

# Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi

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PART OF THE LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

4<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Ascension of the Lord

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

Envelopes £194.20  
Loose cash £468.99  
Standing Orders £530.00

**Total: £1193.19**

- Special collection TODAY  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May for  
**World Communications**  
- **PLEASE use a GIFT AID  
ENVELOPE if possible!**

Thank you for your  
very kind donations

**Jesus takes leave of His disciples**

In the event that a close friend leaves us and there is no clue as to whether we will ever see them again, it can be quite challenging; coping without this friend could be difficult.

Today Jesus takes leave of His closest friends, the disciples. But in their case they are hopeful of His return and He has assured them of the Holy Spirit: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes..." So we can be sure of something to fall back on in order to spread the Good News.

Though He has ascended, we are not alone.

Father Anthony

**Go, make disciples of all the nations.... And know that  
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."**

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MEN OF GALILEE,  
WHY DO YOU  
STAND LOOKING  
UP TO HEAVEN?  
ALLELUIA  
HE SHALL COME  
IN THE SAME WAY  
AS YOU HAVE SEEN  
HIM GOING UP TO  
HEAVEN:  
ALLELUIA  
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We warmly welcome to our parish **Mark Norris** from **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**; he will speak briefly at all Masses to tell us how we have helped ACN in the past

**TODAY!**

**42<sup>nd</sup> World Communications day:** This year's World Communications Day is celebrated today, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May - the Feast of the Ascension.

In his message for the Day, the Holy Father speaks of the importance of defending and respecting human dignity in all areas of social communication. He says that "many people now think there is a need... for info-ethics, just as we have bio-ethics in the field of medicine and in scientific research linked to life.... Truly, there is no area of human experience - especially given the vast phenomenon of globalisation - in which the media has not become an integral part of interpersonal relations and of social, economic, political and religious development". Please remember the work of communications professionals today. The Catholic Communications Network (CCN) provides support for the bishops of England and Wales in promoting the gospel in the media. Today's second collections are to support its work; the CCN depends on your generosity. **Thank you**

! This month's Children's Liturgy planning meeting is in **Carl Barton Room** on Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm!

 **Reminder - 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion REHEARSAL** is **NEXT SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May** at 2.30pm here in Church. Any prayer sponsors and/or parish volunteers who wish to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> HC Mass on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May **PLEASE come to the rehearsal too!**

We warmly welcome to our parish community **Rose Jacqueline Beatrice Mott** as we celebrate her baptism at 11am Mass today




The next **HOME GROUP MEETING** is at Michael & Eileen Cafferty's house on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45 - 9.30pm. All welcome. For more info or to confirm attendance please call Mel Noronha on 0118 9698595

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

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! **CONFESSIONS** are available on **Friday evenings from 7pm - 7.30pm** in the confessional

 **International Mass on Pentecost Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Our parish will celebrate its annual International Mass at 11am on Pentecost Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the diversity & many different cultures we have in our community. We hope that many of you will come in your **national dress** and bring along your **national flag** to decorate the church & Advent Room! Mass will be followed by an international lunch in Main Hall - all are invited to bring a plate of their national food to share. Please sign up on **bright yellow lists** in **Advent Room/Dominic Barberi Room**, to indicate the **dish** you will bring (with a brief description of it!) and the **country** it represents. Thank you

**NEXT WEEK!**

**Jubilee Debt Campaign:** Many in our parish have participated in "Drop the Debt" campaigns of recent years to apply pressure to governments in rich countries to write off unfair debts owed by developing nations. Debt relief organisers in UK are trying to get as many supporters as possible to e-mail the UK government to request that they drop Indonesia's arms-related debt. The e-mail is already composed - simply visit the following website & "send" it in your own name: <http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk/indonesia>. We encourage any who feel this is important & who have access to internet to take 2 mins. to help this important campaign. Thanks in advance. Your parish Justice & Peace Group

! **Human Fertilisation & Embryology Bill:** latest news is that the debate in House of Commons might be on **12<sup>th</sup> May** with votes on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May. **PLEASE PRAY for right judgement** and **PLEASE write to your MP** to ask him/her to vote **AGAINST** bill

