

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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The Parish office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11am-2.00pm

The Baptism of the Lord	Year B	10th January 2021
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Baptism of the Lord

The great joy of the Christmas Celebrations has been flowing through the Epiphany to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, where it has reached its fulfilment.

Here, at the bank of the River Jordan, the Only Begotten (not Created) Son of God joined those sinners who asked for the gift of conversion, seeking God and His Commandments.

Here, we find Jesus Christ, the Lord, who expressed God's closeness to all the sinners seeking conversion and belonging to God and His vision of life.

Here, Jesus showed his solidarity with them, but also with all of us, who put all our efforts into beridding ourselves of our selfishness.

Here, we approach with the desire that the Lord would drag "an old person" out of us and prepare us to do His deeds by putting on us "a new person", created according to the model of God, in His righteousness and holiness based on Truth.

Here, we come with the desire for our transformation into the image of Christ Himself.

Fr Stan

Psalm Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Readings for Sunday 10th January 2021

1st Reading Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7: *Here is my servant in whom my soul delights*
2nd Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38: *God anointed him with the Holy Spirit.*
Gospel Mark 1: 7-11 *You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.*

Readings for next Sunday 17th January 2021

1st Reading 1 Samuel 3: 3-10.19: *Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.*
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 6: 13-15.17-20 *Your bodies are members making up the body of Christ.*
Gospel John 1: 35-42 *They saw where he lived, and stayed with him.*

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.

Weekly & online donation:

Thank you to all those who make their weekly donations by standing orders and for the online donations. Thank you for financially supporting our parish during these difficult times.

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://CatholicDioceseofPortsmouth-QuestionnaireSurvey(surveymonkey.com))

Retrouvaille 2021 virtual course 25th Feb-28th Feb.

Covid 19—a very challenging time for many marriages. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ...and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 25th- 28th February 2021. Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443.

Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

9th Jan: Tim Chapman (1995); Fran Oliver (2012);
10th Jan: Emma Cattaneo (1984); Teresa Smith (2006);
11th Jan: James Ahern (baby, 1998); and Roger Joseph (2007).
12th Jan: Vincent McLoughlin (1987); Martin Brannelly (2007); **13th Jan:** Emma Fiorentini (2017)
14th Jan: Terence De Sa (1999); Eileen Herbert (2008); Kathleen McGuire (2008);
15th Jan: John Hickson (1983); Lesley Hughes (2004);
16th Jan: Kathleen Hogben (2010); Charles Hay (2017)
17th Jan: Josephine Gainey (1997); Anna Maria Goodchild

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

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sat 9th Jan	No Mass	
Sun 10th Jan The Baptism of the Lord	8.30am Ad Orientem *11.00 am (Facing Congregation) 3.00pm *5.00pm Ad Orientem	Methsiri Fernanado RIP Wilson family intention Divine Mercy Holy Hour Intention available
Mon 11th Jan	7.30pm Ad Orientem Extra Ordinary Form	Intention available
Tues 12th Jan	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	George Alexander intention The church is open for private prayers
Wed 13th Jan St Hilary	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Merlin Pereira thanksgiving The church is open for private prayers
Thursday 14th Jan	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Intention available The church is open for private prayers
Friday 15th Jan	11.00am -7.00pm 7.30pm Ad Orientem	Adoration Intention available
Sat 16th Jan	No Mass	
Sun 17th Jan 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Times	8.30am Ad Orientem *11.00 am (Facing Congregation) *5.00pm Ad Orientem	Kathleen Marie Hogben RIP Foundation Mass Intention available Parishioner's Intention

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

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

Sunday Masses can be booked via our website www.olop.org.uk (latest by 8.00pm the previous day) or by calling the Parish Office on 0118 9663711. If you are booking via telephone then please call by Friday 3.00pm at the latest as messages will not be accessed after this time.

Please note: Weekday mass on Monday and Friday is open to congregation and you do not need to book for these Mass.

Prayers in a time of coronavirus

We stand together

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved.

At this time of sorrow, incomprehension and tragedy, we stand together.

In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick

and for health and strength for all who care for them.

Amen.

Parish News:

Lockdown update: Monday 4th January 2021, the Prime Minister announced a new national lockdown to tackle the coronavirus crisis. Thanks be to God, this time our churches can remain open for private prayers and public Mass. Of course we need to continue following the national guidance on the safe use of places of worship. We must not mingle with anyone outside of our own household or support bubble and we must maintain strict social distancing at all times. The clinically vulnerable should follow the guidance on shielding.

Saturday 4.00pm Vigil Mass: Due to the current lockdown restriction and the clinically vulnerable being asked to shield, this Mass is cancelled until further notice.

Sunday 10th Jan at 3.00pm. Divine Mercy holy hour.

Church is open for private prayer :

Tuesday - Thursday : 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Friday with Adoration from 11.00am -7.00pm.

followed by 7.30pm Mass.

Church refurbishment: We are really fortunate and thankful to the team of volunteers who after completing the Lady Chapel decoration, have started the refurbishment of the confessional and have also put an illuminated display case of Our Lady of Fatima and Divine Mercy on either side of the feature window. They look fantastic and they draw the eye towards the church while waiting at the lights at the traffic junction.

Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies

January 10th - "As we celebrate the baptism of our Lord, we recall our own baptism and the promise of life we have gained through it. We pray that all would be given the opportunity to experience life in its fullness, both in this world and the next."

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

Mass Intention: The Mass Intention book for 2021 is available for you to book your Mass Intention. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we cannot place the book in the Advent room. You can book Mass Intention via the Parish office either by visiting in person or phoning the Parish office during opening times.

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>.