

Friday 26th Feb - Sat 27th Feb- 24 hours Passion of Christ at our church. We will have our normal daytime Adoration on Friday from 11.00am and the 24 hours Passion of Christ will start at 4.00pm with Holy Mass and finish on Saturday 27th Feb with Holy Mass at 4.00pm. You are welcome to join the Adoration at any time. Please register your interest with the Parish Office.

CAFOD Lent Fast day on Friday 26th Feb and Sunday 28th Feb is collection for CAFOD Lent day

Lenten Read: Book recommended by Fr Stan -The Fourth Cup. Unveiling the Mystery of the Last Supper and the Cross” by Scott Hahn. His re-discovery of the Holy Mass has had a profound effect in his spiritual life.

Pastoral News:

Prayer & Praise with Bishop Philip every Thursday during lockdown from 7.30pm - 8.30pm via the Cathedral Live Stream: The service is called Verso L’Alto: Reach to the Heights!

Lenten Retreat every Monday during Lent: ‘Finding Hope in Scripture’, led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. Register here to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZEtc-2grjkiGtU8vPFJea2ktvR5U0MZ1mrL>

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>. Also needed are donations of Toiletries eg Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Soap, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant and Household Cleaning Items

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. Please contact Mabel at enquiries@circidic.org.uk or text 07817 373773 to arrange delivery first.

Offertory Collection 31st Jan 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 20.00
Loose Cash	£ 213.64
Online	£ 30.00
Standing Orders	£ 705.52

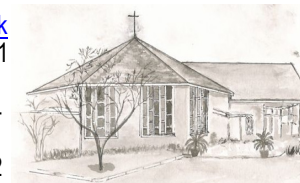
Thank you all for your kind donations

2nd Collection on 31st Jan was for Racial Justice - £10.72

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year B	7th Feb 2021
1st Reading Job 7:1-4,6-7: Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.		
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23 I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.		
Gospel Mark 1: 29-39 He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.		

You do not need to be strong to love - Christian perspective

*You do not need to be strong to love.
You do not need to be cute to be loved.
You do not need to be fashionable to be valuable.
You do not need to be healthy and fit to be useful.*

You do not need to be strong and cute, fashionable, healthy and fit to touch hearts and remain there for ever.

*You do not need to be on Facebook to have friends.
You do not need to sit on a throne to be treasured and respected.
You do need to be abrupt to survive.
You do not need to be in control to be responsible.
You do not need to be educated to be wise.
You do not need to be a star to shine.*

What do I need to be then to bring life?

*You need to stop being a follower of every news around.
You need to start using your mind.
You need to stop being a viewer of your life.
You need to live your life, not others.
You need to be present when you love.
You need to step back to make a space for another
and forget what you are when you learn to love
your closest, your friends, your neighbours, your enemies
and allow Christ to love with you
in you
through you.*

Fr Stan

Psalm Response:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

Catholics in Royal Berkshire Hospital

Contact duty priest: 0118 3227105.

Chaplaincy at the RBH is covered and shared by Fr. Pat Madden and the priests from the FSSP. Fr. Pat covers every Monday from 12 Noon until Thursday 12 Noon. The priests from FSSP cover from Thursday 12 Noon until Monday 12 Noon. Priests on call are only allowed into the hospital to give the last rites in danger of death as this is the Hospital policy due to the ongoing current COVID 19 pandemic

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 6th Feb St Paul Miki & Companion	10.00am-12.00 noon 1st Sat Devotion to our Lady	Holy Souls
Sun 7th Feb 5th Sunday in Ordinary Times	8.30am *11.00 am *5.00pm	Methsiri Fernando RIP Donna Brogan RIP rec. dec Fr Edward & Stanislaw's Intention
Mon 8th Feb St Jerome Emiliani	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Mrs C.H. Fernando RIP
Tues 9th Feb	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Eva Nora's Intention The church is open for private prayers
Wed 10th Feb St Scholastica	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Paola Moretti RIP rec. dec The church is open for private prayers
Thur 11th Feb Our Lady of Lourdes	*10.45am 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Requiem Mass for Paola Moretti The church is open for private prayers
Fri 12th Feb	11.00am -7.00pm 7.30pm	Adoration Hans RIP rec. dec
Sat 13th Feb	No Mass	
Sun 14th Feb 6th Sunday in Ordinary Times	8.30am *11.00 am 3.00pm *5.00pm	Ken Mansfield RIP Parishioner's Intention Divine Mercy Fiona Mongan'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 Friday) 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 the congregation and booking is not necessary.

**Church is open for private prayer : Tuesday - Thursday : 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Friday with Adoration from 11.00am -7.00pm.**

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

7th Feb: Anna Pelickan (1978); **8th Feb:** Roselyn Fernando (1990); and Agnes Teresa Walsh (2007); Elizabeth (Liz) Ann Bailey (2018)

10th Feb: Kathleen Patience (1977); Catherine Winston (2004);

12th Feb: Mary Wallace (1987); **13th Feb:** Ann Mackie (1992);

Please pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound, especially Margaret Browne (Parishioner).

Parish News:

Baltimore Catechism course by Fr Anthony Pillari: Fr Stan feels that now more than ever, there is a greater need to embrace Catechism. Hence he suggests joining online video www.olrfamilycatechism.com

Saturday 6th Feb: 1st Saturday of every month - 10am-12.00.(Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary followed by Holy Mass.

Requiem Mass for Paola Moretti on Thursday 11th February at 10.45am (by invitation only) at our church. We pray for the repose of Paola's soul and also keep her family in our prayers. *The Mass will be live streamed.*

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to people who are discerning whether to join or come into full communion with the Catholic Church; new sessions to start soon. To find out more, please see Fr. Stan after Mass or contact the Parish office.

Missio Red Box: We are pleased to confirm that Kate Gorman is our Parish representative for the Missio Red Box. Over the coming week Kate will be contacting everyone on the current list. If you are keen to contribute to the Mill Hill Missionaries then please contact Parish office for more information.

Offertory envelope and GIFT AID: As we near the approach to the end of this financial year, please can you inform the office if you still require offertory envelopes for the coming financial year 2021/22. If you wish to join our gift aid scheme and set up a regular donation, please let the Parish office know and the relevant form will be emailed to you.

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.

Lent preparation

Lenten talk by Fr Stan: Fr Stan will upload his reflection on St Joseph every Wednesday during Lent.

Last Year's Palm Crosses: Sadly, last year we went into national lockdown in the 3rd week of Lent and missed receiving our palms on Palm Sunday. If you have any old palms at home then please bring them to church and place them in the basket provided in the Advent Room. On Tuesday 16th Feb after morning Mass, Fr Stan will burn them and save the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Wed 17th Feb (Ash Wednesday) 10.00am & 7.30pm Mass. Please book online for these Masses. (Booking will close on Monday 15th Feb at 7.30pm). *Both the Mass will be live streamed.* Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday. As per guidelines from the Bishop, when distributing ashes, Fr Stan will sprinkle the ashes on the top of parishioners heads.

Prayer at 12 noon: During the November lockdown, we started a parish initiative to say the Angelus every day. We shall start this practice again during Lent. A message will be put up in our Whatsapp group at 12 noon and we can pray for an end to this pandemic and for each of us to grow in faith and holiness.

Change in Mass times on Friday due to Lent: Weekday Friday Mass will be at 10.00 am during Lent.

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7.00 pm. This is a beautiful practice which brings us into unity with the crucified Lord. *Stations of the Cross will be live streamed.*

From Wednesday 24th Feb during Lent - Mass at 6.30am. Come and celebrate Mass by candlelight before dawn (No booking needed for this Mass).