



ST. JOSEPH'S HIGHGATE PARISH BULLETIN

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Masses: Sunday: (7pm Saturday) 8am, 10am, 12noon, 1.30 (Polish), 7pm.

Holydays: 6.30pm vigil, 9.30am, 11am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 9.30am, 6.30pm. **Saturday:** 9.30am, 7pm. **Bank Holiday:** 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10-10.30am, 6.30 -6.45pm

Weekdays: immediately after Mass (on request)

21st February 2016 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Blessed Dominic Barberi C.P.

Dominic Barberi was born near the town of Viterbo, fifty miles north of Rome in 1792, the youngest of 11 children. They were a devout farming family. Attracted to the Passionist Congregation he became a postulant in August 1814. On 1st October of the same year Dominic went into church to pray at Our Lady's altar. Whilst kneeling there he received what he described as "a clear notion with a kind of infallible assurance that he was to preach the Catholic faith in England". From that moment the conversion of England became the object of his prayer and the theme of his entire life. He was ordained Priest in 1818 and initially was involved in training students in Philosophy and Theology.

In 1830, Dominic met some prominent English Catholics, among whom was George Spencer (an ancestor of Lady Diana), later Father Ignatius, who also worked for the conversion of England. In 1840 Dominic was chosen to lead a group of Passionists to Belgium. He left Rome never to return. He founded the first Passionist monastery outside Italy near Tournai in Belgium. At the end of 1841 he came to make a foundation in England, at Aston Hall near Stone. On 27th November 1842 he opened a Mass Centre in Stone, walking from Aston to Stone and often being pelted with mud and stones. In September 1843 he preached at St. Mary's Manchester on the unity of the church. A new chapel designed by A. W. Pugin was built in Stone and was opened on 22nd April 1844; the next day, the feast of St. George, Father Dominic offered Mass there for the first time. For the feast of Corpus Christi 1844, a Blessed Sacrament procession took place in the grounds of Aston Hall, "with all possible splendour, triumphal arches, altars and a sermon out of doors. There were present fully a thousand people". It is interesting to note that half of these people were not Catholic.

On 8th October 1845 Dominic travelled to Littlemore near Oxford, where he arrived soaked with the rain. Whilst Dominic dried himself by the fire, John Henry Newman knelt at his feet and asked to be received into the Catholic Church. The next day John Henry Newman made his First Holy Communion. On 25th March 1846, Dominic made the second English foundation of the Passionists at Woodchester in Gloucestershire. On 31st May 1848, Dominic made the first Passionist foundation in London at Hampstead; they moved in 1858 to Highgate.

On 27th August 1849 whilst travelling from London to Woodchester, Dominic had a severe heart attack. He suffered for five hours and died at three o'clock in the afternoon in the Railway Tavern at Reading. A serving girl "felt compelled to kneel before the body". On 31st August Dominic's Requiem took place in the chapel in Stone and his body was carried in procession to Aston hall two miles away. It was finally buried at St. Anne's Sutton, St. Helens, where he had predicted his body would rest. The cause for Father Dominic's beatification began in 1889. Dominic was declared Blessed by Pope Paul VI on 23rd October 1963. Today the body of Blessed Dominic Barberi rests in a chapel attached to the parish church of St. Anne and Blessed Dominic, Sutton St. Helens, Lancashire.

You are invited to participate in a private Novena of Prayer (26 February to 5 March 2016) for a miracle for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic. Some copies of the prayer will be available in the porch, for those visiting the church, and the prayer is also included overleaf for those who wish to participate at home.

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We pray for those who have died recently – Raymond Hogan (funeral 11.00am Wednesday 24th February), Patrick Considine (funeral 10.15am Friday 26th February), Seamus Morris; **and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Josephine McCarthy, Michael McCarthy, Helen (Nellie) O'Leary, Daniel McGrory.

Welcome to Fr. Jim Sweeney C.P.:

Owing to my having to be in Ireland this week-end, Fr. Jim Sweeney, a Passionist from Scotland, will be saying the 10 and 12 Masses this Sunday. I'm most grateful to him for stepping in and helping in our time of need. I'll ask the Irish to go easy on the Scots when they meet in the Rugby!

Stations of the Cross:

During the season of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross immediately after the 6.30 pm. Mass each Friday. This is a particularly appropriate form of prayer during Lent, especially in a Passionist church, as it encourages meditation on the profound mystery on the depth of the Lord's love for us as expressed in His passion, death and resurrection. Of course, if the set time is not suitable for you, you can also do this particular form of prayer at any time on your own or with some friends.

Christian Stewardship:

Last week's collection amounted to £1,433. In addition we also receive over £1900 in standing orders each month. We really do appreciate your continuing generosity.

Lent Projects:

During previous Lents you have been very generous in your support of Fr. Rick in Haiti, and the Cardinal Hume Centre. Both charities are particularly worthy in that they not only provide emergency help to those in need, but concentrate much of their resources in finding long-term solutions for their clients through education and training. For the six Sundays of Lent we will be having an exit collection after all Masses, the proceeds of which will be divided between Haiti and the Cardinal Hume Centre. In addition, two wall-boxes at either side of the church are devoted to the same causes. I know you will be as generous as usual in your support of these worthy causes.

Womens World Day of Prayer:

Receive Children, Receive Me is the theme of this International Day of Prayer, prepared this year by women in Cuba. Friday 4th March, 10.30am Muswell Hill Baptist Church, Dukes Avenue, N10 2PT, or 2.00pm at Highgate URC Chapel, Pond Square N6 6BA. All welcome, men too!

100 Club:

The February draw for the 100 Club will take place during the week. Would any members and agents who have not yet handed in their subscriptions please do so as soon as possible. Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:

Cardinal Vincent will lead the 6th Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy land, 4 -12th November. Price £1495 per person sharing; £320 single supplement. Full board. Contact Gil Didino at Tangney Tours for a booking form. Gill@tangney-tours.com; 01732 886666

Welcome to New Members of our Parish:

It seems to me at present that hardly a week goes by than another family approach me after mass to introduce themselves as new arrivals to our area and our Parish. We are very happy to have them join us and hopefully be strengthened in their faith through participation in our parish life, and we are very keen that they should also share with us their particular talents and gifts, so that our parish may be continually renewed and refreshed in its commitment to the Lord.

World Youth Day – Krakow 2016:

World Youth Day this year is in Krakow and young people between the ages of 16 and 35 are invited to join the diocese pilgrimage. There is a meeting in Euston at the Centre for Youth Ministry on 25th February at 7pm for anyone interested, and to hear the exciting plan– contact youth@rcdow.org.uk – call 02073871971 - or see dowym.com for more information.

Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi, C.P.

As mentioned overleaf, we invite you to join this Novena of Prayer (25th February to 5th March) for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic, without whom this parish would not have been founded. Please take a copy of this bulletin home and offer the following prayer (with your household) each day.

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.

We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth

and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Mary, Mother of Mercy: pray for us

Blessed Dominic Barberi: pray for us

Blessed John Henry Newman: pray for us