



Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi



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2nd March 2008

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**• Offertory collection
24th February:**

Envelopes/cash £703.41
Standing Orders £530.00

Total: £1233.41

Thank you for your very kind donations

- Second collection TODAY Sunday 2nd March for the **Clergy Assistance Fund**

Women's World Day of Prayer is Friday 7th March (an interdenominational event). We will be hosting a service in our church at 2pm on this day - all are most welcome!

Re-commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers will take place at all Masses **next Sunday 9th March.** If you missed the re-commissioning at the end of last year and have not yet been contacted, then please ring Mel Noronha on 0118 969 8595 to confirm your attendance

1st Holy Communion - next children's session (on Reconciliation) is next Sunday 9th March at 2.30pm in main hall!



! CONFESSIONS during Lent will be available on **Friday evenings from 7pm** (before Stations of the Cross), in the confessional

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.

OPEN OUR EYES

Like the blind man in the gospel, we are all born blind - spiritually. It is only through our baptism that we regain our sight. If we are open to the spirit, this rebirth comes everyday. The Samaritan woman was blind to God's ways until she met Jesus. During this Lenten season, we need to realize that we are spiritually blind. We therefore need to ask, "Lord that I may see".

Father Anthony

**Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you**



PREPARE FOR EASTER...

Fr. Anthony asks for **volunteers** to take part in **washing of feet** on Holy Thursday 20th March. Please see sign-up list in Advent Room, and a "route map" to show how the washing of feet will be done this year; all volunteers will be reserved a place at the end of a pew. If you would like to volunteer, **please sign up ASAP** - thank you

Altar servers: there is a printed table in the Advent Room - would all altar servers please complete the table so we know when you can serve over the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday. Please fill the table and try to attend practice beforehand (if applicable). Thank you

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with our Senior Citizens' Dinner on Saturday 23rd Feb. A great time was had by all! The attendees want to say thank you - see their lovely card in the Advent Room. Thank you all

Human life & dignity: PLEASE take a postcard (Advent Room/outside Lady Chapel) and send it to your MP, asking them to vote correctly when the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill is debated

ROSARY before Mass: as of Tuesday 4th March the Rosary will be prayed before morning Masses, commencing at **9.15am** approx. The parish petitions which are on the altar will be remembered. As there are 4 Mass days each week we will offer Joyful Mysteries on Tuesdays, Glorious Mysteries on Wednesdays, Mysteries of Light on Thursdays & Sorrowful Mysteries on Fridays, thereby including all the Mysteries

Lent Reconciliation Services: Our local parishes have Lent penitential services on
Thursday 13th March, 7.30pm **St. John Bosco, Woodley**
Thursday 13th March, 7.30pm **English Martyrs, Reading**
Thursday 13th March, 8.00pm **St. Thomas More, Twyford**
Monday 17th March, 7.30pm **St. Joseph's, Tilehurst**
Tuesday 18th March, 7.30pm **Christ the King, Whitley**
Wed. 19th March, 7.30pm **Our Lady of Peace & Bl. D. Barberi**

★ **REMINDER: Stations of the Cross** will take place here at our church at **7.30pm on Fridays & 4pm on Sundays** during Lent. All are welcome to these opportunities to pray together and follow Christ's journey. Please remember - **Friday Mass will be at 8pm on 7th March, i.e. NO morning Mass on this date!** So Mass will be after Stations of the Cross on Friday evening. **And DON'T FORGET! - on Friday 14th March** our **1st Holy Communion** children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so NO Stations!



Our Lady of Peace Flower Guild is looking for ladies who would like to help us with arranging church flowers on a regular basis. You would not work alone and previous experience is not necessary. There will be a meeting here at **2pm on Friday 14th March** in Dominic Barberi Rm. If you are interested & would like to come along you would be most welcome; for more details please call Ann Haggerty on 0118 966 5232



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MASS TIMES: 2nd MARCH - 9th MARCH 2008



