

COP26: Message from CAFOD: Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. Please pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26 *May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

6th November 2021 - Faith and Politics. An online symposium with Bishop Philip Egan & key speakers. For more information and to book tickets, please visit the following link.: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/politics-andreligion-a-symposium-tickets-173534876487?aff=ebdssbeac>

Community Support

Woodley food bank: Items can be left in the Advent room and we will take them to the food bank. Latest list request is for Fruit Juice (non fresh), Long life Milk, Bathroom items, Cooking oil, Tinned meals, Coffee, Sugar Tinned / packet soups, Biscuits.

Readifood (Reading's Foodbank): are experiencing increased demand with the arrival of greater numbers of refugees in Reading and would appreciate donations. More Information

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

can be found on their website:
<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.

Resources

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

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

Offertory Collection 17th Oct 2021

Envelopes	£ 70.00
Loose Cash	£ 635.74
Standing Orders	£ 694.80
Second Collection on 17th October for World Mission Sunday	: £154.31

Thank you all for your kind donations

Next Special Collection:
Sunday 6th November: Bamenda

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

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Hall Bookings



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

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B

24th October 2021

Psalm: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

The attitude of the blind Bartimeus as our chance to see and to know the Lord

We must never forget that our faith is about eternity, that the joy of faith is the splendour of the Lord reflected in our hearts. He is our light and our life and we find Him in the Church. Christ is the goal of history and the one Saviour of the world. Christ is the Light of nations and, only Christ and His Teaching bring the final answer to the need of the world. To Him the Church and the Spirit cries out: "Marana tha — Come, Lord Jesus" (Rev 22:17, 20; 1 Cor 16:22).

Indeed, we must never forget that the role of the Church in the world is about eternal life, that the Church gives Christ Jesus to everyone. Everyone is included and everyone is called to conversion. The Church must never compromise her honour and duty, and yet we, her children, must never forget that Christ is the light brightly visible on the countenance of the Church, however distorted and disformed by her own representatives.

Today, the entirety of the Faith and the role of the Church in the world is limited to human compassion and often to social dimension. Today, everything is called into question. Today, we are told and even encouraged to "believe what you want to believe". Because of these clouds of confusion we see little or nothing.

For that reason, we must learn to discern the voice of the Lord from all other voices. The gift of discernment comes from prayer, especially from the Rosary and Adoration. Then, we are to understand that the Teaching of the world permeates to the minds of many people in the Church and that teaching does not come from God. It comes from the evil one. We must then reject the evil one and his empty promises.

Finally, we must desperately want to see Jesus, we must cry out together with the blind Bartimeus: "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me".

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 24th October 30th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Tess Carter RIP rec. dec Rosary Magdalena's Intention Maureen & Mike Burke RIP
Mon 25th October	1.45pm 6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 7.00pm 7.30pm <i>Novus Ordo Mass in Latin</i>	✠ Requiem Mass for Vincent Aspell Adoration & Confession Rosary in Latin Bruno & Luzia Reiling RIP
Tues 26th October Ss Chad & Cedd	10.00am	Whiston family
Wed 27th October	10.00am 4.00pm	Thyveetil family thanksgiving Rosary
Thur 28th October Ss Simon & Jude	No Mass	
Fri 29th October	11.00 am -7.00pm- 6.30pm 7.00pm	Adoration Rosary Mary Brown RIP Followed by overnight Adoration till 6.00am
Sat 30th October		Overnight Adoration till 6.00am
Sun 31st October All Saints Solemnity (transferred)	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am *11.00 am 12.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Mary Jennings RIP Rosary Walsh Thanksgiving Children's All Saints Party Lorraine's operation

October: Month of Rosary

The month of October, each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful." (Rev. Matthew R. Mauriello, Source: Catholic.net) .

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

24th Oct: Gwentyth Cull (1996);
26th Oct: David Trinder (1995); Maurice Fahey (1975); Dolly Coffey (2015);
27th Oct: Aloisy Karas (2002);
28th Oct: Bernard McCloskey (1995); Lucienne Wakefield (1974);
29th Oct: Enid Newman ; 30th Oct: Patricia Hewitt (1981); 31st Oct: Annie Wareham (1987)

Please also pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound. Please keep in your prayers Theresa Pashley (Jonathan Pashley & Mary Francis's Mum) who is in hospital. We also pray for Rosemary McQueen & Caroline Hill who are recuperating at home after being admitted in hospital.

Parish Dates / Events

Sun 24th October at 10.00am in Carl Barton Room.: Confirmation Group 2nd Session "I am who I am".

Friday 29th October: The overnight Adoration on last Friday of every month will start after the Friday evening Mass till 6.00am, Saturday morning. We will keep Bishop Philip's call for prayer for successful outcome to the upcoming COP26 UN conference during Adoration.

Sunday 31st October 12.30pm; Children's All Saints party. In order to promote Good Spirit of All Saints Day & All Souls Days, we are organising a get together in the Parish hall. Children are encouraged to dress up as saints and there is a prize for the best dressed saint.

Tuesday 2nd Nov "All Souls Day" 10.00am & 7.00pm Mass. The 7.00pm Solemn Mass is for the deceased family members and friends of parishioners. "A book of remembrance" is in the church - please write the names of those whom you wish to remember. The book will be received on the altar during the Mass".

Saturday 6th November : 1st Saturday of every month at 10am- (Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass

Blessing of Graves:

Sunday 7th November at 3pm: Fr Stan will bless the graves at Mayes Lane.

Sunday 14th November at 3.00pm: Blessing of the graves at Henley Road Cemetery.

Mon 8th Nov 8.15pm - Monday film in the Social club. "Fatima" inspired by the true story of the miracle in Fatima. See Poster for more details.

Wednesday 8th December at 6.00pm: Consecration of the Church by Bishop Philip on. Please keep our church in your prayers.

Parish News:

Altar renovation: We are so grateful for the safe arrival of the shipment and partial installation of the Altar. We thank the workmen and the volunteers who have worked hard to get the Altar ready.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Sunday & Weekday Masses. On Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation 6.00pm-7.00pm or by private appointment with Fr Stan.

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

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.

OLOP SOCIAL CLUB: For current/ forthcoming events, please visit their website olopsocialclub.co.uk or see posters in the complex.

Pastoral News:

Saturday 30th October at 7.00pm Science & Religion: Talk by Fr Andrew Pinset at English Martyrs Church. No need to register. See poster for more details.

40 Days for life Vigil continues till 31st October 2021: 8am to 8pm for 40 consecutive days outside BPAS Abortion Centre. (121 London St Reading RG1 4QAUK). For more information, please contact Martin - 07436018688. Email: 40daysforlifereading@gmail.com