

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR Sat 18th Jan 2020 at 7pm. Please put your names on the list if you are coming to the Parish meal. We are looking for a volunteer to organise the entertainment. Plan is to have a mini sketch and involve groups that we have in the church e.g. music group, cleaning group, flower arranging group, sacristans, readers etc. Please use your skills and gifts that God has given to you. If interested, please contact Mel on noronhamel@hotmail.com

Parish Bereavement Support Group can be contacted via the Parish Office.

Pastoral Area

Tue 17th Dec SIMBANG GABI" MASS: at St Joseph's Tilehurst at 6.30pm. The Reading Filipino Community invites everyone to their Traditional Christmas Mass. Hog Roast in the hall after Mass. All are welcome.

New Year's Eve on 31st Dec Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration from 11pm to Midnight, at St William of York Church, followed by a sung Midnight Mass, with a little celebration in the church annex afterwards. All are very welcome!

Reading's Foobank-"ReadiFood" urgently requires these items for food parcels. Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Ready Meals, Tinned Fruit, Single Toothbrushes, Deodorant. The box is in the Advent Room. Thank you for your contribution and generosity.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje Wednesday Sept 30th till 7th Oct 2020. Half Board £595.00 (based on shared room) single supplement applies. Please contact Heather Hauschild hauschild287@btinternet.com for more details & to reserve a place.

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School
Year 7 Admissions Sept 2020. The deadline to submit a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to the School so that your application can be ranked correctly is 31st Dec. Please contact Mrs Farrelly, Admissions Administrator admissions@hughfaringdon.org or 01189574730

Monday 20 January, 7.30pm in Whiteknights Campus. Former Director of the British Museum, writer and BBC broadcaster, Neil MacGregor will give a talk on "A Church for Shepherds or for Kings?" Admission is free. To book your place visit www.reading.ac.uk/events

Offertory Collection 8th Dec

Main Envelopes	£	122.00
Loose Cash	£	431.23
Standing Orders	£	757.44
Total	£	1,310.67

Thank you all for your kind donations..

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain
Mobile: 07391 896559, RBH: 0118 3227105
Sunday Mass 4.00pm
Patients, staff & visitors welcome.
On admission all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic & if they wish to have Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led".

Reading Catholic Churches Sunday Mass Times

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)
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00am, 6.30pm

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

Fr. Pat Madden	0118 931 4469
Fr. Bill Wilson	0118 969 3423
Cn. John O'Shea	0118 957 4171
Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 2149
Fr. Peter Glas	0118 942 8632
Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Patrick O'Donohue	
Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

CUBS Mon. 6.45pm / **BEAVERS** Thurs. 5.45pm / **SCOUTS** Fri 8pm in **HALL**

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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The Church office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 11am-4pm

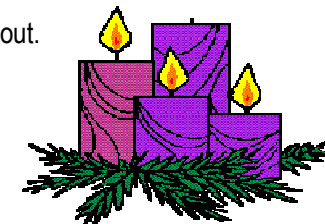
Third Sunday of Advent

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Gaudete Sunday- Joy as one of the fruits of God's Loving Presence

If we were hungry for God,
we would not have a problem understanding what Advent is about.
If we lost God,
we would appreciate him more.
If we found God,
we would never allow Him to be lost amongst many things.
If we knew that forgiveness and reconciliation is possible,
we would sacrifice ourselves for the sake of Jesus' peace.
If we witnessed how God's message works in hearts,
we would never leave Holy Scripture on a shelf.
If we saw how much we benefit from little gestures of daily charity,
we would smile and offer a hand to everyone.
If we knew how much flavour our openness brings to the community,
we would remain open even to our difficult neighbours.
If we knew how much depends on the room we make for others,
we would enjoy every moment when we are unnoticed, unseen, not welcomed.
If we experienced the gentleness of the Almighty,
we would never have a problem with confession.
If we were touched by the living God,
we would not be able to live without Holy Communion and Adoration.
If we understood how much we are loved by God,
we would be overwhelmed by joy.



Fr Stan

Psalm Response: "Come Lord, and save us."