**Portsmouth Diocese Rosary Rally** will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth - praying for conversion and world peace. Starts with Mass at 12:15pm, followed later by a procession of flowers & petitions to Altar of Our Lady. **All are most welcome to join this lovely occasion in honour of Our Lady.** For more details see poster in Advent Room

| DATE                            | TIME                         | DEDICATION                   | MASS INTENTION                                                                                               | PARISH DIARY                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday<br>4 <sup>th</sup> May   | 9 am<br><br>11 am<br><br>5pm | <b>Ascension of the Lord</b> | Frank Cosham RIP (rec. dep.)<br>Milagros Trozado Duran RIP<br><br>Giacomo Napolitano<br><br>John J. McAndrew | <b>Baptism:</b> <u>Rose Jacqueline Beatrice Mott</u>                                                                                  |
| Mon. 5 <sup>th</sup>            | <b>NO MASS</b>               |                              |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                       |
| Tuesday<br>6 <sup>th</sup> May  | 9.45 am                      |                              | Margaret Collins - 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday                                                                 | <b>7.45pm: Life in the Spirit</b> (Church)<br><b>7.45pm:</b> Children's Liturgy planning meeting ( <b>in CARL BARTON ROOM!</b> )      |
| Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>            | 9.45 am                      |                              | Jimmy Ryan RIP (rec. dep.)                                                                                   | <b>8pm:</b> Choir practice for 11am Mass                                                                                              |
| Thursday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> May | 9.45 am                      |                              | Joseph & Roseline Fernando RIP                                                                               | <b>7:30pm:</b> Parish Pastoral Council m'tg. (D.B. Room)                                                                              |
| Friday<br>9 <sup>th</sup> May   | <b>7.30 pm</b>               |                              | Evelyn Brooks & family - special intention                                                                   | 2.45pm: Fr. Anthony at St. Dominic's<br><b>6.30pm: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament</b>                                                    |
| Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup>           | <b>NO MASS</b>               | St. Comgall                  | 9.45am - 5.30pm: <b>Life in the Spirit</b> all day event ( <b>Church/D.B. Room</b> )                         |                                                                                                                                       |
| Sunday<br>11 <sup>th</sup> May  | 9 am<br><br>11 am<br><br>5pm | <b>Pentecost</b>             | Jean Bartington RIP<br>Tom Harbison RIP<br><br>Ann Haggerty (unwell)                                         | <b>INTERNATIONAL MASS</b><br>followed by International Lunch (Hall)<br><b>2:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion REHEARSAL</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:

Marian Lewis (1985), Vi Greenway (2003), Gerald Frost (1992), Herbert Pegg (2003),  
Danny Daniels (1981), Ann Maureen McAuliffe (1998), Thomas Harbison (2006), Louise Miles (1999),  
Mary Morris (2000), and Abdul Jazrawi (1980).

**OloP Social Club - Bar person required** to join a small team. 2 shifts per week 19:00 until 23:30, additional shift every other week, normally Sunday 11:45 until 15:30. Additionally you will be required to work some Saturday evenings if there is a function. Experience an advantage but not necessary, full training will be given. If you wish to apply or find out more about the job please contact the Bar Manager – Cedric Dias on 07884 494242

**THIS WEEK!** **St. Joseph's Convent School** is holding an Open Morning for prospective parents and pupils on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 9:15am-12:15pm for Preparatory Department, Senior Department and Sixth Form (i.e. ages 3 to 18).  
No appointment necessary - simply drop in!  
Further details at [www.st-josephs.reading.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs.reading.sch.uk) or by calling 0118 966 1000

**CAFOD** is looking to appoint an **Office Manager** based in Aldershot; 17.5 hours per week. For more details see poster in Advent Room. Closing date: 12<sup>th</sup> May.  
For application pack please e-mail [vacancies@cafod.org.uk](mailto:vacancies@cafod.org.uk) or phone 0207 0955601 quoting ref. CDMF

**Thank you** - our neighbours at Christ the King now have a volunteer to help with driving to see the play at the Wintershall estate in June. Thank you from Viv Rimmer

**OloP Theatre Club:** Pick up and read latest **newsletter** from Advent Room. Urgent response needed for "Much Ado About Nothing" on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June!

**Want to learn about latest discoveries in and around Silchester?** Then come to **Silchester Day School** at Reading University on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 10am-4:30pm. Please enrol in advance - see poster in Advent Room, or go to <http://www.rdg.ac.uk/ContEd/>

**CAFOD Great South Run 26<sup>th</sup> October:** a 10-mile run starting and ending at Portsmouth. CAFOD want volunteers! Please contact Catherine Leeson at [cleeson@cafod.org.uk](mailto:cleeson@cafod.org.uk) or Tel. 0207 0955536. See poster in Advent Room



**Reading Interfaith Group** would like to increase the representation of Christians on its committee. They are hoping to involve all Christian traditions and would like membership to reflect this diversity. The Group meets about every six weeks at All Saints Church to plan events to encourage understanding of different faith communities in Reading. More information can be found on poster at back of Advent Room or at [www.readinginterfaith.co.uk](http://www.readinginterfaith.co.uk)

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**SUNDAY MASS TIMES AT OUR OTHER CHURCHES:**

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

**Emergency contact numbers for Ministry of priest:**

Fr. Anthony Ikenoba **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 in emergency if your own priest is unavailable, please try one of our other PA priests on the numbers above