

Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi

During Lent, **CONFESSIONS** will be heard at one of our **Penitential Services** next week (details below), or by appointment



• Offertory collection 14th March:

Envelopes £139.01
Loose cash £488.36
Standing Orders £646.50
Total: £1273.87

• Special collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund raised a total of **£217.85**

Thank you for your generous donations

• Special collection NEXT Sunday 28th March is our Lenten Justice & Peace appeal, this year for the International Refugee Trust (IRT) -

You may recall we had a visit last year from Adrian Hatch, Chief Executive of IRT. The charity's mission is to support projects giving practical solutions to help very vulnerable and often forgotten refugees. They are currently appealing for funds to be used by Comboni Missionary Sisters in their brave attempts to renovate a hospital in Southern Sudan, wrecked during the recent civil war in that country, and so to help people who have had to put up with woefully inadequate healthcare. The collection for IRT will be after each Mass next Sunday (28th March). For UK taxpayers, **gift aid declaration slips** with blank envelopes are available at each entrance to the church **TODAY** (please write "IRT" on the envelope before returning it next week with the signed slip & donation enclosed). **The parish Justice and Peace group thanks you in advance for your generosity**

PLEASE READ IMPORTANT LETTER FROM BISHOP CRISPIAN ON THE ATTACHED PAGE

TODAY

Gift Aid: Offertory envelopes

for the year commencing 11th April 2010 are available **TODAY Sunday 21st March**, for all parishioners who use this method for their donations - **please collect your envelopes TODAY** from the table in the Advent Room. Thank you



MASS TIMES and DIARY 21st - 28th MARCH 2010



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	MASS INTENTION	DIARY
Sunday 21 st Mar.	9 am 11 am 5 pm	5th Sunday of Lent	Dec. ^{sd} Ducey family members RIP Maggie & Laurie James's intention Ethel Hayes	RCIA Scrutinies at Masses 4pm: Stations of the Cross
Mon. 22 nd	NO MASS			
Tues. 23 rd	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am		Owen Kilbane	8pm: Pastoral Area Prayer Evening (in Church)
Wednes. 24 th Mar.	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am		Con Harvey RIP (recently dep.)	2pm: Wednesday Club (C. B. Room) 7.30pm: Reconcil.^{tn} Service HERE
Thursday 25 th Mar.	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am	Annunciation of the Lord	Holy Souls	7.30pm: Reconcil'tn. Service at SJB 7.45pm: Home Group (8 Thyme Cl.)
Friday 26 th Mar.	9.20: Rosary 9.45 am		Mae & Eric Gomes	12noon: prayer (Church); then soup 1.30pm: Mothers' Prayers (D.B. Rm.) 6.30pm: Soup (D. B. Room); 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross
Sat. 27 th	NO MASS			11am: Rec. Service at Eng. Martyrs
Sunday 28 th Mar.	9 am 11 am 5 pm	Passion Sunday <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Elizabeth & Brian Caton RIP (Foundation Mass) Beatrice Ntang RIP David McAndrew (ill)	★ STARTS FROM HALL for 9am & 11am Masses ★ 4pm: FINAL Stations of the Cross

★ **CHILDREN'S LITURGY during 9am & 11am Masses each week** - please register children before Mass ★

CUBS Mondays 6.45pm/BEAVERS Thursdays 5.30pm/SCOUTS Fridays 8pm each week in **HALL**



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

Mary Molony (1981), Richard Martin (2003), John Austen Fardy (2006), Joyce Hart (1990), Jorge Hortal (1999), Ray Dils (2002), Irene Hickson (1994), and Elizabeth Caton (1999).

THIS WEEK:

Lenten (Reconciliation) Services:

Local churches are again offering Lent Reconciliation Services, each with several priests available for 1:1 confessions.

This Lent, take one of these opportunities to be reconciled to God:

Wed. 24th March, 7.30pm - HERE: O. L. of P. & Bl. D. Barberi
(we expect at least 4 priests to be available)

Thursday 25th March, 7.30pm - St. John Bosco, Woodley

Thursday 25th March, 8pm - St. Thomas More, Twyford

Saturday 27th March, 11am - English Martyrs, Reading

Monday 29th March, 7.30pm - Christ the King, Whitley

Monday 29th March, 7.30pm - St. Joseph's, Tilehurst



Parish Census: Thank you to everyone who has so far filled in a parish census form, to update our parishioner database. **Spare forms are available in Advent Room** for anyone who has not yet completed one; **all completed forms to be returned to Church Office ASAP.** All those who have asked to receive our newsletter on e-mail, or info about Gift Aid or our Social Club, will be contacted in near future! Thanks



Stations of the Cross - in Lent, every **Friday at 7.30pm** and every **Sunday at 4pm**. All are welcome to attend on any day

During Lent, have 'Soup for Body and Soul' on:

1. Friday afternoon at 12 noon - 15 minutes of prayer & reflection followed by a soup lunch;
2. Friday evening - soup, rolls & fruit served from 6.30 pm before Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm. All are most welcome to attend.

