

# Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi

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**22<sup>nd</sup> April 2007**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**• Offertory collection  
15<sup>th</sup> April:**

Loose cash & envelopes  
£670.60

St'g Orders    £533.00

**Total: £1203.60**

**• Special collection for  
Holy Places on Good  
Friday raised £467.41**

Thank you very much for  
your generous donations

**New rotas** are now  
available for Ministers who  
take **Holy Communion to  
sick & housebound**;  
Ministers please collect your  
copy now (Advent Room)

**READERS:** new rota for  
readers at **11am Mass** is  
being drawn up at the  
moment. If you wish to read  
at 11am Mass, please  
contact Colin Forrestal:  
[colin.forrestal@ntlworld.com](mailto:colin.forrestal@ntlworld.com)  
or give your details to the  
Parish Office.

We would also love to  
welcome more readers to  
**5pm Mass**; please contact  
Parish Office if you can help.  
Thank you!

Anyone interested in  
embarking on the **journey of  
faith** (RCIA): please register  
with Parish Office! Thank you

**Our Pastoral Area:**

**A reminder** - Newsletters  
from each parish in our  
Loddon Valley Pastoral Area  
are put on display each  
week in Advent Room and  
outside D.B. Room

**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.

**THOMAS! STILL DOUBTING?**

Following the resurrection of Jesus Christ, remarkable things happened testifying the power of the resurrection to the world and Jesus' followers; Jesus kept appearing, offering to the disciples proof of his resurrection by showing them the wounds the holes had made and then his pierced side, as we heard in last week's Gospel.

Despite all the appearing, did some doubt? Yes; outstanding among them was Thomas. All the other disciples were living in fear not knowing what to expect; they were afraid and hid in a room until Jesus appeared and gave them peace of mind. "Peace be with you..." he said, and then he breathed upon them the holy spirit, "Receive the holy spirit...." - confirming the powers he had already given them in order to fortify them to carry out their assignment.

Even though they had doubts, Jesus cleared their doubts to enable them to appreciate more fully his promise to rise after three days. He is no longer in the tomb, they were told; he is risen. The disciples believed when they saw the Lord, and Thomas said 'My Lord and my God'. Encountering the risen Christ brought about a dramatic change in the lives of the disciples and they became very bold and less timid.

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! Even now, are you still living in some kind of illusion, doubt or fear? You need to encounter the risen Saviour and your lives will not remain the same. Stop doubting and start believing. This should be our resolve during this period.

Alleluia! Thank God the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Father Anthony

Father Anthony is due to return from Nigeria in time for next weekend's Masses.  
Thank you very much to Fr. Dominic Adeiza who celebrates our Masses until then!



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY – SUMMER TERM**

**Thank you** for the fabulous response to our request for new leaders for Children's Liturgy. We now have enough volunteers to carry on.

So Children's Liturgy starts again this week at 9.00am & 11.00am Masses for all children of Primary school age. We look forward to seeing you again.

**New members of the Parish Pastoral Council:**

we are pleased to welcome Colin Forrestal, Peter Hobbs, Laurie James and Norman Preston on to the Council

**The Confirmation group** meets next Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, at 3.00pm in the hall. They will be attending 5.00pm Mass and then returning to the hall with their families for a shared meal. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey towards Confirmation.



**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Portsmouth:** Bishop Crispian's letter last week gave us information about celebrating this happy occasion. There will be a Diocesan Mass, which will be celebrated in St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth at **6.00pm** on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May**. This will be concelebrated by many of our priests, including Father Anthony, and 2 of our parishioners may also attend. The second celebration will be at the Cathedral of St. Swithun in Winchester – the most ancient Cathedral in our diocese. This will be a Liturgy of Word and Music at **7.00pm** on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. It would be helpful to know who is interested in going to either event, so please let the Parish Office know. Thank you very much!

