



# Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi



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10<sup>th</sup> February 2008

First Sunday of Lent

## • Offertory collection

3<sup>rd</sup> February:

Envelopes/cash £590.24

Standing Orders £530.00

**Total: £1120.24**

- The collection for the **Catholic Children's Society** raised **£499.69**

Thank you for your very kind donations

- Second collection NEXT Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February for **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

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**CAFOD envelopes** are available in church this week in preparation for **CAFOD Lent Fast Day** on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**.

Please share what you can with the poorest communities worldwide. And **don't forget to fill in the Gift Aid details if you are a taxpayer!** Thank you

## Learn more about Dominic Barberi!

We now have lovely informative books to tell us more about our patron... The small books are available in Advent Room for parishioners to buy - **£1.95 per copy**. Please leave money in basket

**CONFESSION** is available on request (in confessional). Please contact Parish Office to request a suitable time

## 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.

## Strength to overcome

We are surrounded by a host of opportunities; when harnessed well, they would be beneficial to us. We are also overwhelmed by the urge to rely on ordinary life, supported by ordinary passing things. Submitting to the lures of the temporal happiness this ordinary life offers is dangerous. Jesus Himself discovered this during His temptation; "Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." We therefore need the spirit; it was the spirit that lead Jesus in and out of the desert experience.

Our every day life is a desert experience full of temptations. How then can we overcome like Jesus? It is only through the power of the spirit, which Jesus Christ promised those who love Him. We are told in the Gospel that, "He was filled with the spirit". The same spirit is what we need to accompany us in our daily journey.

The beginning of this season of Lent is another opportunity to arm ourselves for this battle because the word of God invites us to "fight the good fight of faith". Your strength is not in your ability, but in the power of His grace.

Father Anthony

**Man does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God**

**There is Mass on Monday!** Fr. Anthony will celebrate Mass on Monday at **9.45am** for the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - all are most welcome

## ★ Stations of the Cross - PLEASE NOTE CHANGES FOR FRIDAYS

Stations of the Cross will take place here at our church at **7.30pm on Fridays** and **4pm on Sundays** during Lent. All are welcome to these opportunities to pray together and follow Christ's journey. Please note that our **Friday Mass times will be 8pm in the evening on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, i.e.**

**NO morning Mass on these dates!**

So Mass will be celebrated after Stations of the Cross on these days. If you would like to help with presentation of any sessions, please contact Melly Noronha on 0118 9698595. Thank you



**Marriage Preparation 2008:** dates for our parish Marriage Preparation sessions are Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 11am-4pm, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 8pm-9.30pm, and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 8pm-9.30pm.

We hope all couples getting married here this year have these dates booked!

**Father Terry Burke** will soon be back in this country for a short time and we will be delighted to welcome him to celebrate 2 Masses for us - he will say **11am Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February** and **9am Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** !

★ **PARISH BAPTISMS!** Our next quarterly Parish Baptism Preparation Sessions will be held on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**, each at **7.30pm** in the **D.B. Room**. If you wish to celebrate a baptism and have not yet completed a baptism form (available in Advent Room), please do so ASAP & return it to Parish Office!

**Lent Reconciliation Services:** As usual, local parishes in our Pastoral Areas will be offering Lent penitential services, each with priests available for 1:1 confession:

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm**  
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**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm**  
**Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm**

**St. John Bosco, Woodley**  
**English Martyrs, Reading**  
**St. Joseph's, Tilehurst**  
**Christ the King, Whitley**  
**Our Lady of Peace & Bl. D. Barberi**



# MASS TIMES: 10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	Catherine & Jack Winston RIP (4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) Harry & Dora Ward RIP (Foundation Mass) Angelo Napolitano	<b>4pm: Stations of the Cross</b> (Church)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.45am</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes		<b>2pm:</b> UCM meeting (D.B. Room)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	9.45am	Saints Cyril and Methodius	Holy Souls <i>Celebrant: Fr. Delaney</i>	2.45pm: Fr. Anthony at St. Dominic's <b>8pm:</b> KSC meeting (D.B. Room)
Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup> February	9.45am		<i>Celebrant: Fr. Delaney</i>	4.30pm: Fr. Anthony at St. John Bosco 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Comm. 1 <sup>st</sup> Confessions Service <b>8pm:</b> Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thurs. 14 <sup>th</sup> February	9.45am		'Bill' Cecil Cameron RIP (Fran Oliver's brother)	<b>7.30pm:</b> Parish Pastoral Council mtg. (D.B. Room)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>8.00pm</b>		Rita Johnson	<b>7.30pm: Stations of the Cross</b> (Church)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	Kathleen Dempsey (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniv.) Deceased members of Aitken/Way families Frank & Lelia Biddle RIP	<b>4pm: Stations of the Cross</b> (Church)

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

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

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



Kathleen Patience (1977), Catherine Winston (2004), Mary Wallace (1987), Ann Mackie (1992), Maria Giovanni (1987), Robert Green (1991), Christopher Coles (1989), and Lauren Savage (2002).



**CTEER** has Lent meeting **TONIGHT Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February**, 7.45pm - 9pm in St. Peter's Church Hall, Earley. The speaker will be John Madeley, who is eminent in the field - theme is: 'Making our churches carbon neutral'. Refreshments from 7.30pm. Do come! All are welcome



**Reading Male Voice Choir** - remember what a great concert they gave us here? See them in concert again at Wesley Methodist Church, Queen's Road, Reading **NEXT Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February**, 7.30pm. All proceeds to NCH, the children's charity - so go along & help raise funds! See poster in Advent Room for details of tickets

**ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL** - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead. The theme for this year is THE LOVE OF THE FATHER - looking at the phrase 'Who Art in Heaven'. Starting with MASS at 11.30am - shared lunch at 1.00pm - Speaker: Fr Mike Gwinnell - Prayer for healing - ending ~4pm. Collection to defray expenses. For more information or directions, ring Rev. John Foley on 01189 333420 or see yellow posters. Next meeting - Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008

**Just a reminder** - the Southampton Celebrate Weekend Conference will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May (Spring Bank Holiday Weekend). Early booking is essential as spaces are limited (especially for children) and reservations are coming in fast! Full details & downloadable booking form and poster available on [www.celebrateconference.org/southampton](http://www.celebrateconference.org/southampton)  
See bright yellow poster in Advent Room



**Want to help our friends at St. John Bosco?**

**Woodley Jumbulance Group** has booked to go to **Lourdes** from September 27<sup>th</sup> - October 4<sup>th</sup> 2008, travel by Jumbulance & staying in a 4\* hotel. We have vacancies for unable, for volunteer nurses and helpers, preferably male. Anyone who is interested or who would like more information please ring **John Gill**: 0118 9694769, or **Marie O'Gorman**: 0118 9691927

**Emergency contact numbers for Ministry of a priest in Pastoral Area:**

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 Parish Priest first, but if an emergency arises and your own priest is unavailable, please try one of our other Pastoral Area priests on the numbers above



**I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.**

**I believe in love even when I cannot feel it.**

**I believe in God, even when He is silent.**

Words found written on the cell wall of a Jewish prisoner in Cologne

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