

Accommodation request: 'My name is Hannah and I am 22. I am starting work as an Assistant Psychologist for children and adolescents in Reading in mid-September and I am looking to rent a room with a Catholic family. I am friendly and quiet. I was living at the Oxford Catholic student chaplaincy last year and can provide references.' My mobile number is 07850 592 411 and the email address is h4nn4h11@gmail.com

Resources

August editions of My Day by Day £1 /copy

Community Support

One Reading Community Hub:
www.reading.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Readifood (Reading's Foodbank)

You can drop off the items in the Advent room. Information on list of items for foodbank can be found on <https://readifood.org.uk>.

CIRDIC Fresh food and vegetables are needed by CIRDIC to feed the homeless. Please take them directly to CIRDIC (St Saviours Church Hall, 1, Berkeley Ave, Reading RG1 6JT) from 8.30am on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays.

CAFOD Beirut Emergency Appeal CAFOD have launched an emergency appeal to help the thousands affected by the explosions in Beirut . You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus.

Mary's Meal: works in 19 of the world's poorest countries, often scarred by conflict, drought and indescribable poverty. Yet, time and again, communities refuse to give up because they have an unwavering strength of faith in God. Mary's meal ask for our prayers and support. You can find out more about this charity on <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Message from the Finance Team:

Thank you very much to parishioners who are continuing to contribute via envelopes, standing orders, direct debit or have made donations on the website. If you would normally have placed your offering in the collection bags, please consider setting up a direct debit or make a donation on the website. if you do not already do so, please consider setting up a standing order. Our Bank Details are:
A/c name: Our Lady of Peace
Ref: Parish/Your name
Lloyds Bank sort code 30 93 04
A/C No: 00886018

Offertory Collection 9th Aug 2020

Main Envelopes	£	90.00
Loose Cash	£	282.79
Standing Orders	£	677.83
Online Donation	£	41.92

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Catholics in Royal Berkshire Hospital

Contact duty priest: 0118 3227105.

Catholics in RBH: Catholic patients at the RBH, relatives or friends should explain to staff that they request a visit from a Catholic priest in cases of serious illness. Due to recent changes, Priests can now more readily respond to requests to visit the sick in hospital. We have a team of Catholic priests in Reading who are available for this Ministry, so it is hoped that no Catholic patient at the RBH will die without the Last Rites.

Reading Catholic Churches

Christ the King, Whitley	Fr. Pat Madden	0118 931 4469
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Bill Wilson	0118 969 3423
St. James	Fr Chris Heaps / Fr David Sillince	0118 957 4171
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 2149
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Fr Peter Glas	0118 942 8632
St. William of York	Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Patrick O'Donohue	0118 966 5284
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Msrgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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Hall Bookings	Margaret Dias 07763 681072 hallbookingsolop@gmail.com



The Church office is open Tuesday- Friday 10am-12 noon

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year A **16th Aug 2020**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

"God, the King of the universe, has granted you favours that surpass nature. As he kept you a virgin in childbirth, thus He has kept your body incorrupt in the tomb and has glorified it by His divine act of transferring it from the tomb." Menaei Totius Anni, after Pius XII, Munificentissimus Deus.

At the very beginning of the history of our salvation, God himself put enmities between the Evil one and Mary, the Mother of God, between Satan and her Son Jesus, who is the Lord. She crushed the head of Satan (Genesis 3:15) and death was swallowed up in victory (1 Cor 15:54).

Then, Our Lady's victory over sin and death was gained through her intimate association with "the new Adam" – Jesus Christ. It is Christ who overcame sin and death by his own death. When we had our instructions to the faith, we were taught that through our Baptism we are born again in a supernatural way having conquered sin and death through the same Christ. Yet, God does not grant to the just the full effect of the victory over death until the end of time has come. So the bodies of even the just are corrupted after death, and only on the last day will they be joined, each to its own glorious soul. However, it is not the case with Our Lady, as God has willed that the Blessed Virgin Mary should be exempt from this general rule. She, by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body. The Virgin Mother of God was from the very beginning free from the taint of original sin and was bodily Assumed into heaven.

As St. Alphonsus Liguori, Doctor of the Church says: "Jesus did not wish to have the body of Mary corrupted after death, since it would have redounded to his own dishonor to have her virginal flesh, from which He, Himself had assumed flesh, reduced to dust." St Bonaventure adds: "The soul is not a person, but the soul, joined to the body, is a person. It is manifest that she is there in soul and in body. Otherwise she would not possess her complete beatitude."

