

Diocesan Newsletter Summer 2021 The summer edition of the quarterly Diocesan Newsletter *Viva Voce* is in the Advent Room.

Pastoral News:

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 \(latin-liturgy.org\)](#)

March for Life: Coach from Reading - 4th September: SPUC would like to invite you to attend March for Life this September. We recently had the highest ever annual abortion figures in the UK (last year there were 210,860 abortions in E&W) as well as the introduction of home abortions. Let us do our part to turn the tide. The day starts at 10am at Emmanuel Centre, London followed by a peaceful march to Parliament Square. SPUC Reading branch are organising a coach to go to the event. Tickets for the coach will be £15. Please RSVP to spucreading@gmail.com, if you are interested in travelling by coach, so that we have an idea of numbers.

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world : We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are

supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/>

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.

Offertory Collection 15th Aug 2021

Main Envelopes	£
Loose Cash	£ 561.05
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
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Bill Wilson
St. James	Fr Chris Heaps
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Cn. Michael Dennehy
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Fr Peter Glas
St. William of York	Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Seth Phipps
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Mmgr. Patrick Daly

Emergency numbers for a Priest –
Please call your own priest first

0118 931 4469
0118 969 3423
0118 957 4171
0118 957 2149
0118 942 8632
0118 966 5284
0118 947 1787

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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Parish Team	earley.matters@gmail.com
Hall Bookings	Zuzanna Bochenek 07763 681072 hall@olop.org.uk



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

21st Sunday I Ordinary Time Year B 22nd Aug 2021
Psalm Response:
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord (Joshua 24:15)

Many of the followers of the Lord, many of those who today would be called Catholics, after hearing His doctrine said openly, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' (J 6:60) After their statement, they impenitently waited for Christ to give a satisfactory answer. They elevated themselves to a position greater than Christ in understanding their own needs. In fact, they dictated their demands. They wanted Christ to be pastoral over doctrinal.

The Lord did not change anything as they were wrong and stubborn. Only then, many disciples left Him and stopped going with Him. Christ, actually had indentified their expectations a while ago when He said: "you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill." (J 6:26)

The story of stubbornness of the People of God is well known. As a result of that the Church, parishes communities, you and I, need to be called back to our roots, in the same way as Joshua called the elders of all the tribes of Israel: "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped (...) and serve the Lord. If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve. (...) As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:14-15).

I would like also to call you today, if only you would hear Christ's Voice "do not harden your hearts". Let us renew our faith and say together with Peter: Jesus Christ, You are the Lord, You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God. (J 6:69).

Fr Stan

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

24th Aug: Antonio Napolitano (2019); **25th Aug:** Marlene Quinlivan (2014);
26th Aug: Thomas Callaghan (1976); Timothy Sugme (1979); Paul Nunn (2001);
27th Aug: Mafalda Mastaglio (1985); George Tinson (1988); and Mary Kelly (1989).

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

* 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 22nd August 21st Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Anne Nee RIP Parishioners Intention Terence Kelly RIP
Mon 23rd August St Rose of Lima	7.00pm No Mass in church	Rosary Mr Lee Mitchell health
Tues 24th August St Bartholomew	No Mass in church	Catherine & Ed Powell health
Wed 25th August St Lois IX	No Mass in church 4.00pm	Geraldine Louise Salako RIP 6th anniversary Rosary
Thur 26th August Blessed Dominic Barberi	No Mass in church	Cn Seamus Keenan
Fri 27th August St Monica	6.30pm No Mass in church	Rosary Eva Nora's Intention
Sat 28th August St Augustine of Hippo	No Mass in church	Gimmy Joseph RIP
Sun 29th August 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Mike Downs RIP Thanksgiving Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.

COVID-19 update:

- Booking for Mass: The booking system for Sunday Mass will continue but if you would prefer not to book in advance, then please do feel free to come for Mass and you will be accommodated.
- Test & Trace: Recent changes mean that we no longer need to record your presence in church. So, no QR (unless you want to) and no more slips to complete.
- 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:

Weekday Mass: From 23rd Aug to 17th Sept - there will be no Weekday Mass in church. Father Stan will be away and we wish him a restful break. Mass Intentions can still be made as Father Stan will continue to celebrate Mass during his break.

Sunday Mass 29th September: We welcome Fr Gerry Hastie from the Mill Hill Missionaries who will be celebrating all three Masses.

Rosary: Our Parish is immersed in Mother Mary through The Rosary which is, now being said at 8.00am on Sunday, 7.00pm on Monday, 4.00pm on Wednesday & 6.30pm on Friday.

Sunday 5th September at 8.30am & 11am Mass We are very pleased that the Knights of St Columba will bring the relic of St. Edmund Campion to our church. For more details, please visit <http://www.province30.co.uk/>.

Safeguarding Officer: Dr Mable Thyveetil has been our Parish's safeguarding officer for the last 2 years, she is stepping down due to family commitments. We want to thank Mable for all her hard work and dedication in fulfilling this role. As a parish, we are required to appoint a Safeguarding Representative. The Diocese gives full training and support to all involved. If you feel you can help with this vital role, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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 at 12.30 on Sunday 26th September. 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.

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.

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.

Resources

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