

Parish News:

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: It is time to return the Red Box for collection. You can drop them to church/parish office or have them collected from your home. Please contact Kate Gorman on 07834734067 for more details.

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.

Pastoral News:

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

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/meeting/register/tZEtc-2grikiGtU8vPFJea2ktvR5U0MZ1mrL>

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.

Offertory Collection 28th Feb 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 20.00
Loose Cash	£ 289.00
Online	£ 30.00
Standing Orders	£ 703.30

Thank you all for your kind donations

2nd Collection 28th Feb: CAFOD £55.00.
Thank you for your support.

Next second collection is on Sunday 14th March. It is our annual collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund - for priests and retired priests who may need financial help.

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year B

7th March 2021

1st Reading Exodus 20:1-17: *The Law was given through Moses.*

2nd Reading ! Corinthians 1:22-25: *Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.*

Gospel John 2:13-25 *Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Engaging with God as He is.

As Lent is unfolding, let us reflect on the most basic and principal truth: that God made us for Himself. Let us remind ourselves again that the real God is the God to whom we owe everything; and we must worship God in the way God tells us to do. If we worship Him our way, we do not dedicate ourselves to Him, and in fact we corrupt the image of God, the very act of worship. Indeed there are even acts of worship that God rejects. We find plain explanation of that truth in Malachi 1:6-14. There is a strong complaint of the Lord about worshippers: "If I am a father, where is the honour due to me? If I am a master, where is the respect due to me?"

From the very beginning of the human race, people have had tendency to praise the Lord their way. Cain and Able both worshipped God. Indeed, both of them made sacrifices. Both prepared altars, both spent time to prepare everything to worship God and they dedicated their time, energy and goods. Both of them offered their produce to God. However, as we see, God recognised only the one sacrifice, the sacrifice of Abel. Cain's way of worshipping was not what God required.

In the same way, God reminded His chosen worshippers a number of times that the Temple is a place where man meets God. How many times did the Israelites try to build the Temple? How many times did God not allow it to happen? How many times did people change the usage of the Temple? How many times did God purify the Temple and even allow it to be destroyed? All these questions are to help us to see that we must worship God in the way God tells us to do. We need to fear the danger of worshipping God in a way He does not want.

Fr Stan

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	Mmgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sat 6th Mar	10.00am-12.00 noon 1st Sat Devotion to our Lady	Holy Souls
Sun 7th Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent	*8.30am *11.00 am	Poor Clare Sisters Nan Laffey RIP Foundation Mass
Mon 8th Mar	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Souls in Purgatory
Tues 9th Mar	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Holy Souls The church is open for private prayers
Wed 10th Mar	6.30am 1.00pm - 4.00pm 5.30pm	Eva Nora's Intention The church is open for private prayers St Joseph's Novena via Zoom
Thur 11th Mar	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm 5.30pm	Dr Rosemary Gumba RIP rec. dec. The church is open for private prayers St Joseph's Novena via Zoom
Fri 12th Mar	10.00am 11.00am -7.00pm 5.30pm *7.00pm	Gerald Cashman RIP 8th anniversary Adoration St Joseph's Novena via Zoom Stations of the Cross
Sat 13th Mar	5.30pm	St Joseph's Novena via Zoom
Sun 14th Mar 4th Sunday of Lent	*8.30am *11.00 am 5.30pm	In thanksgiving for prayers answered Pedro Dias RIP St Joseph's Novena via Zoom

* 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, Wednesday and Friday are 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.**

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

6th Mar: Bertha Britton (1997); **7th Mar:** Franco Ribezzo (1997);
9th Mar: Edwin Anderson (1994); Antonietta Cuzzocrea (2013); **10th Mar:** George Scola (2006);
11th Mar: Irene Garton (1978); **12th Mar:** Jacqueline Gallagher (1982); Margaret Molony (2003);
13th Mar: Chris Dickie (1996), **14th Mar:** William Miller (1986); and Doreen Warrick (2000);

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

Lent

Message from Bishop Philip - You may be wondering about the Easter ceremonies this year, with the COVID restrictions easing yet with many aspects of social distancing etc still in operation. Will we need to make adaptations? Thanks be to God this year our churches can be open and the usual Holy Week liturgies can be celebrated. And thanks too to all our clergy and lay volunteers for their generous and hard work keeping our churches open. So for Easter 2021, then, there will have to be number of subtle adaptations to the usual arrangements to ensure that things can be done safely with sanitisation, social distancing and other precautions. For instance, on Palm Sunday, instead of the usual procession, one of the other forms of Entrance Rite as recommended by the Roman Missal may need to be used. On Holy Thursday, the (optional) Washing of the Feet will be omitted and the procession to the Altar of Repose will have to be adapted. On Good Friday, there will be an additional prayer during the Solemn Intercessions for the pandemic and the Adoration of the Cross may need to be done differently. Finally, at the Easter Vigil, it will not be possible to gather round the Easter fire so this part of the liturgy will need to be adjusted.

Lent schedule in our Parish

Palms: As we will still be under lockdown restrictions for Palm Sunday, Father Stan will bless the palms and it will be available for parishioners to collect from this Sunday 7th March from Advent Room. You can also collect the palms during the week from the parish office (Tues - Fri 11.00am - 4.00pm).

Wednesday during Lent - Candlelight Mass at 6.30am. (No booking needed for this Mass).

Angelus Prayer at 12 noon during Lent:

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7.00 pm. *This service will be live streamed.*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent: Father Stan will be available from 1.00pm - 4.00pm every Friday during Lent for outside confession. No need to book, please come over to the parish office and see Rachel. Fr Stan will come over and meet you by the grotto.

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

10th - 18th March at 5.30pm: St Joseph's Novena. A new Parish initiative to start the Novena via Zoom from 10th March to 18th March at 5.30pm. Please contact the parish office for zoom details.

Friday 19th March: St Joseph Feast. Holy Mass at 10.00am & 7.30pm. Stations of the Cross at 6.45pm.

Thursday 25th March - The Annunciation of the Lord. Holy Mass at 7.30pm

Holy week

(Online booking for Mass for Holy Week from Tuesday 16th March 3.00pm. Booking will close on Friday 26th March at 3.00pm)

Sunday 28th March Palm (Passion) Sunday - 8.30am, 11.00am & 5.00pm Mass.

Mon 29th March: 7.30pm Mass
Tues 30th March (No Mass at church)
Wed 31st March (No Mass)

Thurs 1st April Maundy Thursday
10.00am Office of Readings: Tenebrarum
8.00pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's supper followed by Adoration until midnight.

Friday 2nd April Good Friday
(Day of fasting & abstinence)
10.00am Office of Readings: Tenebrarum
11.00am Children's Good Friday service
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion
7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 3rd Apr Easter Saturday
10.00am Office of Readings: Tenebrarum.
8.30pm Easter Vigil
Sunday 4th Apr - Easter Sunday.
8.30am, 11.00am & 5.00pm Mass.