"Let death pass you by, O Mother of God, because you have brought life to men. Let the tomb pass you by, because you have been made the foundation stone of inexplicable sublimity. Let dust pass you by; for you are a new kind of formation, so that you may be mistress over those who have been corrupted in the very stuff of their potter's clay" (St. Germain I of Constantinople, a. 733 A.D.)

Fr. Stan

Psalm Response: On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold..

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 16th Aug The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity (transferred)	8.30am Ad Orientem (online streaming) 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 5.00pm Ad Orientem	Parishioner's Intention McAteer family intention Jofi Thanksgiving
Mon 17th Aug	Daily Mass without congregation	Alan Pollard RIP (Foundation Mass)
Tues 18th Aug	Daily Mass without congregation	Joe Valentine's intention
Wed 19th Aug St John Eudes	Daily Mass without congregation	Fernandes family intention
Thur 20th Aug St Bernard	Daily Mass without congregation	Intention available
Fri 21st Aug St Pius X	11.00am -7.00pm Daily Mass without congregation	Adoration Karolina's birthday
Sat 22nd Aug The Queenship of Mary	No Mass	
Sun 23rd Aug 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Ad Orientem (online streaming) 11.30 am (Facing Congregation) 5.00pm Ad Orientem	Achilles Fernando RIP Souls in Purgatory Parishioner's Intention

OLOP Parish Live Stream Link via facebook.com/olop.church

Please note that the dispensation from obligatory attendance of Sunday Mass remains valid.

As per government guidelines, from Saturday 8th August, Face covering will be mandatory in church unless you are exempt from doing so.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot, now, receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Anniversaries:

Please keep in your prayers for the souls in our "Book of remembrance" for this week.

17th Aug: Alan Pollard (2013); 18th Aug: Bruce Bentley (2018);
19th Aug: Joan Kennedy (1992); Alan Williams (2011);
20th Aug: Caroline Wheeler (1985); Pauline Pringle (1999);
21st Aug: Francis Molony (1956) and Gordon New (2000).

Sunday Mass, Monday & Friday evening Masses are open to the congregation. Masses can be booked via our website www.olop.org.uk or by calling 07444079157. Masses to be booked by 8pm the previous day.

Weekly Schedule:

Weekday Mass: From 17th Aug to 31st Aug - there will be no Public Mass on Mondays and Fridays as Fr Stan is away. We wish him a restful retreat. We welcome Fr Pio, who will be celebrating the three Masses on Sunday 23rd Aug & 30th Aug.

Please note change in opening times for private prayers:

Monday 5.00pm-7.00pm,
Tuesday-Thursday 3.00pm - 7.00pm
Friday: 11.00am -7.00pm (Adoration)

Facemask: As per government guidelines, from Saturday 8th August, face covering will be mandatory in church unless you are exempt from doing so. Please be respectful to parishioners who are not wearing masks as we are not aware of individual personal needs. Let us all be kind and supportive of one another.

Please find below updated guidance from Bishops' Conference and in line with government guidelines on the wearing of face masks.

-All those attending churches must wear a face covering unless exempt from doing so. This is intended for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet;

-Priests in the sanctuary, providing they are sufficiently distant (2m or more) from the congregation, do not need to wear a face covering except when distributing Holy Communion;

-The priest, and those who are distributing Holy Communion should wear face coverings when doing so. The communicant should unloop their face covering and consume the Sacred Host and then replace the face covering before moving back to their pews in an orderly manner.

Parish News:

Parish Office will be closed for a week from 24th Aug to 31st Aug.

Sunday Mass: We appreciate that not everyone is ready to come back and in view of that we are looking to introduce another Mass for 20 people in the weekend in September / October to help parishioners especially those in the Vulnerable category or those shielding, so they feel safe in attending Mass.

Volunteer for 11.30am Mass: We would also like to start live streaming the 11.30 Mass and would appreciate a volunteer who could help with the live streaming.

Risk Assessment: We were pleased to welcome Stewart Cripps, the Diocesan Health and Safety Officer last Wednesday and pleased to confirm that he was more than satisfied with our provisions. We would like to confirm that we are constantly updating our Risk Assessment and making sure that we are adhering to Government and Bishop's guidelines in ensuring that our church is COVID 19 safe. If you have any questions then please feel free to contact the Parish office or the Parish team and we will do our best to address any concerns you may have with regards to keeping the parish COVID-19 safe.

Health & Safety Coordinator: We are pleased to announce that David Slezak has agreed to be our Health & Safety Coordinator.

Volunteers for Open Air Mass

Due to the current Covid restriction, we are thinking of organising an open air Mass on September 13th at 11.30am. We will need help in setting up the sound system and other logistics, if you are able to help us then please contact the Parish office.