

Cake and Jam Sale:

A big thank you to all those who supported our cake & Jam sale last Sunday, £223.00 was raised towards our Parish needs (maintenance). A special thank you to Sheila for the beautiful Christmas cake for raffle. We raised £136.00. The lucky winner has generously donated the cake to be shared by parishioners so we will cut the cake after Christmas Eve Vigil.

Parish Christmas Cards Thank you to everyone who took our cards and dropped them to their neighbours. We really appreciate your support in promoting our Parish's Christmas service.

Tree of Gifts The response to the appeal for gifts for our local charity "First Days2 has been wonderful. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

Date for your diary & Parish News

Mon 7 Jan (2019) 8.30pm Film Night in the Social Club Mamma Mia, Here We Go Again! FREE (£2 sign-in fee for non-members)

Tuesday 22nd January at 7.30pm A talk by Fr Seth Phipps on "Holy Mass as Sacrifice".

Tuesday, 29th January at 7.30 pm: A talk by Fr James Bradley : "The Role of the Liturgy in the Renewal of the Church."

Pilgrimage to Poland 2019 (June 5th-11th 2019) See Poster in Advent room for more details.

Volunteers needed: First Aiders & Fire Wardens for Sunday Masses.

We need designated First Aiders and Fire Wardens for all our Sunday Masses. If you are already First Aid registered, then please contact the Parish Office and we can set up a Rota. Also if you are happy to be a Fire Warden (Training provided), please contact the Parish office. Thank you for your support.

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the Baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

Parish Bereavement Support Group can be contacted via the Parish Office

Resources

January editions of My Day by Day £1 /copy
Shorter Morning Prayer £9 per copy.
Please leave money in the boxes next to the books in the Advent Room

Offertory Collection 16th Dec

Main Envelopes	£ 280.35
Loose Cash	£ 413.97
Standing Orders	£ 742.50
Total	£1,436.82

Thank you all for your kind donations.

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Emergency numbers for a Priest –
Please call your own priest first

Christ the King, Whitley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am
St. James	Sat 6.00pm; Sun 11.00am
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.00pm
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Sun 8.30am, 10.30am
St. William of York	Sun 9.00am, 11.00am (in Latin) 6.00pm (Students' Mass)
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00am, 6.30pm

Fr. Pat Madden	0118 931 4469
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Next two weeks the Church office is open on Friday 28th Dec & 4th Jan 11am-4pm

4th Sunday of Advent	Year C p 32	23rd December 2018
Christmas Midnight Mass	Year C p34	24th December 2018
Christmas Daytime Mass	Year C p 38	25th December 2018
The Epiphany of the Lord	Year C p 48	6th January 2019

He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in His name. John 1:11-12

God desires to transform the world from the inside, beginning from your and my heart.

In the manger we recognise Him who is present in the Holy Eucharist.

In all instability and distress, our faithfully receiving Him brings remedy to our generation.

May the Baby Jesus find in us a place where He will feel welcomed with faith and love and joy.

Fr Stan

Psalm Response:

23rd December—; God of hosts, bring us back, let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

Midnight Mass: Today a saviour has been born to us, he is Christ the Lord.
Daytime Mass: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

6th January: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 23rd Dec 4th Sunday of Advent	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Giannit & Anne Marie Tignonsini RIP Parishioner's Intention George Bentley RIP Foundation Mass
Mon 24th Dec The Nativity of the Lord	10.00am 4.30pm 5.00pm 11.00pm	Holy Souls Children's service followed by Holy Mass Christmas Vigil Holy Mass Vigil Service & Midnight Mass
Tue 25th Dec The Nativity of the Lord	9.00am 11.00am	For the Parish For the Parish
Wed 26th Dec St Stephen	10.00am	Holy Souls
Thur 27th Dec—No Mass		
Fri 28th Dec	10.00 am 7.00pm	Repose of the souls of Wilson Parents Adoration till 8.00am Saturday
Sat 29th Dec No Mass	8.00am	Overnight Adoration finishes at 8.00am
Sun 30th Dec The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Kate & Martin Gorman 40th Wedding Anv John Bosco & TJ's Intention Joy Sellen RIP Foundation Mass
Mon 31st Dec	6.30pm	Martin Thanksgiving
Tue 1st Jan 2019 Mary, The Holy Mother of God	11.00am	Fernandes family's Intention
Wed 2nd Jan 2019 Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	10.00am	Arthur Pearl RIP Foundation Mass
Thur 3rd Jan 2019	No Mass	
Fri 4th Jan 2019	11.00am 7.30pm	Adoration till 7.00pm Thomas family's Intention Followed by Adoration till 8.00am Saturday
Sat 5th Jan 2019	8.00am 11.00am 12 noon	Overnight Adoration finishes at 8.00am Adoration Everlyne's Intention
Sun 6th Jan 2019 The Epiphany of the Lord	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary James Knox RIP James Knox RIP Baptism of Kaetochukwu Chinakwaeze Nicolae Danescu RIP rec. dec

