



Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi



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9th March 2008

Fifth Sunday of Lent

• Offertory collection 2nd March:

Envelopes/cash £574.76
Standing Orders £530.00

Total: £1104.76

• The special collection for Clergy Assistance Fund raised **£286.62**

Thank you for your
very kind donations

• Special collection NEXT Sunday, 16th March: Justice & Peace Group Lent appeal

**Re-commissioning of
Eucharistic Ministers
will take place at all
Masses TODAY
Sunday 9th March**

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

£ **GIFT AID:**
envelopes for the year
commencing 6th April are
available **TODAY** in the
Advent Room. You may
find that your envelope
number has changed due
to a fall in the number of
envelope users - do not
worry - your offerings will
be correctly recorded for
Claim purposes.
Thank you. Alan

! **CONFESSIONS** during Lent
will be available on
**Friday evenings
from 7pm**
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.

Hope in God

It was G.K. Chesterton who once said, "Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all." Every one gave up on Lazarus; it was natural to feel that way for a man who had been dead for days. But Jesus saw the situation from a different perspective and gave instructions; "Roll away the stone"... So they rolled away the stone' (verses 39-41). 'Afterwards Jesus gave another command: "Lazarus, come out!" and the dead man came out' (verses 43-44). And Lazarus regained his life, but he needed to be set free and so Jesus gave a final instruction: "Unbind him, and let him go" (verse 44).

What ever situation you find yourself in, Jesus is near you to give you life by repeating the process through which he raised and gave Lazarus life. What is more important, the community is ever present to assist you to roll the stone away and unbind you. Is there any more reason to despair? Not anymore because God can give us life again, even where there is no hope. If God could put life back in Ezekiel's dry bones, he can do the same in your situation.

Father Anthony

**Father, help us to be like Christ your Son.
Inspire us by his love and guide us by his example**



PREPARE FOR EASTER... THANK YOU to those
who have already volunteered...

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 "route map" to show how 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**

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)

ROTA FOR EASTER MASSES is on display in Advent Room (blue boards) for **Sacristans, Welcomers & Eucharistic Ministers** - take a look to remind yourselves! Any queries, please contact Mel Noronha on 0118 9698595. There is also a rota for **Readers**



PARISH BAPTISMS! Our next quarterly Parish Baptism Preparation Sessions START THIS WEEK - Tuesday 11th March at 7.30pm in the **Dominic Barberi 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

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 Room. 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



Justice & Peace Group Lenten Appeal - Sunday 16th March: Feed The Children

Since Feed the Children registered as a charity here in the UK in 1994, they have helped countless thousands of needy children, both here at home and abroad. They run several projects, covering food, education and, here at home, breakfast clubs. But we are asking you to donate to their Emergency Response Project. Feed The Children is different from most other charities as it does not only ask for cash donations. They also accept food, clothes, water purification equipment and medical supplies, among other things. However, Feed The Children must be able to respond immediately to situations as they arise. War, famine and natural disasters can strike suddenly, without warning, leaving vulnerable children in dire need of supplies. In order to get these essential items to where they are needed, fast, cash donations are an absolute necessity.

On Sunday 16th March, there will be a retiring collection for Feed The Children. I hope you feel, as we do, that this cause deserves your characteristic generosity.



MASS TIMES: 9th MARCH - 16th MARCH 2008



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	PARISH DIARY
Sunday 9 th March	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Marie Fahey RIP (anniversary) Marjorie Gutridge Joseph & Roseline Fernando RIP	2.30pm: 1 st Holy Communion group - on Reconciliation (in Hall) 4pm: Stations of the Cross (Church)
Monday 10 th	NO MASS	St. John Ogilvie		2pm: UCM meeting (D.B. Room)
Tuesday 11 th March	9.45am	St. Aengus	William Harvey RIP (<i>Celebrant: Fr. Delaney</i>)	7.30pm: Parish Baptism Preparation (D.B. Room) 8pm: KSC meeting (Carl Barton Rm.)
Wednesday 12 th March	9.45am		Suzie Maidment RIP George Scola RIP (anniversary)	8pm: Choir practice for 11am Mass
Thursday 13 th March	9.45am			7.30pm: Fr. Anthony at SJB service 7.45pm: Parish Pastoral Council mtg. (D.B. Room)
Friday 14 th March	7.30pm	St. Joseph	Evelyne Brooks & family (private intention)	2pm: Flower ladies mtg. (D.B. Room) 2.45pm: Fr. Anthony at St. Dominic's 7.30pm: <u>1st Holy Communion group</u> - The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 16 th March	9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Passion Sunday	Martin Brannelly RIP Giogina & Lisa Cofone Eileen Herbert RIP (rec. dec.)	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:

Edwin Anderson (1994), George Scola (2006), Irene Garton (1978), Jacqueline Gallagher (1982),
Margaret Molony (2003), Chris Dickie (1996), William Miller (1986), Doreen Warrick (2000),
Sister Christine (1979), and Derek Higgs (1992).



REMINDER: Stations of the Cross will take place here at our church at **4pm on Sundays** - all are welcome to these opportunities to pray together and follow Christ's journey. **This Friday 14th March our 1st Holy Communion children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation**, so there will be NO Stations of the Cross!

To all APF members: Red Box collections will be conducted after Easter; please expect a call from your APF promoter

THIS WEEK! Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School is having a Mission, 10th - 14th March. A team of young people from the 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!**



OLoP Social Club - St. Patrick's Night: Monday 17th March, doors open 7.30pm. Late bar. Live music from Hickory Smoke. Free entry to members; guests £1. Join us - you don't have to be Irish to enjoy the craic!



Lent Reconciliation Services: Our local parishes have Lent penitential services on
Thursday 13th March, 7.30pm
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Monday 17th March, 7.30pm
Tuesday 18th March, 7.30pm
Wed. 19th March, 7.30pm

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

St. Dominic Savio School - latest edition of their RE newsletter is in Advent Room, with details of what the children will be covering in RE lessons this term. Pick up a copy!

★ ★ **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

- **American Supper:** After the Easter Vigil Mass you are invited to supper in the Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share. If you have any questions please contact Melly Noronha (0118 969 8595)

- **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



See Dominic Barberi Room for posters with details of forthcoming courses & events organised by Dept. for Pastoral Formation, including "God's Embrace for All - making parish life accessible for people with learning disabilities", on 26th April. Also see Portsmouth People for 2 full time job vacancies for Advisers in the Dept. for Pastoral Formation

Parish Office is OPEN this week Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 2pm