

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

Pastoral News:

Prayer & Praise with Bishop Philip every Thursday during lockdown from 7.30pm - 8.30pm via the Cathedral Live Stream.

Message from SPUC: The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation>. The consultation ends on 26 February 2021.

Retrouvaille 2021 virtual course 25th Feb-28th Feb. COVID 19 has created a very challenging time for many marriages. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples. For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Offertory Collection 7th Feb 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 20.00
Loose Cash	£ 448.30
Online	£ 210.00
Standing Orders	£ 705.52

Thank you all for your kind donations

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. Also 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.

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@cirdic.org.uk or text 07817 373773 to arrange delivery first.

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

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

14th Feb 2021

1st Reading Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46: *The Leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.*

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 *Take me for your model, as I take Christ.*

Gospel Mark 1: 40-45 *The Leprosy left him at once and he was cured.*

God touches hearts even in the middle of their decay

After all the traumas of spiritual, moral, psychological and physical leprosy, the triumph of the evil one might have been announced. This has never happened, and the world still exists. After the evil one has shown his ugliness, the ocean of consolation is again at hand.

This is the evidence of the triumph of the patient and loving Presence of God. Indeed, the Lord heals us from our deadly inability to love God and our neighbour. Jesus Christ touches our hearts even in the middle of their decay, and changes them into the most beautiful fragrance of love. This happens at the foot of the Cross, at the Sacrament of Confession, at the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, at the fruitful participation of the Holy Mass, at the act of forgiveness.

Once we approach Jesus with a contrite heart, His Love can then, heal the mess done in us by others, by illness or by our unhealthy actions.

Whatever is touched by God's love brings freshness and the bud of hope and beauty.

The healing touch of Christ makes us free to love and to cherish. It even establishes in us the potential of our loving hearts to grow bigger and wider than the range of our hands.

Fr Stan

Psalm Response: You are my refuge, O Lord; you will fill me with the joy of salvation.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 15th Feb	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Anna Fedyna
Tues 16th Feb	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Intention available The church is open for private prayers
Wed 17th Feb Ash Wednesday Day of fasting & Abstinence	*10.00am 1.00pm - 4.00pm *7.30pm	Parishioners Intention The church is open for private prayers Holy Souls
Thur 18th Feb	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Eva Nora's Intention The church is open for private prayers
Fri 19th Feb	10.00am 11.00am -7.00pm *7.00pm	Intention available Adoration Stations of the Cross
Sat 20th Feb	No Mass	
Sun 21st Feb 1st Sunday of Lent	*8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Intention available George Johnson RIP Poor Clare Sisters

* Mass / Service 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

13th Feb: Ann Mackie (1992); **15th Feb:** Maria Giovanni (1987).

17th Feb: Robert Green (1991); Christopher Coles (1989); Lauren Savage (2002); Jane Grigg (2014); Laurence (Locky) Sheehan (2017); Mary Brannelly (2018). **18th Feb:** Henry Ward (1988);

19th Feb: Gisella Nottingham (1979); Gerard Conway (2005); Marie Scott (2014);

20th Feb: Stanley Tompkins (1989); Beatrice Ntang (2010); **21st Feb:** Gerard Cashman (2013);

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

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, the all-Holy One, who gives us life and all things. As we live through this Ash Wednesday, may the crosses of ashes that mark our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to Your Son. May our almsgiving and prayer and fasting this day be sustained throughout these 40 days of Lent. Bring us refreshed and renewed to the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. Amen.

Lent preparation

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). As per guidelines from the Bishop, when distributing ashes, Fr Stan will sprinkle the ashes on the top of parishioners heads.

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

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.

Angelus Prayer at 12 noon 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: 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 - Candlelight Mass at 6.30am. (No booking needed for this Mass).

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

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/register/tZETc-2grjkiGtU8vPFJea2ktvR5U0MZ1mrL>

Parish News:

Changes to Live Streaming: From this Sunday, 8.30am and 11.00am Mass will be live streamed instead of 11.00am and 5.00pm.

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.

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 the online video course on www.olrfamilycatechism.com

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. If you are keen to continue or start new contribution to the Mill Hill Missionaries then please contact Parish office for more information.

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.