We wish you a blessed, peaceful & joyful Christmas and Happy New Year from Fr Stan and the Parish Office.

Next two weeks

24th/25th December—after Midnight Mass, please join us for Christmas cake, mulled wine and mince pies.

Parish Diary 2019: We had a donation for 2019 Parish Catholic Diary. It has all the catholic feast days and some prayers. Please feel free to take one. Suggested donation of £1/diary.

Christmas Day collection/ offerings

Just a reminder that the collections from all the Christmas Masses are a gift for Fr Stan's ministry amongst us. Please give generously. Thank you.

Crib Offerings

This year our Parish will donate crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs

Tuesday 26th Dec (St Stephen's Day)

10 am Holy Mass with special celebration for altar servers. We will also sing carols during Mass so please bring your instruments and then we will have a gathering in DB room.

Adoration: Friday 28th December. Adoration from Friday evening 7pm to 8am Saturday morning. Come and spend some time with the Lord. Everyone welcome.

Sun 30th December (Holy Family Sunday):

All 3 Holy Masses will have renewal of marriage vows for sacramental married couples. We will also sing carols during Mass so please bring your instruments.

Mon 31st Dec at 6.30pm Thanksgiving Mass.

Join us in church for thanksgiving mass for 2018. Spread the word. Everyone is invited.

Mon 31 Dec 7.30pm until late Social Club New Year's Eve Party- Music by Eclipse. Tickets (on sale NOW in the Club): Members £10, Guests £14, Under 18s £2 - bring something for the buffet.

Tue 1st Jan 2019: Mary The Holy Mother of God: 11am: Holy Mass

Sat 5 Jan (2019) Fr Leon Pereira, Chaplain to the English Speaking Pilgrims in Medjugorje is coming to our parish with a talk entitled "Experience Medjugorje and Our Lady's Messages". We will start with adoration at 11.00am, Holy Mass at midday, followed by lunch and talk and Rosary. See Poster in Advent room for more details. Please help us promote this event and encourage people to come.

Sun 6th Jan 2018.

The Epiphany of the Lord.

In all 3 masses Father Stan will hand out incense, chalk and cards to everyone for the blessing of their homes.

Next First Holy Communion session on 6th

Jan: Candidates to come for 11am Mass and have a meeting with Father Stan after Mass. Later meet for session in Church at 2.30pm.

Thank you

A big thank you to all involved in the process of preparation towards Christmas, starting from those who attended and helped to prepare Rorate Masses on Wednesday, the Penitential Service, those who helped prepare decorations in the church: Crib, Christmas Tree, flowers, music, all involved in the liturgy and leading the children in their Play.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

23rd Dec: Maureen Chapman (2000); George Bentley (2003); **24th Dec:** Muriel Bowman-Smith (1976); Pauline Thackram (2001); **25th Dec:** Donald Wignall (1996); **26th Dec:** Anthony Lesner (1999); Mary James (2009); **29th Dec:** Mary Kayley (1982); **30th Dec:** Joy Sellen (1993); **1st Jan:** Zena Pringle (1997); David Botherel (1992); **2nd Jan:** Sarah Doherty (1979); Brian Sheldon (1997); Cis Byrne (1999); Arthur Pearl (1976); **3rd Jan:** Thomas Flannery (2015); **4th Jan:** Robert Scott (1989); Kathleen Rooney (2001); **5th Jan:** Therese Polanski (2008); Elizabeth York (2015)