

Community Support

Woodley food bank have asked us to pass on their thank you for your generosity. Items for food bank can be left in the Advent room and we will take them to the food bank.

Resources

Day by Day: January 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 19th Dec 2021

Envelopes	£ 10.00
Loose Cash	£ 626.28
Standing Orders	£ 699.89

Thank you all for your kind donations

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

26th Dec: Anthony Lesner (1999); Mary James (2009);
29th Dec: Mary Kayley (1982); **30th Dec:** Joy Sellen (1993);
1st Jan: Zena Pringle (1997); David Bothrel (1992);
2nd Jan: Sarah Doherty (1979); Brian Sheldon (1997); Cis Byrne (1999); Arthur Pearl (1976);
3rd Jan: Thomas Flannery (2015);
4th Jan: Robert Scott (1989); Kathleen Rooney (2001);
5th Jan: Therese Polanski (2008); Elizabeth York (2015)
7th Jan: Wally Kulan (2001); Annie Aldridge (2011);
8th Jan: Anne Wellman (1980); Lesly Borg (2002); Margot Wignall (2017)
9th Jan; Tim Chapman (1995); Fran Oliver (2012);

Please also pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound. We keep in our prayers David Roper who is in hospital & for Kay Krauze. We pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them.

We thank you for your prayers for Theresa Pashley (Jonathan Pashley & Mary Francis's Mum), Rosemary McQueen & Caroline Hurst who are recuperating at home. We continue to keep them in our prayers.

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	0118 931 4469
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Bill Wilson	0118 969 3423
St. James	Fr Chris Heaps	0118 957 4171
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 2149
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Fr Peter Glas	0118 942 8632
St. William of York	Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Seth Phipps	0118 966 5284
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

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 office will be closed from Friday 24th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022.
 Parish office opening hours from 4th January : Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

Christmas Midnight Mass	Year C	24th December 2021
Christmas Daytime Mass	Year C	25th December 2021
The Holy Family	Year C	26th December 2021
2nd Sunday of Christmas	Year C	2nd January 2022

Psalm Response:

Midnight Mass:	Today a saviour has been born to us, he is Christ the Lord.
Daytime Mass:	All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Sunday 26th Dec:	They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.
Sunday 2nd Jan	The Word was made flesh and lived among us..

He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in His name. St John 1:11-12

God desires to transform the world from the inside,
 Beginning from your and my heart.

In the manger we recognise Him who is present in the Holy Eucharist
 In all instability and distress our faithfully receiving Him brings remedy to our generation

May the Baby Jesus find us
 in a place where He will feel welcomed with faith and love and joy.

At this unusual time, I wish you a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

With prayers
 Fr Stan Gibziński
 Parish Priest

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Fri 24th December The Nativity of the Lord <i>Solemnity with octave</i>	4.30pm *5.00pm Holy Mass *11.00pm	<i>Children's Nativity followed by Holy Mass</i> For The Parish Vigil prayers (Office of Readings)
Sat 25th December The Nativity of the Lord	*Midnight Mass 8.30am Mass *11.00 am Mass	For the Parish For the Parish For the Parish
Sun 26th December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8.00am 8.30am Mass 10.30am *11.00 am Mass 5.00pm Mass	<i>Rosary</i> Anjali Valentine Intention <i>Rosary</i> Cham family Thanksgiving Edita Rwamuyagaza family
Mon 27th December St John	No Mass	Holy Souls
Tues 28th December The Holy Innocents	No Mass	Hilary Muffat thanksgiving
Wed 29th December St Thomas of Canterbury	No Mass	Eva Nora intention
Thur 30th December	No Mass	
Fri 31st December	6.30pm (<i>Thanksgiving Mass for 2021</i>)	For the Parish
Sat 1st Jan 2022 Mary, The Holy Mother of God	10.00am - 11.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Adoration Holy Souls For the Parish
Sun 2nd Jan 2022 2nd Sunday of Christmas	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am *11.00 am 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Josie Higgs RIP <i>Rosary</i> Magdalena Mijares RIP Arthur Pearl RIP Foundation Mass
Mon 3rd Jan 2022	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm <i>Novus Ordo Mass in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues 4th Jan 2022	8.00am	Holy Souls
Wed 5th Jan 2022	8.00am 4.00pm	Everlyne Fernandes thanksgiving Rosary
Thur 6th Jan 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord	10.00am	Mirabelle Ade intention
Friday 7th Jan 2022	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Sat 8th Jan 2022	No Mass	
Sun 9th Jan 2022 The Baptism of the Lord	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	<i>Rosary</i> Josie Higgs RIP <i>Rosary</i> Hayres thanksgiving <i>Divine Mercy Holy Hour</i> Ottorino Visentin RIP

* Mass / Service will be live streamed via YouTube (olop earley).

We wish you a blessed, peaceful, safe & joyful Christmas and Happy New Year from Fr Stan and Rachel (Parish Office).

COVID update:

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.

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

Thank you

A big thank you to all involved in the process of preparation towards Christmas, starting from those who attended and helped to prepare Rorate Masses on Wednesday, the Penitential Service, those who helped prepare & decorate the church: the crib, the outdoor crib, Christmas Tree, flowers, music and all involved in the liturgy.

Parish News:

Parish Christmas Cards Thank you to everyone who took our cards and dropped them to their neighbours. We really appreciate your support in promoting our Parish's Christmas service.

Christmas Crib Collection: 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.
Online donation at friendsoftheholylan.org.uk.

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.

The Christmas newsletter will cover the 2 Sundays while the parish office is closed (26th Dec & 2nd Jan.) - so please keep your copy!

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Sun 26th December (Holy Family Sunday):

All 3 Holy Masses will have renewal of marriage vows for sacramental married couples.

Weekday Mass: There will be no weekday Mass in week commencing 27th December. Fr Stan will celebrate Mass privately.

Livestreaming of Mass: With the re-instatement of the Sunday obligation to attend Holy Mass, the Live Stream of Mass will stop in the New Year. If you are using this option and want it to continue, then please contact the parish office & Fr Stan will consider the need.

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.

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