

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

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

Pastoral News:

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/>

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	Msgr. Patrick Daly

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 29th Aug 2021

Main Envelopes	£ 7.00
Loose Cash	£ 510.80
Standing Orders	£ 695.46

Thank you all for your kind donations

Second Collection

12th September: Catholic Education Service
Education Sunday falls on the 12th September and the focus this year is thanking all those who work in Catholic schools for their hard work and dedication during the pandemic. [Home \(catholiceducation.org.uk\)](http://Home.catholiceducation.org.uk)

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 & BI Dominic Barberi

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Harish Chander
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Parish Team

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Hall Bookings



Parish office opening hours :Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.
Office is closed on Wednesday 8th September 2021

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B

5th Sept 2021

Psalm Response: My soul, gives praise to the Lord.

Impeding God's grace

Jesus was travelling through the region known as the "Decapolis," between the coast of Tyre and Sidon, and Galilee, therefore in the peripheries and even in areas outside the Holy Land. Yet, people had heard of the Lord and they wanted His touch. They were ready to convert to Christ: they had open minds, contrite hearts. However, as it happens, there were also some with broken but stubborn hearts and locked up minds, fixed in their own world. God's grace could not permeate them. We find this kind of inner closure and isolation represented by a deaf and a mute man who was brought to Jesus for healing.

As we learn, Jesus took the deaf and mute man aside, touched his ears and tongue, and then, looking up to the heavens, with a deep sigh said, "*Ephphatha*," which means, "Be opened" and immediately, the man began to hear and speak fluently.

Interestingly, these peripheries within the valley of the spiritually dead, with the deaf and the mute, with broken hearts and locked up minds - can easily be found in central Christian areas, where the Gospel is well known. This includes our hearts. We find many around us who are convinced that nobody can avoid living a corrupted life; that we are sinners, enslaved in our compulsions, that hence it is not possible to live according to God's vision for our life. There are even false teachers who preach that whoever might call us to the moral standards prescribed by the ten Commandments is a hypocrite.

We turn in prayer to Holy Mary, the Mother attentive to her Son Jesus. Her heart listens to his Word. Her special relationship with Jesus is totally "open" to the transforming love of the Lord. May her motherhood towards the Church help us be open, and to hear "*Ephphatha*". We also bring to her all those who are spiritually deaf and mute to Jesus.

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 until the 1st week of Advent

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 5th September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time	8.00am 8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary John Conlan RIP Fr Edward Stachurski RIP Maria Stocker RIP
Mon 6th September	7.00pm No Mass in church	Rosary Ethan Powell
Tues 7th September	No Mass in church	Celia Whiston family
Wed 8th September The Nativity of the BI Virgin Mary	No Mass in church 4.00pm	James & Kathleen Buckley RIP Foundation Mass Rosary
Thur 9th September St Peter Claver	No Mass in church	Louise Carvalho family
Fri 10th September St Gregory the Great	11.00am-7.00pm- 6.30pm No Mass in church	Adoration Rosary Montero family
Sat 11th September	No Mass	
Sun 12th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.00am 8.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Achillies Fernando RIP Mr & Mrs Joseph RIP Mr & Mrs Thomas RIP

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.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

6th Sept: Lydia Robertson (1979);
7th Sept: William Dailly (1992); Peter Dawson (2008);
9th Sept: Bill Hunt (1994); Regina Zaboklicka (2007);
10th Sept: Frederick Grigg (1993);
11th Sept: Janice Robins (1995); Bernard Coakeley (2004); Desolina Auch (2019)
12th Sept: Anthony Davis (1997);

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

Parish News:

Altar renovation: Work has started on our project to get the base ready for the Altar top. A temporary Altar has been set up for us to continue celebrating Mass whilst the work is being carried out to make the base strong. We thank you for your patience whilst the work is being done.

Saturday 4th September: 1st Saturday of every month - 10am-12.00.(Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary followed by Holy Mass. We welcome Fr Paul Mooney from Mill Hill missionaries will celebrate the Holy Mass.

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/>.

Sunday Mass: We welcome Fr Pio who will be celebrating all three Masses on Sunday 5th September. Fr Gerry Hastie from the Mill Hill Missionaries will celebrate all three Masses on Sunday 12th September.

Weekday Mass: There is no Weekday Mass in church till 17th September 2021. Father Stan is 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.

Wednesday 8th September 2021: The Parish office will be closed as Rachel will be away on an administrative training day.

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.

Safeguarding Officer: Father Stan is pleased to confirm the appointment of Harish Chander as our Parish's new Safeguarding Officer.

Flower arrangement Rota: Thank you to all who volunteered for this Rota. We really appreciate your desire to help the church. The new Rota has been finalised.

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.

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.

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

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