with the eldest, aware of the obvious fact they have all sinned at one point in life. Humility is acknowledging the fact that we all stand in need of God's mercy. Humility is what we all need in our relationship with God.

God has a plan for His children; "I am about to do a new thing" (Is. 43:19). What was this new thing? He said: "For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth... and former things shall not be remembered or come to mind" (Is. 65:17). The 'new' is possible only if we get rid of the 'old' in us. It is the new spirit, a new heart and a new life in Christ that God is about to give us.

The spirit is a gift to help us choose God and abandon evil. Let us always choose good, and whenever we fail because of our human weaknesses, let us turn to God in humility and admit our faults and "...the former shall not be remembered".

Father Anthony

**Lent Reconciliation Services:** As usual, other local parishes are also offering Lent penitential services, each with local priests available for 1:1 reconciliation:

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 11am**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 7.30pm**

**Our Lady of Peace & Bl. D. Barberi**

**St. John Bosco, Woodley**

**St. Joseph's, Tilehurst**

**English Martyrs**

**Christ the King.**



**Easter Triduum Mass times:** Maundy Thursday 8pm; Good Friday 11am (children) & 3pm; Easter Vigil: Sat. 9pm; and Easter Sunday: 9am & 11am.

## PREPARATION FOR EASTER:

**Maundy Thursday:** Father Anthony would like 12 volunteers for washing of feet during the service. Please sign list in Advent Room if you can help.

Also we need Eucharistic Ministers for **Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil** and **Easter Sunday**. Could you please indicate your availability by putting your name on the list in the Advent Room, **for one service only** so that as many Ministers as possible are involved. Thanks

**Altar Servers:** we need to ensure that all Masses in the Easter Triduum have enough servers. Please sign up on the sheet in the Advent Room to show the services at which you can serve, **by 1<sup>st</sup> April at the latest**. Thank you

**APF:** if you are a "red box" holder, please expect a call next month regarding collections. Thanks to all of you, contributions last year raised a magnificent £2127.99 from our parish. If you are not an APF member, but are interested in a (relatively!) painless and practical way to support the work of the Missions, new members are always welcome; please contact Tony Field via the Parish Office

**TRAIDCRAFT NEWS:** There will be a **Special sale of Traidcraft Goods** after each of the Masses this weekend. Please note there is limited stock, so when it's gone it's gone! Thank you for supporting 'Traidcraft', which sells only fairly traded goods, many of which would make excellent Easter gifts!



# MASS TIMES: 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH - 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL



DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	Owen Kilbane RIP (anniv.)	<b>4.00pm</b> Stations of the Cross (Church)
Mon. 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.30pm</b>	Annunciation		<b>Lenten Service of Reconciliation</b>
Tues. 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am		Elizabeth & Brian Caton RIP (Foundation Mass)	<b>7.30pm</b> Confirmation session (church)
Wed. 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>11.00am</b>		<b>Funeral Mass</b> for <b>Adele Maria Readings</b>	<b>7.30pm</b> Confirmation session (church) <b>8pm</b> Choir practice for 11am Mass <b>8pm</b> Marriage Preparation, D.B. Room
Thurs. 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>7.20pm</b>			10am: Fr. Anthony at Park Place
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	9.45am		Intention of Mable & Das	<b>7.20pm</b> Stations of the Cross
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Passion Sunday	Sean Gavin RIP	<b>4.00pm</b> Stations of the Cross (Church) <b>6pm</b> Abolition of Slavery Ecumenical Service, at Park United Reform Church

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

\*\*\* BEAVERS Thursdays 5.45pm/ CUBS Mondays 6.45pm/ SCOUTS Fridays 8pm, each week \*\*\*



**Please keep in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:**

Irene Hickson (1994), Elizabeth Caton (1999), Vera Secky (1979), Daniel Lynch (2004),  
Andrew McLony (1997), and Chantelle Pattinson (2000).



**Hi - We are Ben Megson & Robbie Squires.** We are going to Zambia & Mexico this summer. We need to raise £3000 to get there. In order to do this we have organised a dinner dance at Wokefield Park on Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> April. We invite you to come to our dinner dance, price £40 per ticket. We'll be selling tickets at ALL MASSES TODAY, Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> March - so please see us and buy some. Thanks!

**Faith: is it important to you?** An opportunity to meet with other people for whom faith is key: **Interfaith Conference** at Woodley Baptist Centre, Hurricane Way, Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm. See programme & more details in Advent Room

**Jumble Sale:** Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1pm, at English Martyrs church hall. Proceeds: Reading & Wokingham Life Group



**GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS, 6<sup>th</sup> April:** This year instead of there being several locally organised walks around the area, **Regenerate** are organising one Walk through the centre of Reading. They are hoping to see 2007 people on the walk and request that walkers wear something red if possible. The Walk assembles in **Forbury Gardens at 10am** and walks in silence down Broad Street. Please join in if you can

Stewards wanted for Good Friday Walk of Witness: please volunteer to [admin@bfoc.org](mailto:admin@bfoc.org) or Tel. 941 5557. Stewards need to report at the Forbury at 9.45am. Thank you

**Easter Sunday - Forbury Gardens, 8.00am:** Come and celebrate Christ's Resurrection at the restored band stand in Forbury Gardens. Half an hour of celebration worship with musicians from Lower Earley Salvation Army. A perfect way to start the day - time to worship in a garden on Easter morning, whatever the weather. Please join in!

**Friends of Bamenda:** to develop Portsmouth-Bamenda link, the Portsmouth Diocesan Bamenda Committee would like to create a network of communication between Cameroonian individuals and families. If any of you know any Cameroonians, please pass on to them one of the bright yellow leaflets in Advent Room and encourage them to return one to the address given. This could facilitate the deepening of links of friendship. Thank you

**Job vacancy at Blessed Hugh Faringdon School:** Part-Time School Secretary required. Closing date 20<sup>th</sup> April. See bright pink sheet in Advent Room for further details, or e-mail [head.hughfaringdon@reading.gov.uk](mailto:head.hughfaringdon@reading.gov.uk) for a job description and application form

**Follow Me:** Living God's Word "Loud & Clear" conference 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007 Exeter University. Poster, Advent Room

**Thank you from ASCT:** "Please pass on our thanks to all members of your church; their very generous support is very much appreciated. Looking at the donation, David Sinclair seems to have done a very good job! I can guarantee that the money donated will be used wisely to further our work with the children in the Philippines; this amount will make a considerable difference to us. Hopefully we will be able to organise a mutually agreeable date for next year; I would very much appreciate the opportunity to speak to your congregation personally. Thank you again" - Alison Morey, ASCT

**The Coordinating Pastor for Loddon Valley Pastoral Area is Fr. Gerard Flynn (Christ the King).**  
M'sgr. John Nelson (English Martyrs) is Co-ordinating Pastor for Central & West Reading Pastoral Area.

The **Parish Office** is **open Tuesday - Friday, 9.00am - 2.00pm**