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 2 nd March	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Nan Laffey RIP (Found'tn. Mass) Intentions of Mrs. Joan Mooney Deceased members of parish	<i>Celebrant: Fr. Terry Burke</i> 4pm: Stations of the Cross (Church)
Monday 3 rd March	NO MASS			8pm: SVP meeting (D.B. Room) 8pm: Prov. KSC meeting (Carl B. Hall)
Tuesday 4 th March	9.45am	St. Casimir	Jean Bartington RIP (<i>Celebrant: Fr. Delaney</i>)	7.45pm: Children's Liturgy meeting (D.B. Room)
Wednesday 5 th March	9.45am	St. Ciaran	Eugene M ^c Ateer RIP	8pm: Choir practice for 9am Mass 8pm: Marriage Preparation session 3 (D.B. Room)
Thursday 6 th March	10.00am	St. Colette	Funeral Mass for Jane Eva (Jean) Bartington	8pm: Justice & Peace meeting (Advent Room)
Friday 7 th March	8.00pm	Ss. Perpetua & Felicity	Jude & Viran Gunasekera: Thanksgiving	2pm: Women's World Day of Prayer service (Church) 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross
Sunday 9 th March	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Marie Fahey RIP (anniversary) Marjorie Gutridge Joseph & Roseline Fernando RIP	4pm: Stations of the Cross (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:

Marie Fahey (1995), Nan Laffey (1997), Kenneth Adkins (1992), Marion Connell (1991),
Bertha Britton (1997), Franco Ribezzo (1997), and Edwin Anderson (1994).



Recently departed: please remember in your prayers **Jane Eva (Jean) Bartington** (mother of Ann Way) who sadly passed away recently. The funeral for Jean will be held on **Thursday 6th March** at **10am**. We pray that Jean may rest in peace. Amen

Home Group: Michael and Eileen Cafferty have very kindly offered to host the home group meeting at their house on **Thursday 6th March** at 7.45pm-9.30pm. All welcome.

If you would like more information or to confirm attendance please call Mel Noronha on 0118 969 8595

Marriage Preparation 2008 - reminder!

The last of this year's parish Marriage Preparation sessions is on **Wednesday 5th March**, 8pm-9.30pm here in Dominic Barberi Room

PARISH BAPTISMS! Our next quarterly Parish Baptism Preparation Sessions will be held on **Tuesday 11th March & Tuesday 18th 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 the Parish Office! Thank you

Learn more about Dominic Barberi! Small books are still available in Advent Room for you to buy - only £1.95 per copy. Please leave money in basket

Job vacancy: CTEER secretary - the current secretary to Churches Together in Earley & East Reading (Sue Sheppy) will soon leave the post after 5 years, so the post will be vacant from the summer. **See white sheet in Advent Room** for a job description and details of how to apply

Hospital Chaplaincy volunteer visitors: Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust is seeking new volunteers to train as chaplaincy visitors. Course starts in September. For info please ring 0118 322 7105 or see posters in Advent Room. Closing date: 21st April

Woodley Jumbulance Group presents an evening of music, songs & entertainment featuring Pete Orton, Appalachian Clog Dancers and the Sandy Grove String Band - here at our hall on **Saturday 26th April**, 7.45pm. Tickets (£7) from **John Gill:** 0118 969 4769, or **Marie O'Gorman:** 0118 969 1927. All profits towards trip to Lourdes. See poster in Advent Room

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School is having a Mission, 10th - 14th March. A team of young people from Sion Community will be presenting the Gospel and creating space for people to reflect & respond. Parishioners are invited to 'The Time is Now!' - exploring the Gospel through music & dance, at school hall on **Thursday 13th March** at 7.30pm. **A great chance to refresh your faith and to invite others to come & hear the Good News in a relaxed atmosphere!**

★ ★ **Looking forward to Easter...** ★ ★

- **Walk of Witness:** Good Friday, 21st March; meet at Forbury Gardens at **9.45am**. Wear red and bring the same crosses as last year! **Stewards needed** for this - please contact Janet Parkins: admin@readingcommunitychurch.com or on 0118 941 5557 if you can help
- **CTEER Easter Service:** start Easter Sunday the perfect way: praying in a garden. Starts in Forbury Gardens at **8am** and will be led by Tynedale Baptist church

Parish Office is OPEN Tues. - Fri., 9am - 2pm