**Disability Coordinator:** All parishes are encouraged to ensure that we welcome all those in our parish, and use their talents, whatever their abilities. This means considering how we cater for people with disabilities. This includes understanding for the less obvious disabilities as well as the obvious ones. **Would you like to take on the role of leading this for our parish?** Guidance from the diocese will be available. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office. Thank you

# MASS TIMES: 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL - 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL

DATE	MASS TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	Margaret Molony RIP John Dunster RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv.) Ann Napolitano (unwell)	Children's Liturgy re-starts <b>3pm</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion session 6 (Hall)
Mon. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>	St. George		
Tues. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	St. Stanislaus	Mary Webster RIP	
Wed. 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	St. Mark	Freddie Elliott	<b>8pm</b> Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thurs. 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am		Catherine, daughter of Lena Ropa	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am		Mary Norris RIP (anniversary)	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	Private Intention Roseanna Colley RIP (rec. dec.)	<b>3pm</b> Confirmation session (Hall): The gift of knowledge

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

\*\*\* **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:**

Maria Mastrocola (2002), Mary Orrom, and Maria Jordan (2005).



**'ADORE' - Alton Day of Renewal: Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> April**, at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead - looking at Resurrection. Starts with a Liturgy at 11.30am; shared lunch at 1pm; end ~4pm. Speaker will be Peter Hobbs. See posters in Advent Room

**Sydney World Youth Day 2008:** 2 evenings are planned to share information on World Youth Day 2008 and to give details of the trip: on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** at Stella Maris, St. Michael's Square, Southampton; and **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** at St. Francis de Sales, Warren Road, Wash Common, Newbury. Times for each: 7.30pm - 9pm. If you wish to attend either evening, or if you have questions, please contact David Hill, Adviser for Youth Ministry, 01329 835583 or [dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dhill@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Registration forms & more information can be found on the Diocesan Youth website: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth) Also see posters in Advent Room. Thank you

### VACANCIES / HELP NEEDED:

**Can you help?** Berkshire County Blind Society need help at the RBH eye clinic. See poster, Advent Rm., for more info.

**Counsellor/Key Worker vacancy at Yeldall Manor:** are you an experienced and qualified Christian counsellor with a heart for the work of Yeldall Manor? Full-time post available. See poster in Advent Room for more details

**Race Night - Christ the King Parish** will be having a race night on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May** at 8pm in their Parish Hall. You would be very welcome to join in. The Knights of St. Columba will host the evening and have suggested proceeds go towards their Altar Servers' trip to Rome. For catering purposes, please let your Parish Office (Jane) know if you wish to attend! Tickets: Adults: £2, Children: £1, Family: £5. Gerry Cashman is helping to sell tickets here. Thank you!

**Prospects** will be holding a celebration led by, and for, people with **learning disabilities**, as part of Regenerate - at English Martyrs Church on **Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> May** from 2pm. All are welcome!

**CAFOD /livesimply** pilgrimage: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May. As patron of *livesimply*, **Bishop Crispian** will be present & will say 9.30am Mass at Our Lady & St. Edmund of Abingdon, prior to giving the walkers his blessing before they leave - walking up to the Carmelite Priory at Boars Hill for a picnic lunch & prayers. Please try to join in, and please phone CAFOD office so they know how many to expect! Tel. 01483 894064. See poster in Advent Room. All are most welcome

**Douai Abbey Pastoral Programme**—new programme now available for the summer months; see posters in Dominic Barberi Room. Includes 2 Days of Recollection for Ministers of Communion - early booking is essential for these!

Maiden Erlegh School Community Arts Programme: see leaflets in Advent Room for info on creative workshops available!

**Please write to your MP!** We now have postcards for you to ask your MP to release Chen Guang Cheng, a blind Chinese human rights activist jailed for 4 years 3 months for protesting against policy of forced abortion & sterilization. MPs, Peers and Right to Life have persistently complained to Government, but in 20 years the situation has become worse. So **please complete and send a card** ([available in Advent Rm.](#)) to your MP to ask for release of Chen Guang Cheng. Thank you

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** 15<sup>th</sup> April was Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope John Paul II stated, in a decree dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2000, "Throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in years to come." Apologies for not having this information before last Sunday

**Vocations:** From Bishop Crispian's letter last week: "In these post Easter Sundays, we are being particularly invited to focus on the image of Christ the Good Shepherd... My constant prayer - and anxiety - is that we should always have priests in sufficient numbers to meet our need for Eucharist which is at the heart of what we are as Catholics. I therefore invite you all to join me in this fervent prayer throughout this year of celebration and rejoicing for our diocese."

The **Parish Office** is open each week Tuesday - Friday from 9am-2pm