

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.

Pastoral News:

CAFOD World gifts: Let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crop to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or pick up a catalogue from the Advent Room.

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.

Resources

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

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

Offertory Collection 5th Dec 2021

Envelopes £ 35.00
Loose Cash £ 317.67
Standing Orders £ 699.89
Thank you all for your kind donations

Christmas Crib Collection: . In the Diocese, we alternate our annual Christmas Crib offerings between Friends of the Holy Land and the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. This year, the Christmas Crib offerings will go to the Friends of the Holy Land (FHL). Friends of the Holy Land is a non-political charity, whose mission is to secure a resilient and enduring Christian community in the Holy Land .

Christmas day collection: The collections from all the Christmas Masses are a gift for Fr Stan's ministry amongst us. Please do use the envelope provided & give generously. Thank you. If you are unable to come to church but would like to give a gift to support Fr Stan in his vocation and mission, then please visit our website www.olop.org.uk and click on the donate button (please put reference as Christmas) or you can pay directly to our Parish Account:
A/C Name: Our Lady of Peace
Ref: Christmas offering
Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 A/C No: 00886018.
Cards & envelopes can also be posted through the letterbox.

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

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

3rd Sunday of Advent Year C 12th December 2021

Psalm Response:
Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

Gaudete Sunday—Rejoice, Christ is coming very soon

In order to celebrate Christmas well, we are asked to reflect what does bring joy into our hearts.

Is it a promotion by our employer? A career? Is it good news from doctors about our own or of someone's health? Is it a positive or negative COVID 19 test? Is it a material status and the most updated IT products? A test or an exam successfully passed? Is it about excitement regarding plans for a holiday? A girl or boy-friend and dreams about mutual future? Is it about our family? Giving and receiving? Forgiveness? Family Christmas dinner? Is it a friend and all the surprises in that relationship? Is it something more hidden and yet fundamental - stability in God who enlightens everything what has been mentioned above?

The Church invites us to find the Lord first and foremost and everything else will be granted to us. Joyfulness will come out from our intimate relationship with Him, regardless of the challenging circumstances and the lack of some of our dreamed things.

We can see how it work in Mary, Our Lady. In the Magnificat, she prays that Her soul magnifies God and exalts in Him. We find the same attitude in John the Baptist who passionately tells us that he is not the Messiah or a prophet. He says that he is only a voice crying in the desert; that he comes to prepare and lead a way for the one who is coming after – Jesus. The mission of being a voice only, the discovered vocation, brings John great unspeakable joy.

Fr Stan



Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) 	8.00am *8.30am 10.00am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Sheila Freel RIP rec. dec. Baptism of Annabella Emily Gibson Rosary Sean Connolly RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Peggie Bentley RIP Foundation Mass
Mon 13th December St Lucy	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm <i>Novus Ordo Mass in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Jasmine Cardoza thanksgiving
Tues 14th December St John of the Cross	8.00am	PJ Liggan RIP
Wed 15th December	6.30am 4.00pm	Eva Nora intention Rosary
Thur 16th December	No Mass	Judith Andalis RIP
Fri 17th December	11.00 am -6.30pm- 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary Holy Souls
Sat 18th December	No Mass	
Sun 19th December 4th Sunday of Advent (	8.00am *8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Ken Mansfield RIP Rosary Oduntan family thanksgiving Armando Massi RIP

Christmas services 2021

- Fri 24th Dec: 4.30pm-Children's Nativity play followed by Christmas Vigil Holy Mass.
 Fr 24th Dec: *11.00pm Vigil Service followed by Midnight mass.
 Sat 25th Dec: *8.30am & 11am - Holy Mass
 Sun 26th Dec: **Holy Family Sunday** .Holy Mass with renewal of marriage vows-
 *8.30am. 11am & 5pm
 Fri 31st Dec, 6.30pm: Thanksgiving Mass for 2021
 Sat 1st Jan (Mary, The Holy Mother of God) 12.00 noon: Holy Mass
 * Mass / Service will be live streamed via YouTube

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

12th Dec: Bernadette Joyce (1984) Peggy Bentley (1989)
 16th Dec: John Carter (2001); Jamie O'Grady (2001)
 19th Dec: Ted Aldridge (2016);

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.

COVID update:

Mask: From Friday 10th December 2021, mask wearing is now compulsory in church - unless you are exempt or under the age of 11.

NHS Covid Pass: Under the current government guidelines, people are exempt from showing a Covid passport when attending religious worship, weddings and funerals.

Just a reminder of the safety protocol that we have in place, let us continue to do the same and keep each other safe.

- Face Covering: Mandatory unless exempt.
- 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:

Advent Confession on Saturday 11th December at 11.00am:

Sunday 12th December: 2nd Sunday of the Month – Divine Mercy prayers from 2.30 pm – 3.20 pm. We will gather intentions specifically focused on begging for Mercy. Intentions are collected on Sundays in an extra box called: "DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION".

Livestreaming of Mass: The live streaming of Mass will be at 8.30am Mass. Also with the reinstatement of the Sunday obligation to attend Holy Mass, the Live Stream of Mass will stop after Christmas. If you are using this option and want it to continue, then please contact the parish office & Fr Stan will consider the need.

Christmas Cards: The Parish Christmas cards are on sale in Advent Room. £2.00 for pack of ten cards or £5 for pack of 30. All proceeds will

go towards the Consecration fund / refurbishment for the church.

Advent Giving Tree : This Advent, we will be collecting gifts to donate to CCA (Christian Community Action). CCA provides support for individuals and households in Reading who are in need. The charity has asked for donations of toiletries for men & women, warm hats, scarves and gloves for adults. Please leave your donations by the Giving Tree in the Advent Room.

Angelus will be said before all Advent Masses.

Rorate Mass at 6.30am every Wednesday during Advent - Rorate is a candlelit Mass in the dark so please bring lantern & celebrate the Mass by candlelight before dawn.

Friday day Adoration. Friday 17th Dec will be the last Adoration for 2021, Adoration will start again after the Christmas break on Friday 14th January 2022.

Friday 31st Dec at 6.30pm Thanksgiving Mass. Join us in church for thanksgiving mass for 2021. Spread the word, Everyone is invited.

Saturday 1st Jan 2022: Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. 10.00am - 12 noon Adoration. **Holy Mass at 12 noon.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Sunday & Weekday Masses. On Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation, 5.30pm - 6.30pm or by private appointment with Fr Stan.

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.