

Pastoral News:

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 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: 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 24th Oct 2021

Envelopes £ 10.00
 Loose Cash £ 420.45
 Standing Orders £ 694.80

Thank you all for your kind donations

Next Special Collection on Sunday 6th November is for Bamenda. You can donate in church or online via the website. <http://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/>

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

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

All Saints Year B 31st October 2021
Psalm: Such are the men who seeks your face, O Lord

It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Heb 9: 27)

In the month of November, let us find time to meditate on our lives from a bird's point of view, from outside our feelings and desires.

At the beginning, after making the sign of the cross and praying to the Holy Spirit, let us imagine ourselves, here in church, in a coffin put in the centre. The paschal candle will be lit, Holy Water will be sprinkled on you, and fragrance of incense will be calling you to praise the Lord. You are there. Inside. Some of us will be around you. There will be nothing to do, no commitment anymore - It is only death and the Lord. After death, everything stops. All people will die. There is no time to do good any more. "As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work." (John 9: 4).

The moment of our death is uncertain. We do not know the day or the hour (Mt 25:13). What is Death? It is the separation of the soul from the body. The soul is immortal so it does not die. Only the body decays and turns into dust.. "For you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen 3:19). Death entered our lives only as the outcome of the original sin. It is linked with the great liar and enemy of the human race. All people will be judged by God at death.

Having involved our imagination, let us reflect on the facts of life in relation to the truth about us. Whilst reflecting on them, embrace Christ with your heart:

- a) I am created by God to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this life and the life to come;
- b) my soul is immortal;
- c) I received the seed of heaven in Baptism. It depends on my care how it will grow. The Paschal candle at baptism reminds me of Christ who broke the power of death and entered my life for the unity with the Holy Trinity
- d) There are three last stages of my soul: Death, Judgement, Heaven or Hell.

Finish your reflection by saying slowly the Hail Mary, the Our Father and finish with Glory be.

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 31st October All Saints Solemnity <i>(transferred)</i>	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Mary Jennings RIP
	10.30am	Rosary
	*11.00 am	Walsh Thanksgiving
	12.30pm	Children's All Saints Party
	5.00pm	Lorraine's operation
Mon 1st November	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners)	Adoration & Confession
	7.00pm	Rosary in Latin
	7.30pm	Novus Ordo Mass in Latin Repose of souls of organ donors
Tues 2nd November Commemoration of All Souls	8.00am	Holy Father's Intention
	7.00pm	Repose of the souls of Faithful Departed
Wed 3rd November St Martin de Porres	8.00am 4.00pm	Linus Awah RIP Rosary
Thur 4th November St Charles Borromeo	No Mass	Odilia Awah RIP
Fri 5th November	11.00 am -7.00pm- 6.30pm 7.00pm	Adoration Rosary Cosmas Awah RIP
Sat 6th November	10.00am - 1.00pm 1st Sat Devotion to Our Lady	Achillies & Methsiri Fernanado RIP
Sun 7th November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)	8.00am	Rosary
	8.30am	Fr Terry Burke RIP
	10.30am	Rosary
	*11.00 am	Fr Griffen RIP
	3.00pm	Blessing of Graves at Mayes Lane
	5.00pm	Melbon D'Silva RIP

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.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

31st Oct: Annie Wareham (1987)
1st Nov: Mary Callaghan (1982); Kathleen Sergent (1995); Noreen Doyle (2011);
2nd Nov: Alvina Bossey (1982); Joyce Darnell (2008); **4th Nov:** William Tully (1988);
5th Nov: Michael Pegg (1990); 6th Nov: William Sawyer (2002); Doug Gudmundson (2015);
7th Nov: Sheila Louri (2004);

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 Hurst who are recuperating at home after being admitted in hospital.

Indulged Acts for the Poor Souls A partial indulgence can be obtained by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed, even if the prayer is only mental. One can gain a plenary indulgence by visiting a cemetery in the month of November. These indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory. More information can be found on Vatican website <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-10/decreed-plenary-indulgence-faithful-departed-november.html>

Thank you from Fr Stan: I have had a lovely week of celebrations. First with my Parishioners on Saturday and then lunch with my fellow clergy from the pastoral Area on Wednesday. I want to express my sincere thanks to each one of you for joining in my celebration. & making it such an memorable memory in my heart. God bless you all.

Parish Dates / Events

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" 8.00am & 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

Sun 7th November at 10.00am in Carl Barton Room.: Confirmation Group 3rd Session "Missing the Mark".

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.

Sunday 14th November 2nd Sunday of the Month – Divine Mercy prayers from 2.30 pm – 3.20 pm. The prayer will be led by laity as Fr Stan will be blessing the graves at the Henley Road Cemetery.

Wednesday 17th November 6.00pm: Sainthood and Suffering: A special evening of grace that will enrich your understanding and help appreciate our daily suffering. Holy Mass at 6.00pm followed by Q& A with John Cassidy. See poster for more details.

Parish Christmas / Pre Advent Party: Saturday 27th November: Please keep the date in your diary. Details to follow. Also, if you are able to help with the event then please contact Zuzzane or the Parish office.

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

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Change to weekday Mass Times: From November Tuesday & Wednesday Mass will be at 8.00am.

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.

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.