

communicate that today a new look at the family is necessary on the part of the Church." He stressed that reiterating the value of doctrine is not enough. Rather, we must become "custodians" of the beauty of the family and take care of its fragilities and wounds "with compassion".

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.

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. You can donate online via <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/good-friday-collection-for-christians-in-the-holy-land>

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 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.olop.org.uk and click on the donate button (please put the 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.

Offertory Collection 21st Mar 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 110.00
Loose Cash	£ 278.05
Online	£ 30.00
Standing Orders	£ 703.30

Thank you all for your kind donations

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	Msrgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

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

Passion Sunday

Year B

28th March 2021

1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-7: *I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed.*

2nd Reading Philippians 2:6-11: *He humbled himself, but God raised him high.*

Gospel Mark: 14:1-15:47 (or 15:1-39):

Psalm Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

While contemplating the Passion, we become closer to our Lord. Let us be with the Lord in the moment of the rejection. God was rejected. He embraced and picked up all kinds rejections. Some of them have happened to us. Some of them we have shown to others.

There are some of us who are not happy when they hear about the Cross. However, this challenge is calculated in the process of growing to the maturity of Christian life. The same happened to St Peter, who enthusiastically professed Jesus Christ, then denied the Cross. St Peter saw a lot and yet escaped; was close in the Upper Room, was alongside when the Lord prayed in the Olive Garden. Indeed, he did not climb the Mount of Golgotha but in his act of contrition and by our Lord's prayer from the Cross, he ended up right in the middle of the heart of Jesus.

When we have great devotion to the Passion we learn better that through the Sacrifice of His Cross the darkness is overcome.

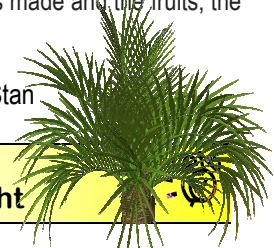
By adhering to the crucified Jesus, our love and faithfulness increases. By adhering to the disfigured and crushed image of Jesus, equally we see His glorified face. With Him, we unite our wounded hearts and allow Him to reign. Indeed, the Lord reigns over the Universe and reigns from the Cross. The Cross of Christ is our stronghold as it conceives in us the joy of the Resurrection. We experience that miracle at every single Holy Mass as there we mysteriously take part in the events of Calvary. At every single Mass, the Sacrificial Offering of Jesus is made and the fruits, the Holy Body and Blood of the Lord, are given to us.

We proclaim His death and resurrection to the world ...

Fr Stan



**REMEMBER! - Clocks spring forward
1 hour this weekend on Saturday night**



Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 29th Mar of Holy Week	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Monika Celoch RIP
Tues 30th Mar of Holy Week	11.00am 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Chrism Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral The church is open for private prayers
Wed 31st Mar of Holy Week	No Mass 1.00pm - 4.00pm	The church is open for private prayers.
Thur 1st April Maundy Thursday	*10.00am *8.00pm	Office of Readings: Tenebrarum Solemn Mass of the Lord's supper followed by Adoration till midnight
Fri 2nd April Good Friday (Day of fasting & abstinence)	*10.00am 11.00am *3.00pm 7.00pm	Office of Readings: Tenebrarum Children's Good Friday service Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
Sat 3rd April Holy Saturday	*10.00am *8.30pm	Office of Readings: Tenebrarum . Easter Vigil Mass for Parish family and friends
Sun 4th April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	*8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Parish family and friends Parish family and friends Parish family and friends

* 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.

Church is open for private prayer : Tuesday - Wednesday : 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

28th Mar: Elizabeth Caton (1999); **29th Mar:** Vera Seckey (1979); and Daniel Lynch (2004).
30th Mar: Andrew Molony (1997); Chantelle Pattinson (2000);
1st Apr: Patrick Burke (2008); Frederick V. Ntang (2010); Bridget Fuery (2012);
2nd Apr: Mabel Blake (1985); **3rd Apr:** Edward Woyczyns (1973); John Newton (2003);
4th Apr: Maria Colella (1989); Bridgeen Fox (2012).

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

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 from cathedral*)

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.

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(Day of fasting & abstinence)

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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).

Booking for Holy Week: All spaces for the Solemn Mass on Maundy Thursday, 3.00pm Good Friday Solemn Liturgy, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am are fully booked. There is a waiting list for these Masses Unfortunately, we have to adhere to safety guidelines and cannot change the number of places available inside.

We have some alternative suggestions:

Maundy Thursday : There is Adoration till midnight after the Holy Mass. You are most welcome to come and spend some time with our Lord.

Good Friday: There are two services - 11.00 Children's Service and 7.00pm Stations of the Cross.

Easter Sunday - 5.00pm Mass is still available.

Those on waiting list for Easter Triduum : We are trying to work out the logistics towards organising safe outdoor seating. Please bear with us and we will contact you.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Father Stan will be available on Saturday 27th Mar for confession. Fr Stan can be contacted by email fatherstan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please e mail to make an appointment. It is kindly requested that a safe distance is maintained. .

Easter Cards: Due to reduced numbers being able to attend church, this year, Fr Stan has decided not to do Easter cards. Please help us to promote the Good News and our Easter Service on Youtube.

Changes to Weekday Mass after Easter Apart from Mass on Easter Monday at 7.30pm there will be no Mass during the Easter week including Adoration. The following week beginning 11th April, Father Stan will start to celebrate Mass on Tuesday morning at 10.00am. (Wednesday and Thursday Holy Masses will be celebrated without congregation). Friday Mass will move back to evening at 7.30pm

Parish projects & maintenance update

Blocked drains: Our thanks go out to the team of volunteers who worked hard the whole of Saturday to remove debris of leaves and roots and were able to clear the blocked drains.

Refurbishment of Dominic Barberi room: We are immensely grateful for the generous donations from 3 parishioners that has allowed us to start the work. We will be grateful if anyone wishes to contribute to this project.

Pastoral News:

Pope launches Amoris Laetitia Family Year
Last Friday, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Pope Francis inaugurated the "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year urging all to support families and to accompany them along the journey of life. "The main intention of the document is to