

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 14th Mar 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 100.00
Loose Cash	£ 185.75
Online	£ 315.60
Standing Orders	£ 703.30

Thank you all for your kind donations

Second collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund : £68.00. Thank you.

Boxes of offertory envelopes for the next tax year (April 2021-April 2022) are ready for collection from the Advent Room. Please take your named box.

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

Next Special Collection

Good Friday: Holy Places

Each year, the Church takes up a collection on Good Friday to assist Christians in the Holy Land and help protect the Holy Places. For the Christians of the Holy Land, as for the rest of the world, 2020 was "a year of trials," due to necessary isolation, the loss of work on account of the lack of pilgrims, and the difficulties in living with dignity and providing for their children. Also, due to the pandemic, the economic aid normally provided by the Holy Land collection, also fell short.

Easter offerings- The collections from all the Easter Masses are a gift for Fr Stan's ministry amongst us. Christmas and Easter are the most substantial part of a priest's yearly income. Please do use the envelope provided & give generously. Thank you.

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.olo.org.uk and click on the donate button (please put reference as Easter) or you can pay directly to our Parish Account: A/C Name: PRCTR Reading Our Lady of Peace Ref: Easter offering Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 A/C No: 00886018.

Cards & envelopes can also be posted through the letterbox.

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

5th Sunday of Lent

Year B

21st March 2021

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34: *I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.*

2nd Reading Hebrews 5:7-9: *He learnt to obey and become for all the source of eternal salvation.*

Gospel John 12: 20-30: *If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest*

Psalm Response: A pure heart create for me, O God.

Acceptance of the Cross

Today, we see the Lord proclaiming his crucifixion for the last time before the Last Supper begins. He explains plainly that He came for this very hour. From today, we focus specifically on the role of the cross. At this stage, acceptance of the cross is not only an invitation to follow Jesus Christ, but it becomes a clear condition for discipleship, and the ultimate proof of whether we lead a spiritual life; If we do not accept the cross, we waste our time, and our life. There are two key elements of accepting the cross.

The first key element is praise and our thanksgiving for what He has done for us, for His Blessed Passion, for His Blessed Death, for the fact that He has taken on Himself all our weaknesses, mistakes, errors, offences and transgressions and with them conquered the power of the Evil one. In this way, we are invited to praise the Lord and to bless Him: in His Sacrifice, with Him and in Him we are united with the Father.

The second key element is equally important and must never be forgotten: We likewise need to be crucified with full acceptance from our side. If we do not, we will come to a dead end. If we cling to our life, we lose it. The only way of victory is to glorify God through a heart, which embraces crosses. Without losing your life for eternal life, there is no Christianity. We are to place ourselves "below", onto the ground, in order to be fruitful. Humbling yourself is the way of becoming fruitful. In the spiritual battle, there is no hope in fighting directly the opponents on their own terms. On the contrary, in all the history of persecutions we learn fruitfulness of the martyrdom of Christians.

To help us to go "below", to fall onto the ground and to die for ourselves day by day, let us recall the moment of our death. Especially, at that time we will think instantly how to survive, how to fix our wounds, how to take breath, how to have hearts perfectly repaired. However, at that time what God wants from us is that we commit ourselves into His hands, to fall and die to be united with Christ. Indeed, the moment of our death is a perfect example of an invitation to accept the cross

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sat 20th Mar	10.00am	Lucy Collaco RIP 1st anniversary
Sun 21st Mar 5th Sunday of Lent	*8.30am *11.00 am	Methsiri Fernando RIP Hayres & Richard 14th wedding anniversary
Mon 22nd Mar	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Fr Ricky Lalana S.J
Tues 23rd Mar	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Judith and Jess Andalis RIP The church is open for private prayers
Wed 24th Mar	6.30am 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Harper family The church is open for private prayers.
Thur 25th Mar The Annunciation of the Lord	1.00pm - 4.00pm 7.30pm	The church is open for private prayers Anthony Thyveetil RIP
Fri 26th Mar	10.00am 11.00am -7.00pm *7.00 pm	Intention available Adoration Stations of the Cross followed by overnight Adoration till Sat morning 6.00am
Sat 27th Mar		Overnight Adoration continues till 6.00am
Sun 28th Mar Palm Sunday	*8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Monika Celoch RIP Elizabeth & Brian Caton RIP (Foundation Mass) Bridie Ryan RIP 1st anniversary

* 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

20th Mar: Eileen Watson (2011); John Miller (2011); Lucy Collaco (2020)

22nd Mar: Mary Molony (1981); & Richard Martin (2003); **23rd Mar:** John Austen Fardy (2006);

24th Mar: Joyce Hart (1990); Jorge Hortal (1999); Ray Dils (2002); **25th Mar:** Irene Hickson (1994);

26th Mar: Elizabeth Caton (1999);

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

This Week

Sat 20th March: 10.00am Holy Mass is for the repose of the Soul of Lucy Collaco, who died a year ago at the beginning of lockdown.

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

Angelus Prayer at 12 noon during Lent:

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

Overnight Adoration on Friday 26th March: Our daytime Adoration has been a source of comfort for many. There is a desire among some parishioners for overnight Adoration. Fr Stan has decided to start overnight Adoration on the last Friday of every month from Friday March 26th.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on request. Please contact Fr Stan by email fatherstan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please maintain a safe distance. Please note that Fr Stan is not available for reconciliation on Friday 26th Mar due to a prior commitment.

Parish News:

Online booking for Holy Week: Booking for Easter Triduum services is available via our website www.olop.org.uk or by calling the Parish Office on 0118 9663711. (Online booking for Easter Triduum will close on Friday 26th March). Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday Mass are available for booking as per the usual Sunday Mass booking guidelines.

Children's Good Friday service on 2nd April at 11.00am - This is for all families with young children and children in primary school. Please book for this service. This will only go ahead if there is demand.

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

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.

Holy week

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

Mon 29th March: 7.30pm Mass (no booking)

Tues 30th March 11.00am Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral (*online streaming*)

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.

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

Pastoral News:

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

Message for our Catholic Universe & Catholic Times readers in the Parish:- at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, "post free". Please call 0161 820 5722 or visit www.thecatholicuniverse.com. Cost £115.00 Print Copy and Digital Edition, (saving over £39.00). Print only £99.00, Digital only £55.00.