We will say the Angelus before all Masses during Advent

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 15th Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Marcelo Vinueza RIP Rita Rose Ransley RIP Salomen Coronel RIP
Mon 16th Dec	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Thyveetil Family Intention
Tue 17th Dec	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary John McNamara RIP
Wed 18h Dec	Rorate Mass 6.30am	to honour Bl Virgin Mary Eva Nora's Intention
Thu 19th Dec	No Mass	
Fri 20th Dec	9.00am 10.00 am	Adoration followed by Rosary Peter Tilton RIP Foundation Mass
Sat 21st Dec	No Mass	
Sun 22nd Dec 4th Sunday of Advent	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Pauline Berry RIP rec.dec. Louis Carlos Alcantare RIP Lourdes Leitao Thanksgiving

11am Mass Children's liturgy: Please register your child before Mass..

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

20th Dec: Gladys Arnold (2001); **22nd Dec:** Martha Franks (1998); Margaret Sellers (1998);

Poem Competition

Father Stan would like to thank Lucie Abadias-Monot, Yana Alumkal, Matthew Bray, James Bray, Henry d'Hendecourt, Christopher Dowse, Joseph Dowse, Rosita Ikhinmwin, Gabriel Mandizha, Eva Mundackal, Juhana Nihil, Noah Nihil, Patience Oladepo, Promise Oladepo, Antoni Stein, Nneka Uzokwel, Vera and two further anonymous entries for submitting their poems. All of them are great and all are joint first in this competition. Come and see Father Stan as he has a special gift for you. .

Sacrament of Reconciliation

20 minutes before Sunday & Weekday Masses. On Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation 6.00pm-7.15pm or by private appointment with Fr Stan

12+Youth group: Every Sunday (Term Time) from 12-13.30 in Carl Barton Room.

Youth Group Coordinator: Eva Nora - a.nora@hotmail.it

This Week

Parish Christmas Cards are ready for distribution. It has information on our Christmas services and an occasional poem written by Father Stan. Please feel free to take some cards for your families and friends.

Parish Diary for 2020 is now for sale for £2. in Advent Room.

Missio calendar's for 2020 are in Advent room. Please take a copy.

Children's Nativity Play and Mass: Thank you for volunteering. Rehearsal after 11am Mass on Sunday 15th Dec & 22nd Dec for 45 min.

Volunteers for Christmas service: Dear Sacristans, Musicians, Singers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Welcomers, Altar Servers, Money Collectors, please volunteer for Christmas Vigil and Masses at 9 am and 11 am. Thank you. The list is available in the Advent Room.

Monday 16th December 7.30pm: Last Penitential Service at St James before Christmas

Rorate Mass at 6.30am every Wednesday during Advent - Come and celebrate Mass by candlelight before dawn.

Our 'Giving Tree' This year our chosen charity is New Beginnings, a Reading charity which cares for the homeless in various ways. Please take a gift suggestion card off the tree and bring the gift, unwrapped, at any time before Wednesday 18th December. Thank you in advance for your generous response .

Christmas offertory collection

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

Christmas services

Tue 24th 4.30pm-Children's Nativity play followed by Christmas Vigil Holy Mass.
Tue 24th 11.00pm Vigil Service followed by Midnight mass. Please join us for a glass or two of mulled wine after the Mass
Wed 25th 9 am & 11am - Holy Mass
Fri 27th 10am Holy Mass.
Sun 29th Dec: Holy Family Sunday . 9am. 11am & 5pm Holy Mass with renewal of marriage vows-
Tues 31st Dec: 6.30pm: Thanksgiving Mass for 2019
Wed 1st Jan 11.00am: Holy Mass

Rehearsal for Midnight Vigil mass for Musicians :Mon 23rd Dec at7.30pm in church. Everybody welcome. All instruments are welcome

Parish News

Advent Retreat: Great Thank you to Fr Chris for giving us our Parish Retreat. Anybody interested in developing spiritual life in the way of the presentation, then please contact Fr Stan or the Parish office .

Friday day & overnight Adoration. will start again after the Christmas break on Friday 10th January.

Mother & Toddler group at Our Lady of Peace. Monday's (Term Time from 9.30am-11.30am. £1/child +.50p/sibling. Next session is on Monday 16th Dec & topic is "Jesus is coming"

Social Club's New Year's Eve Party 8.00pm until late. Tickets for the are now on sale. Music by Eclipse in the Main Hall, . Members £10, Guests £14.

Please note the Social Club will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day .

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