

Helping those most Vulnerable in our Parish.
If you know of anyone, or are yourself lonely and/or vulnerable, please consider giving details to the parish office.

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

Catholic Universe & Catholic times readers:-
Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722.. Special offer: 3 MONTHS :-£22.00 or 12 Months:- £80.00

Viva Voce: Quarterly Diocesan Newsletter is available in the Advent Room. Please feel free to take a copy.

Community Support

Readifood (Reading's Foodbank): You can drop off the items in the Advent room. Information on list of items can be found on <https://readifood.org.uk>.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

19th Dec: Ted Aldridge (2016); **20th Dec:** Peter Tilton (1991); Gladys Arnold (2001); Armando Massi (2019); **22nd Dec:** Martha Franks (1998); Margaret Sellers (1998); **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);
Please pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound, especially: Margaret Browne (Parishioner).

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	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	Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

CIRDIC: Items for packed lunches are needed 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.

Pastoral News:

Diocesan Survey and Questionnaire: Bishop Philip is encouraging all parishioners to take part in this survey. The link can be found on the Portsmouth diocese website or via [Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Questionnaire Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](http://Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth - Questionnaire Survey (surveymonkey.com))

Offertory Collection 13th Dec 2020

Main Envelopes	£	20.00
Loose Cash	£	262.40
Online £		30.00
Standing Orders	£	769.50

Thank you all for your kind donations

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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The Church office is closed from 25th Dec 2020- 4th January 2021

4th Sunday of Advent	Year B	20th Dec 2020
The Holy Family	Year B	27th Dec 2020

Christmas under instability of our time

Where is the baby who was in the womb of Mary against whom the enraged dragon went off to wage war?

*He lies in a manger.
He is on the altar.
He is conceived in me.*

Where is the baby protected by Joseph in the womb of Mary against stones of shame, despair and the law?

This is the baby who overcomes the darkness but comes beneath it. This is the baby, which horrifies those who sit on thrones unless they change

Where is the baby who brings joy to oxen and donkeys? Where is the gentleness that brings many to fall?

*He lies in a manger.
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Where is the baby, the new creation of the Holy Spirit and Mary? Where is the balm of peace passing through soul and body?

Dear brothers and sisters,
At this challenging time, I wish you to experience stability and confidence in Baby Jesus, yet peaceful and joyful Christmas,

Fr. Stan

Psalm Response:

20th December—; I will sing forever of your love, O Lord
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.
Sunday 27th Dec: O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sat 19th Dec	4.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (Facing Congregation)	Nelson Nicholas RIP rec. dec
Sun 20th Dec 4th Sunday of Advent	8.30am Ad Orientem *11.00 am (Facing Congregation) *5.00pm Ad Orientem	Joshua Paul 1st birthday Rita Rose Ransley RIP Peter Tilton RIP Foundation Mass
Mon 21st Dec	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Eva Nora's Intention
Tues 22nd Dec	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Thanksgiving to St Anthony The church is open for private prayers
Wed 23rd Dec	*7.00am (on- line streaming) 1.00pm - 4.00pm	George Bentley RIP Foundation Mass The church is open for private prayers
Thurs 24th Dec The Nativity of the Lord	*5.00pm (Facing Congregation) 8.00pm (Facing Congregation) *11.30pm	For the Parish For The Parish Vigil prayers (Office of Readings)
Fri 25th Dec The Nativity of the Lord	*Midnight Ad orientem 8.30am Ad Orientem *11.00 am (Facing Congregation)	For The Parish For The Parish For The Parish
Sat 26th Dec St Stephen	10.00am 4.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (Facing Congregation)	Thanksgiving to St Joseph Brigid's Intention
Sun 27th Dec The Holy family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8.30am Ad Orientem *11.00 am (Facing Congregation) *5.00pm Ad Orientem	Gorman Family Thanksgiving Nanyazi Thanksgiving Intention available
Mon 28th Dec The Holy Innocents	Daily Mass without congregation	Anjali Valentine thanksgiving
Tues 29th Dec St Thomas of Canterbury	Daily Mass without congregation	Adepoju Salako RIP
Wed 30th Dec	Daily Mass without congregation	Paul & Neena wedding anniversary
Thursday 31st Dec	6.30pm Thanksgiving Mass for 2020	For the Parish
Friday 1st Jan 2021 Mary, The Holy Mother of God	*11.00am 5.00pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory Hannah & Colin Turner RIP
Sat 2nd Jan 2021 Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	10.00am -12.00 4.00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (Facing Congregation)	1st Sat devotion to our Lady Intention available
Sun 3rd Jan 2021 2nd Sunday after Christmas	8.30am Ad Orientem *11.00 am (Facing Congregation) *5.00pm Ad Orientem	Intention available Intention available Arthur Pearl RIP Foundation Mass

* Mass will be live streamed via YouTube (olop earley).

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

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

Christmas week

COVID-19 update: As we approach Christmas, It has been announced that Berkshire is in tier 3. Under the government guidelines, you can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father Stan will be available from 1.00pm - 4.00pm on Tuesday 22nd Dec & Wednesday 23rd December for outside confession. No need to book, please come over by the grotto. If Father Stan is not there, then, let the parish office know and Fr Stan will come over.

Booking for Mass: Christmas Mass and Sunday Mass can be booked online via our website or by calling the parish office on 0118 9663711. Deadline for telephone booking (for Christmas Mass and Sunday Mass for 27th December) is Tuesday 23rd December 3.00pm and deadline for online booking (just for Christmas Mass) is Tuesday 22nd December 8.00pm.

Children's Mass: Christmas Eve 5.00pm Mass is fully booked, however you can book the Saturday 26th Dec 10.00am St Stephen's Mass. This will be the children's mass.

Outdoor Christmas Crib: We are thankful to a group of volunteers who have erected an outdoor crib by the Grotto. The Christmas crib is a sign of hope that the goodness is in us and near us as we greet the newborn child. Please spread the word and encourage everyone to visit our outdoor crib and spread the joy of Nativity.

Christmas Crib Collection: This year Bishop Philip has asked us to donate to Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

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. Envelopes are available in the Advent Room. Cards & envelopes can also be posted through the letterbox as well.

If you are unable to come to church but would like to give a gift to support Fr Stan in his vocation and mission, then please visit our website www.olop.org.uk and click on the donate button (please put the reference as Christmas) or you can pay directly to our Parish Account: A/C Name: Our Lady of Peace

Ref: Christmas offering
Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 A/C No: 00886018.

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.

Advent giving - Our Parish's chosen Charity is "First Days": The response to the appeal for gifts for our local charity "First Days has been wonderful. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 24th December to Monday 4th January 2021. Messages on phone and emails will be checked, periodically, during this period.

Private prayer: The Church will be closed for private from Monday 28th December 2020-Saturday 2nd January 2021.

First Holy Communion: Please keep in your prayers Rita Abadias-Monot, who will be receiving her First Holy Communion on Saturday 26th December. May the blessing of the Lord be with her. Amen.

Parish News:

Wednesday 6th Jan 7.30pm Mass: The Epiphany of the Lord (*Solemnity*)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on request. Please contact Fr Stan by email fatherstan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please maintain a safe distance.