

Pastoral News:

Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors. Tuesday 4th May 2021 is the new date for the National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse.

Retrouvaille a Virtual weekend commencing on 1st -4th July 2021. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. For confidential information about "Retrouvaille", or to register for the next programme, Call or text +44788 729 6983 or +44 797 338 0443.

Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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

Offertory Collection 18th Apr 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 25.00
Loose Cash	£ 210.00
Standing Orders	£ 703.30

Thank you all for your kind donations

Special Collection

Special Collection on Sunday 25th April is for the Clergy Training Fund. The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians through their training for the priesthood. Our Diocese is blessed with 12 seminarians currently in training, two of whom are due to be ordained later this year. This is a mandatory collection and an important one for our Diocese. As you may know, the Diocese as a charity is responsible for generating all our funding needs. It takes 7 years to train for the priesthood, and costs £27,000 per year for each seminarian. Investing in the future generation of priests is a great privilege and responsibility for our Diocese; we rely on the generous support of our faithful community. Collection after Mass or via online <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/clergy-training-fund>

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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The Parish office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm

4th Sunday of Easter

Year B

25th April 2021

1st Reading Acts 4:8-12: *This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

2nd Reading 1 John 3:1-2: *We shall see GOD as he really is.*

Gospel John 10: 11-18: *The good shepherd is one who lays down hi life for his sheep.*

Psalm Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Christ, the Good Shepherd

There are many religions but only one covenant God - Jesus Christ who entered into Heaven via the Cross, who Sacrificed Himself and for our sake is fully present in His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. This is the New Covenant which we profess. He accepted rejection and death because He loved his people. He wishes to heal us and made us into his image. "It was by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth ... This is the only one by which we can be saved". "Behold the great love that the father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God". Our Good Shepherd interests us by his words: "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." Our Good Shepherd also reassures us: "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"

We, as His disciples are called to imitate Him in our love and care of one another. We will be able to fulfil our vocation when we continue to listen to Him, to follow Him, to receive Him in the Most Precious Body and Blood. In this way, our Lord, the Good Shepherd will lead us safely to Heaven. Because of that He teaches us: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. "I am a good shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep... I know my own, and my own knows me...they listen to my voice..."

The image of Christ, the Good Shepherd reminds us that we should pray for our priests, our shepherds. Finally, today the church provides us with another good opportunity to pray for the Holy Father. We really need to pray for Pope Francis so that he is faithful Vicar of Christ – the Good Shepherd.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 25th April 4th Sunday of Easter	*8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Myles Jennings RIP Intention available Doreen Horsburgh RIP
Mon 26th April	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Holy Souls
Tues 27th Apr	10.00am 1.00pm - 4.00pm	O'Shea family RIP The church is open for private prayers
Wed 28th Apr	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Donoghue family RIP The church is open for private prayers
Thur 29th Apr St Catherine of Siena	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Intention available The church is open for private prayers
Fri 30th April St Pius V	11.00am - 7.00pm 7.00pm (Please note change in time for Holy Mass)	Adoration Holy Souls
Sat 1st May St Joseph the Worker	10.00am-12.00 noon 1st Sat Devotion to our Lady	Holy Souls in purgatory
Sun 2nd May 5th Sunday of Easter	*8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Holy Souls Intention available 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.

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

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.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

26th April: Maria Mastrocola (2002); Stanley Smith (2017);
28th April: Mary Orrom (1980); Quinta Gunasekera (2020)
30th April: Maria Jordan (2005);
1st May: Shirley Preston (2011);

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

Parish News:

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

Thursday 13th May: The Ascension of the Lord *solemnity.* Holy Mass at 7.00pm.

RCIA: Please keep in your prayers our two candidates:
1. Bartosz Bartoskiwiz who will receive his sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 2nd May.
2. Jefferey James Griggs who will be reconciled with the church on Saturday 8th May.

FHC Sunday 16th May at 1.00pm : Please keep in your prayers our five First Holy Communion candidates:
Nathan Ron Smith,
Myka Ikuni Oluwatobiloba Adoh,
Beatrice Josephine Deeney,
Molly Josie Mews
Shathana Stanislaus
The candidates will receive their First Holy Communion on 16th May. May the blessing of the Lord be with them. Amen.

Overnight Adoration on last Friday of every month. Overnight Adoration will be on the last Friday of every month. In months where there is clash of 1st Saturday and last Friday of the month, the overnight adoration will be on the preceding Friday.

Diocesan Magazine *Vive Voce*: – The Easter 2021 edition of *Vive Voce*, bringing you high quality news from our diocese, is available on the table in the Advent Room.

Forthcoming Events.

CWA & Warrior's of Mary dedication day: Both groups will hold their Dedication Day on Saturday 14th August, when Bishop Philip will attend to admit candidates to the organisation, and to conduct Mass. The programme for the day will be published nearer to the time.

Consecration of the Church.

It is hoped that Bishop Philip will be able to undertake the Consecration in Autumn, this year - this will depend on the necessary work to improve the altar being completed.

Fr Stan's Silver Anniversary: In May it is the 25th Anniversary of Father Stan's ordination. Due to current restrictions, his celebration with the parishioners will take place in October.

Rosary Mission

Mgr. Philip Moger, the new Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, wishes to invite us all to join in a Rosary Mission across the month of May. The intention is to pray for the following:

- Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St Joseph
- A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life
- Peace in the world
- Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.

Each night at 8pm there will be the foundational Rosary – to Jesus through Mary - led from a different Parish/Shrine. This will lead into three important Days of Prayer:

1. Monday 24th May – Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church We invite a Rosary Day of Prayer to pray for our young people – to pray and intercede for the Mission and Intentions of our Schools, Youth Associations/Groups/Projects, our Young People and for Families.

2. Sunday May 30th – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - We will host a National Rosary Relay Rally throughout the Dioceses of England, Wales and Scotland. Once again we invite the Bishops, Priests and lay faithful of each Diocese to note their particular Rosary Hour – Portsmouth is from 12 noon til 1 pm - and to encourage the parishes and peoples of the Diocese to unite around their Bishop in intercession for the Rosary Mission intentions and for the needs of their particular Diocese.

3. Monday May 31st – Feast of the Visitation – Bishop John Keenan will host a Crowning Rosary online at 8pm, in thanksgiving for the graces received from the Lord Jesus through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary during the May 2021 Rosary Mission.