Donations on all occasions will go to CAFOD

THIS WEEK

Next **Pastoral Area Prayer Evening** will be held on Tuesday 23rd March here at our church from 8pm to 9.45pm. Theme: 'The Cross and the Glory'. Explore the meaning of Christ's Passion and Resurrection in each one of our lives. To confirm your attendance or for further info, contact Mel: 0118 9698595 or e-mail 2jand2m@talktalk.net

Oscar Romero Memorial Mass: 24th March marks Oscar Romero's 30th anniversary. A special Mass organised by CAFOD will be celebrated at **St. James' church**, Reading RG1 3HW at **7.30pm**, followed by refreshments. Limited parking at church - cars can park at Forbury Retail Park: RG1 3HS. All are welcome. For further info contact CAFOD Portsmouth office: 01252 329285 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

For our Pastoral Area:

PARISH SECRETARY required for


Christ the King: We are seeking an experienced secretary/administrator who is sympathetic to the ministry of the Catholic Church to work in the church office as Secretary. For a Job Description and Application Form or for more information please contact Christ the King Parish Office during office hours - Tel. 0118 931 4469 or e-mail ctk.parish@btopenworld.com



Closing date: Friday 26th March 2010



Claire would like to convey her thanks to all parishioners who supported the Traidcraft stall after Masses on Sunday 7th March - over £200 worth of Traidcraft goods were sold, so **well done and thank you for supporting Fairtrade Fortnight!**

Missing hymn books: Many of our hymn books seem to have disappeared. Have you got one lurking at home? Please return ASAP before we invest in some more to make up the numbers 

WALK OF WITNESS - GOOD FRIDAY, 2nd April 2010: please support our church and join us on the above event. We will gather at St. Luke's Church at 10.30am, then walk to Park URC, St. Peter's, and end here at Our Lady of Peace for a service and 'Hunger Lunch' of soup & bread to be served in the Hall. **Please confirm your attendance to Jane in the church office ASAP**, so we know how many to expect. Thank you

If anyone has any **spare/unwanted cereal bowls**, please leave them in DB Room! (Needed for 2nd April)

PARISH BAPTISMS - our next quarterly

Baptism Preparation Sessions will be held on Tues. 20th April & Tues. 27th April, each at **8pm** in the D.B. Room. If you wish to celebrate a baptism, please complete a baptism form (available in Advent Room) and return it to Jane in the Church Office as soon as possible, then turn up here for both sessions



- **Street Pastors Reading** has launched and has had overwhelming support! Pick up a flyer from the table in the Advent Room
- **Thank you** from **CAFOD** and **Children in Need:** see their letters in Advent Room
- **Christian Community Action** needs volunteers: see green posters in Advent Room

PAPAL VISIT: The Holy Father's forthcoming trip to the UK is now **confirmed** for **16th-19th September 2010**. We are pleased to report that the online petition in support of the Holy Father's visit now has over 25,000 signatures! We look forward to welcoming him to UK

The church office is open this week
Tuesday to Friday, 9am - 2pm



LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

- ♦ **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 a priest:

- 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 PRIEST FIRST

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LODDON VALLEY PASTORAL AREA

21st March 2010

Year C

5th Sunday in Lent

The beauty of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

A friend once asked me, "What do you cherish most in the priesthood?" As a matter of fact every aspect of the priesthood is beautiful, depending on how each priest looks at it. I would like to say that one of the most beautiful aspects of my priesthood is the opportunity to be able to offer and receive the sacrament of reconciliation. It was so emotional for me when my dad came up to me once and rendered the words, "Bless me father". It is also beautiful and emotional to walk up to another priest to confess my sins. I feel humbled by that singular act, while also acknowledging my need for God's saving mercy and power. I can say therefore that through the gift and grace of God, we gain a new life. The sacrament also brings us freedom from sin and guilt. There is joy in knowing that you are forgiven. In the coming weeks, we shall be offering this opportunity to Christians in different locations including our Church here in Earley. Why not take the chance in order to celebrate the Easter joy.

Fr. Anthony

URGENT: EASTER PREPARATION

ALL Altar Servers - please see page on display in Advent Room showing the Masses over the Easter Triduum. **Please sign up to show the Mass(es) you can serve at**, to ensure that all our Easter Masses have enough Altar Servers. Please complete by end of Sunday 28th March. Thank you in advance

Holy Week Masses: take a yellow leaflet TODAY