

Forthcoming Events in our Parish.

Saturday 14th August. CWA & Warriors 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.

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 e.g. 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:

Diocesan Newsletter Summer 2021

The summer edition of the quarterly Diocesan Newsletter Viva Voce is in the Advent Room. This summer edition has a special focus on the current Year of the Eucharist and also on Vocations.

Encountering Christ: To mark the start of the special Year of the Eucharist, Bishop Philip has asked the Academy of the Annunciation to present a new interactive short series online: Encountering Christ. The course will run from 7:00 – 9:00pm on Tuesday Evenings until 13th July 2021 and you can sign up for free. [Encountering Christ - 5 Session Course June/July 2021 | AoA \(aoa-edu.com\)](https://www.aoa-educational.com/encountering-christ-5-session-course-june-july-2021)

Fatima - A new Film: A beautiful new film has been made about Fatima, portraying the events of 1917. This movie is being shown at the Showcase Reading from Friday 25th June.

Offertory Collection 27th June 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 10.00
Loose Cash	£ 543.14
Standing Orders	£ 754.84

Second Collection on 20th June was for Peter's Pence Collection after Mass £ £103.33

Thank you all for your kind donations

Next Second Collection on 11th July is for Apostleship of the Sea.

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

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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Parish office opening hours :Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

4th July 2021

1st Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5 The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them. .

2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10. I shall be very happy to make my weakness my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.

Gospel Mark 6 1:6 A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Psalm Response:

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

What are you hungry for?

The world, with all its proposals is trying hard to satisfy us and make us happy. There are some problems with that. It is quite obvious that the task is beyond our capacity. It is also obvious that there are deadly rules in this world as it is mortal and limited. We are, also, very different and have different areas where we measure our deepest fulfilment.

Apart from that, once we have awakened strange goals or developed unhealthy habits, we place ourselves on the fence. Importantly, putting aside our choice, preferences and desires, and listening to what is written in our human nature, we will find the very principal likeness to God, that we cannot fully find in ourselves except through a sincere gift of ourselves.

Finally, when we ask the most basic question of why did God make us? We ought to acknowledge the liberating truth that he made us for himself so that we know him, love him and serve him in this world and to be happy with him for-ever in the next world. The true religion which we profess, shares great light upon our minds that this world is not our destiny and completion of our happiness. However in this world our hearts are restless until we find our rest in God, until we live our calling which is participation in God's own life who reveals himself, and who even invites us to intimacy.

In this light, the important question is: Where is your heart? Then you will see what are you are hungry for.

Fr Stan

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

Please note that the dispensation from obligatory attendance of Sunday Mass remains valid.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 4th July 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Terence Gorman RIP John Kain RIP rec. dec Josephine's Intention
Mon 5th July St Anthony Zaccaria	7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Intention available
Tues 6th July St Maria Goretti	10.00am 1.00pm - 4.00pm	Lorraine Walsh thanksgiving The church is open for private prayers
Wed 7th July	Daily Mass without congregation 1.00pm - 4.00pm 4.00pm	Eva Nora Intention The church is open for private prayers Rosary in church
Thur 8th July	No Mass 1.00pm - 4.00pm	The church is open for private prayers
Fri 9th July St Augustine Zhao Rong	11.00am - 7.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration Intention available
Sat 10th July	No Mass	
Sun 11th July 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am *11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Achilles Fernando RIP George Johnson RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Parishioner's Intention

Prayer for the week:

"Mary, Mother of Jesus, teach me to love Jesus as you love him. Give me your heart, so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate, your heart so full of love and humility, that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love him as you love him and serve him in the distressing disguise of the poor" (St. Teresa of Calcutta).

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation available on request. Please email Fr Stan via: fatherstan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and also, please maintain a safe distance.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

4th July: Joseph Vablaïs (1981); Luigi Fiorentini (1999);
5th July: Peggy Lorenz (1996); and Dr. Zdenek Latymer (2012).
6th July: Anna Gabrione (1989); John Bradbury (2015); **8th July:** William Purcell (1988);
9th July: William Armstrong (1987); **10th July:** Samuel Arthur Mayes (1998);
11th July: Dermot Durnin (1995); George Johnson (2010);

Please also pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound.

COVID-19 update:

As you are aware from the local news that our Parish comes under the Wokingham district's ward of Whiteknights where there is a worrying increase in the coronavirus Delta variant. Please can we remind all parishioners to adhere to the following when coming to Church

- Please do not come to church, if you or anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms.
- The wearing of a face covering is mandatory unless a person has an exemption from this.
- Use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Fill the track & trace form and drop it in the box provided or scan the QR code on the NHS app on your phone.
- Please sit on the pews with the blue sign.
- After prayer, please use the sanitiser wipes at the end of the pew and wipe the area around you.
- Please dispose of the wipes in the bin provided in the Advent room.
- Thank you for keeping our church safe.

Parish News:

Rosary before Sunday 8.30 and 11.00am Mass. Father Stan would like to start a core group to say the Rosary before the Masses on Sunday. Please speak to Fr Stan if you would be interested.

Sunday 11th July at 2.30pm. Divine Mercy Holy Hour. Divine Mercy service at our church every 2nd Sunday of the month. Please spread the word.

New to our Parish: A warm welcome to those new to our Parish. Please introduce yourself to Father Stan and also register with us on our website www.olop.org.uk, click on the Parish Database button, log in & fill in your details which are for parish use only and confidential. Thank you.

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

First Holy Communion 2022.

Parents, If your child will be in School year 3 and will be at least 8 years old between 1st Sep 2021 and 31st August 2022, then you are eligible to join our next First Holy Communion preparation program in September 2021. Please email or write to Father Stan at the church office, with child's name, date of birth, date and place of baptism, and parents' names, address, phone number and contact details. Further details about the programme will be communicated to you.

Confirmation 2022 is offered for all young baptised Catholics who would in school Year 8 or above in September 2021. If interested, then please email or write to Father Stan at the church office. Further details about the programme will then be communicated to you.

Mass Intentions: There are Mass intentions available over the coming weeks. Please book them for your deceased relatives or for any intentions that you may have. Please contact the Parish office for more information. Thank you.

Day by Day: July edition in Advent Room. £1.00/ book. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

Church Cleaning Rota: Thank you to all who volunteered for the cleaning. New Rota will be made for September. If you are interested then please contact the Parish office or stewards after Mass.

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.

SOCIAL CLUB now open, see the website olopsocialclub.co.uk or posters in the complex for details.