

Altar project: The current altar is made out of poor quality material and hasn't been consecrated yet. In order for the Altar to be consecrated, the Altar needs to be improved. The base will remain the same and the top will be replaced with marble stone. Fr Stan would be grateful to anyone who would like to contribute to this project.

DB Room project: We continue to do further improvement work. Thank you to all the volunteers and also to all those who donated generously for us to progress with this project.

Offertory Collection 28th Mar 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 130.00
Loose Cash	£ 259.72
Online	£ 130.00
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.

Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday **Year B 4th April 2021**
Psalm Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) **Year B 11th April 2021**
Psalm Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

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

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. 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 collections 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.olo.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.

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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The Parish office is closed from Thursday 1st April till 12th April 2021.

Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday **Year B** **4th April 2021**

Christ is Risen!

The tomb is empty and it is pointless
 To dwell on the bitterness any longer.
 The emptiness of the tomb opens us up to the faith.
 The emptiness of our hearts calls us to the faith.

Christ is risen in this world!
 Mary Magdalene saw Him alive.
 Peter and others touched His wounds in the Upper Room.
 The disciples met Him in Galilee.

Easter springs forth -
 Out of pain, loneliness, rejection and darkness,
 Deprivation and hunger,
 Diseases, wars and violence.

Christ died and rose again!
 He died on account of sin.
 He rose for the redemption of history,
 Including yours, mine, and our families' history.

May the Easter Alleluia resonate in the Church.
 Let it exult throughout the universe.
 May it stream forth like the sun's rays in springtime.
 May it cause the dormant buds of our souls to blossom.
 Heaven and earth rejoice!

Dear friends,
 Christ has risen, just as He said! I wish for you to experience the passing of the living Lord through the middle of our hearts, homes. We are really exhausted with the current crisis, hence we search for hope and lose focus on God. For that very reason, remember that it is the Lord who did conquer the Pharaoh who enslaves you. May the same Risen Lord touch you so that you say after St. John: "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death." (1 John 3:14).

Happy Easter! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sat 3rd Apr Holy Saturday	*10.00am *8.30pm	Office of Readings: Tenebrarum . Easter Vigil Mass for Parish family and friends
Sun 4th Apr 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
Mon 5th April	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Powell family
Tues 6th Apr - Sat 10th Apr	No Mass	
Sun 11th Apr 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	*8.30am *11.00 am 3.00pm 5.00pm	Emilian Amran 4th birthday Eva Mundakal 10th birthday Divine Mercy John Daly RIP 1st anniversary
Mon 12th April	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Lils Myca Intention
Tues 13th Apr	10.00am 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Margaret Berriman RIP rec. dec The church is open for private prayers
Wed 14th Apr	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Intention available The church is open for private prayers
Thur 15th Apr	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Theresa Doyle RIP The church is open for private prayers
Fri 16th April	11.00am -7.00pm 7.30pm	Adoration Peter AA Vaz RIP
Sat 17th April	No Mass	
Sun 18th April 3rd Sunday of Easter	*8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Nora Dunleaby RIP rec. dec Bryan Hunt RIP rec. dec. Intention available

* 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.

From 13th April, Church is open for private prayer : Tuesday - Thursday : 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Berriman (Parishioner) who died on 27/03/2021. Our prayers are with her family and friends.

Please also pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound, especially Margaret Browne (Parishioner) & Ken Murphy (Parishioner) who is undergoing an operation on Maundy Thursday. .

Thank you

A huge thank you to all at our church who have given their time and energy to help make our Holy Week, Easter Masses and Services so special. May the light of the Resurrected Christ restore us with its resplendent joy. Easter blessing from Fr Stan and the Parish Office.

Holy week

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).

Changes to Weekday Mass after Easter: Apart from Mass on Easter Monday at 7.30pm, there will be no Mass or Adoration during the Easter week. 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 7.30pm

Divine Mercy Novena: Divine Mercy Novena, starts on Good Friday and continues for 9 days, leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday. The Novena can be found on the following website: <https://catholicnovenaapp.com/novenas/divine-mercy-novena/#>.

Parish News:

Parish Finance: Financially, this period has been difficult as we have lost out on income from our Hall. Further, we had some unforeseen costs towards the purchase of equipment for streaming the services. Thanks to your donations, we were managing to break even but, from February this year, we have had to start paying the Diocese our Levy fees. In 2019, we used to pay £2116.03 / month. In 2020 the Diocese didn't charge us any Levy fees. This year, the fees have been calculated and we have to pay £2992.68 every month. This is a very steep jump and we will struggle to pay this huge charge especially as our numbers have dropped significantly, We have some essential maintenance in progress that has already been budgeted for.

Thank you to all those who make their weekly donations by monthly standing orders. We know that times are very uncertain for everybody but if you are able to increase your donation, or if you pay weekly via the loose plate collection then, please consider donating either by setting up a standing order or donating via our website. .

Online A/C Name: PRCTDR

Ref: Parish/Your name

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Please contact the Parish office for Gift Aid information

Via the parish website. Just click on the Donate button.

Thank you for supporting your parish during this difficult time.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

3rd Apr: Edward Woyczys (1973); John Newton (2003);

4th Apr: Maria Colella (1989); Bridgeen Fox (2012); **5th April:** Christopher McDonagh (2017);

9th April: June Harbison (2011); **11th April:** Carlton Alves (2002);

12th April: Frederick Harvey (1996); Robert Bosanko (2014); Clare Poulton (2016)

13th April: Muriel Wigley (1993); **14th April:** Nan McDonagh (2017);

15th April: Theresa Doyle (2016); **16th April:** Leonard Cracknell (1993);

17th April: Horace Tilley (1983); Margaret Eddleston (2004);

18th April: John McGlynn (1988); Una Quinn (2007).