

Imagining the Gospel: Wednesday evenings from 4th-25th August 7.00pm (via zoom). The Portsmouth Diocese Spiritual Formation Team invite you to take an Ignatian Staycation this summer. Each Zoom meeting will be based around a scriptural meditation and will last less than one hour.
Meeting ID: 881 3049 5107, Passcode: 210674

Saturday 28th August 10.30am: The Association for Latin Liturgy invites all members of the diocese and beyond to their 2021 open meeting which is being held in our diocese at St Joseph's Church, Queens Road, Aldershot GU11 3JB. For more information [Association for Latin Liturgy \(latin-liturgy.org\)](http://Association for Latin Liturgy (latin-liturgy.org))

March for Life: Coach from Reading - 4th September: SPUC would like to invite you to attend March for Life this September. The day starts at 10am at Emmanuel Centre, London with talks, music and stalls followed by a peaceful march to Parliament Square finishing about 4pm.

SPUC Reading branch are organising a coach to go to the event. Tickets for the coach will be £15. Please RSVP to spureading@gmail.com if you are interested in traveling by coach so we have an idea of numbers.

Thank you message from CAFOD: CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. At the beginning, their focus was on delivering food and blankets. Later they started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. The latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. None of this work would have been

possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you.

Community Support

Readifood (Reading's Foodbank): are experiencing increased demand, and the arrival of greater numbers of refugees in Reading has emphasised the importance of our support. Your donations of dried and tinned food make a huge difference to the number of people Readifood can support. You can drop off the items in the Advent room. Information on list of items can be found on <https://readifood.org.uk>.

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.

Forthcoming Events in our Parish.

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 prayers.

Offertory Collection 1st Aug 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 5.00
Loose Cash	£ 339.01
Standing Orders	£ 695.46

Thank you all for your kind donations

Catholics in Royal Berkshire Hospital

Contact duty priest: 0118 3227105.
Chaplaincy at the RBH is covered and shared by Fr. Pat Madden (07510182722) and the priests from the FSSP (07445106330). 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. On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic & wish to receive Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led".

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. Seth Phipps	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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Hall Bookings	



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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 8th Aug 2021

1st Reading Kings 19:4-8 Strengthened by the food he walked until he reached the mountain of God.

2nd Reading Ephesians 4: 30-5:2 Follow Christ by loving as he loved you.

Gospel John 6:41-51 I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Psalm Response:

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Walk with the Lord in the valley of darkness

Let us keep in our mind that the Lord is sovereign, that we are safe and we are ready to walk ALWAYS with the Lord even (especially) in the valley of darkness (Psalm 23:4) - always being nourished by the Holy Communion with humbleness, love of God and great faith. Otherwise we are full of fear, false statements, never-ending grumbling, and we even lose our purpose of faith and life.

Walking with Christ, even (especially) in the valley of darkness, means that we are able to "never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, be kind and forgive each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ". (Ephesians 4:30-5:2).

Even great Elijah was afraid of another person who was in power. It was Queen Jezebel who wanted to humiliate Elijah and kill him. As a result of this Elijah came to a furze bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." (1 Kings 19:4). Elijah escaped into a sleep a number of times and even "he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (1 Kings 19:9).

It is good to keep in mind that the Lord is always in all challenging moments of our life which we do not understand. We learn that "after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave." (1 Kings 19:13).

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

Please note that the dispensation from obligatory attendance of Sunday Mass remains valid until the 1st week of Advent

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 8th August 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am *11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Stephen Coleman RIP Holy Souls in Purgatory Divine Mercy holy hour Carmen Hernandez & Wilson family Intention
Mon 9th August St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	7.00pm 7.30pm Extraordinary Form	Rosary Michael Harding Intention
Tues 10th August St Lawrence	10.00am 11.00am	Adoration Gabriel McCormick RIP
Wed 11th August St Clare	Daily Mass without congregation 4.00pm	Intention available Rosary in church
Thur 12th August St Jane Frances de Chantal	No Mass	
Fri 13th August St Pontian & St Hippolytus	7.00pm	Jill Bell RIP
Sat 14th August St Maximilian Maria Kolbe	11.00am	CWA & Warriors of Mary Dedication
Sun 15th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>solemnity</i>	8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	John Gorman RIP Bronislawa & Stanislaw Radziun RIP Baptism of Fiadh Brennan Jofi Alexander thanksgiving

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. The Parish Bereavement Support Group can be contacted via the Parish Office.

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

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

8th August: Gerry Stander Batt (1975); Edward Ralph (2010);
10th August: Mary Silvester (1993);
12th August: Sarah Doyle (1982);

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

COVID-19 update:

- Booking for Mass: The booking system for Sunday Mass will continue but if you would prefer to not book in advance, then please do feel free to come for Mass and you will be accommodated.
- Test & Trace: As per Government guideline, we will continue the same process of test & trace form / QR code until notified.
- Please do not come to church, if you or anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms or have been advised to self isolate.
- Face Covering: We will strongly encourage everyone to wear it inside the church but at the same time be respectful to those who choose not to wear.
- Use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Maintain a safe distance between families.
- 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:

For the vulnerable & housebound Parishioners: Even though restrictions have been lifted, we are aware that not everybody is ready to attend church. Please contact the parish office if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Communion at home. We are hoping to start making appointments for Fr Stan to make home visits from October .

Sunday 8th August at 2.30pm. Divine Mercy Holy Hour at our church every 2nd Sunday of the month. Please spread the word.

Saturday 14th August 11.00am. CWA & Warriors of Mary dedication day: We are blessed to have Bishop Philip celebrate the Holy Mass and also officiate the dedication ceremony of the 2nd group of CWA aspirants and the Warriors of Mary reception. Refreshments in the Hall after Mass.

Friday Adoration will start after the Summer break on 3rd September 2021.

Change in Tuesday Mass Time for August: Tuesday Mass will be at 11.00am Adoration from 10.00am - 11.00am.

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

First Holy Communion 2022.

We thank all the parents who have submitted their request for their child to receive the First Holy Communion. The last date for enrolment is Sunday 19th September 2021. Father Stan will meet all the Parents with their child on Sunday 26th September at 12.30. Parents, If your child will be in School year 3 and will be at least 8 years old between 1st September 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.

Confirmation 2022. We thank all the parents who have submitted their request for their child to receive Confirmation. The last date for enrolment is Sunday 12th September 2021. Father Stan will meet all the Parents with their child on Sunday 19th September at 10.15am followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am. Confirmation is offered to all young baptised Catholics who would be in school Year 8 or above in September 2021. If interested, then please email or write to Father Stan at the church office.

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

Pastoral News:

Diocesan Newsletter Summer 2021

The summer edition of the quarterly Diocesan Newsletter *Viva Voce* is in the Advent Room.

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

A new series of videos to help us focus on our Diocesan Year of the Eucharist. The first video focuses on "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist". <https://youtu.be/P45BHDR7pU>