

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.

Pastoral News:

Pentecost Novena from Friday 14th May to Saturday 22nd May at 5pm (4:30pm on Saturday 15th and 22nd). Fr Tom Grufferty invites you to join him for an online Novena hosted by the Lay Benedictine Community in preparation for Pentecost. You are welcome to pass this invitation to family and friends. There is no need to book beforehand, just click on this link:
<http://www.laybenedictines.org/novena>

Pro-life Chain: Saturday 29th May 2021 from 10am to 12 noon on Kings Road. SPUC invites you to mark the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into force in 1968, by joining our Pro-Life Chain for an hour or two.

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

This is a peaceful, silent roadside vigil in solidarity with unborn children, their mothers and anyone suffering from the effects of abortion. We will be following Government guidance on Covid-secure requirements. The meeting point will be at Cemetery Junction from 9:50am before lining up down the road at 10am. For more information, contact Martin at spucreading@gmail.com.

CAFOD is responding to the crisis in India and you can support this response by donating to their Coronavirus Appeal. CAFOD are also holding a special online Mass on Friday 7 May at 6.30pm to pray for the people of India. You can register online . <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/india-emergency>.

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

Offertory Collection 2nd May 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 200.00
Loose Cash	£ 271.34
Standing Orders	£ 703.30

Thank you all for your kind donations
Second Collection on 16th May is for World Communication Day

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

6th Sunday of Easter

Year B

9th May 2021

1st Reading Acts 10: 25-26.34-35.44-48. *The Holy Spirit has poured out on the pagans too.*

2nd Reading . 1 John 4:7-10. *God is love.*

Gospel . John 15: 9-17. *A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

Psalm Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Joy, love and friendship with the Lord

There is a close relationship between joy and charity. The interaction between them is very interesting: Joy left without charity loses its character and inner beauty; charity without joy is incomplete.

When we look closer at the nature of joyfulness, we see it as the basic expression of simplicity, purity and meekness of God's children who are in the presence of the Almighty. It is a witness of our remaining in Jesus Christ. Darker moments of our life show us more how much we are immersed in Him.

Indeed, Christian joy comes from faithfulness to Christ and adhering to Him. It is linked with the inner experience of being called to friendship, to sainthood on a very personal level. Joy of drawing the juices of friendship with Christ is enormous. Christ is the vine; we are the branches. If we add that there are some vine roots which reach up to 50 metres, we can imagine how deeply we might be rooted in the Lord to be able to draw the sweet root juice of the Loving Presence. Probably because of that St Teresa of Avila said: "From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us."

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 9th May 6th Sunday of Easter	8.30am *11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Peter Fernando RIP Thomas Newman RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Marianne's father
Mon 10th May St John of Avila	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Michael Cafferty RIP (Foundation Mass)
Tues 11th May	10.00am 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Larry Burke RIP The church is open for private prayers
Wed 12th May Ss Nereus, Anchilleus & Pancras	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm 4.00pm	Neville Pereira RIP rec dec The church is open for private prayers Rosary in church
Thur 13th May The Ascension of the Lord	1.00pm - 4.00pm 7.00pm	The church is open for private prayers Nora Flemming's Intention
Fri 14th May St Matthias	11.00am - 7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Roman's family's intention
Sat 15th May		
Sun 16th May 7th Sunday of Easter	8.30am *11.00 am 1.00pm 5.00pm	Holy Souls Private Intention First Holy Communion Joanna Sarafin's Birthday

* 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

9th May: Louise Miles (1999); Mary Morris (2000);
10th May: Michael Cafferty (2010); 11th May: Abdul Jazrawi (1980)
12th May: Mary Vidgen (1980); Cyril Tilton (1981);
13th May: Eileen O'Brien-White (1980); Joan Judd (2012); Christina Field (2018);
14th May: Ivy Florence Allen (1998); Katy Mills (2002);
15th May: Nellie Sawyer (2000); Edward McAuliffe (1977); Vera Johnston (1995)

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

Parish News:

Sunday 9th May 2.30pm: Divine Mercy Holy hour.

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

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.

Fr Stan's Silver Anniversary on 25th May: On Saturday 15th May at 10.00am Father Stan will celebrate a private thanksgiving Mass. Due to current restrictions, his celebration with the parishioners will take place in October 2021.

W/C 17th May: Changes to weekday and Sunday Mass: Father Stan will be away this week and hence, there will be no Weekday Mass on Friday 21st May & Monday 24th May. On Sunday 23rd May, Supply priest will celebrate the 8.30am and 11.00am Mass. There will be no 5.00pm Mass on Sunday 23rd May 2021.

Social Club reopens: We're delighted to announce the Social Club will be re-opening on Tuesday 18 May: Tue-Thu 7.30pm-11.00pm, Fri & Sat 7.30pm-11.30pm, Sun noon-4pm. Social-distancing measures in force, including table service. (Please note: closed Mondays and Sunday evenings.)

Forthcoming Events in our Parish.

Saturday 14th August. 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 on Wednesday 8th December at 6.00pm. We are pleased to confirm that Bishop Philip will be able to undertake the Consecration of our church this year. Please keep our church in your prayer.

Month of May

Request from the Pope : Pope Francis has asked for a marathon of prayer around the world throughout May for an end to the pandemic. Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The Rosary will be broadcast on Vatican News daily at 6pm Rome time (5pm UK time).

In our Parish

To join in the mission of Pope Francis, we will have the Litany to our Lady said after Mass on Tuesday and Friday. Every Wednesday at 4.00pm, we will say the Rosary in church. Please do come and join us in church on Wednesday.

Sunday 30th May after 11.00am Mass: Rosary will be said after Mass to join the National Relay Rally throughout the Diocese of England. Portsmouth Diocese Rosary hour is from 12 noon - 1.00pm.

Rosary Mission from Walsingham:

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 for our young people.

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 and 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.