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## Resources

**For those who care of children with Additional / special needs:** Thursdays 13th, 20th and 27th January, 7.00 - 8.30 pm for the parents, catechists and priests of young Catholics with additional needs:

Workshop 1. At Mass: inclusion in the Liturgy;  
Workshop 2. In Catechesis: sacramental preparation;

Workshop 3. In the Home: the domestic Church for children with additional needs.  
<https://www.pffm.org.uk/>

**For Adults who wish to know their faith better:** 6 week course on Tuesdays from 15th February - 22nd March, 7.00 - 8.30 pm. This course, "Anchoring your Faith: the Mass", will help you (re)discover the Mass, exploring its liturgy in the light of our faith. We will go through the Mass step by step but also through the essential truths of our faith, using Scripture, artworks, and breakout group activities.

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**Day by Day:** January / February 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 9th Jan 2022

Envelopes	£ 45.00
Loose Cash	£ 380.91
Standing Orders	£ 699.89

Thank you all for your kind donations.

### Next Second Collection is on 23rd January for our Cathedral

Envelopes are available in the Advent Room at all masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collection. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Online donation can be made via <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1>. Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support your cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

### 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

# Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

16th January 2022

### Psalm Response:

**Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.**

## Mary's guidance before the coming of Christ.

Christ is the Fullness of the Revelation, the Law, the Truth and the Love revealed in the Old and New Covenants. He founded the Church, His Mystical Body, which means that the Catholic Faith is not of human origin, it does not come from people. As St Cyprian confirms for us, the Catholic Church is alone in keeping the true worship. St Newman confesses: "I did not distinctly believe in the *jus divinum* of the Holy See till I joined the Church. I then believed in it as I believed in any other doctrine of the Church, because she was the Church, the oracle of Christ." (Letters and Diaries, Vol. XX).

And yet we find the Church in crisis, many accuse her and leave her, and in addition they say she is equally embodied in they themselves. Many destroy her from within so that her credibility is destabilised in many members; Her visibility is under a question mark. Some of her shepherds are focused on themselves or they act as if they were not interested in salvation but in organising the social, exclusively fraternal element of our life. There are shepherds who set up something that looks like the Church but it is not She. Many are led astray and fall into the heresy of irenicism. Many are not aware that without the whole and uncorrupted teachings of Christ, without one law of belief, and one Faith of Christians, there would be neither unity in the Church, nor true charity.

In the light of much division and confusion we cry out together with the disciples: "Master, do you not care? We are lost!" (Mark 4:38). We cry out in alarm, as if we have been tossed about by huge waves on the Lake Genezareth of our time. We try to wake up Jesus, who seems to be sleeping in the boat.

We know from the biblical scene that the Lord is coming soon. But now, at this stage, let us find ourselves in the Heart of Immaculate Mary, and do whatever She tells us to do (John 2:5), even if it seems to us as a "Mission Impossible", or if it seems in our view to be without much sense. It is better not to focus on other things, but on Mary and her will, on the reciprocal love between the Virgin Mother and her Divine Son.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
<b>Sun 16th Jan 2022</b> 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Kathleen Marie Hogben RIP Foundation Mass Rosary Confirmation Group Magdalena Mijares RIP
<b>Mon 17th Jan 2022</b> St Anthony of Egypt	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm <i>Novus Ordo Mass in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Christina Owen RIP rec. dec
<b>Tues 18th Jan 2022</b>	8.00am	G.P. Courtney RIP
<b>Wed 19th Jan 2022</b>	8.00am 4.00pm	Patrick Thomas RIP rec. dec Rosary
<b>Thur 20th Jan 2022</b>	No Mass	Kathleen Mongan's health
<b>Friday 21st Jan 2022</b> St Agnes	11.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration from 11.00am to 6.00pm Rosary Lodemela Bazar-Crockford family
<b>Sat 22nd Jan 2022</b>	No Mass	
<b>Sun 23rd Jan 2022</b> 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Methsiri Fernando RIP Rosary Juliana Ntephe RIP Ottorino Visentin RIP

### Holy Father's prayer intention for January

*For those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originates from being brothers and sisters in the human family.*

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

**16th Jan:** Kathleen Hogben (2010); Charles Hay (2017)  
**17th Jan:** Josephine Gainey (1997); Anna Maria Goodchild  
**21st Jan:** Maud Thomas (1981); Caroline Abram (1998);  
**23rd Jan:** Michael Lynch (1986);

Please also pray for members of the parish and their family who are sick or housebound. Please keep in your prayers Kathleen Mongan who is in hospital. We also keep in our prayers David Roper, Kay Krauze, Theresa Pashley, Rosemary McQueen & Caroline Hurst. We pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them.

**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.

### 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.

### Parish News:

**First Holy Communion catechism session every Saturday at 10.00am in Carl Barton Room.**

**Confirmation group meeting on Sun 16th Jan at 10.00am in Carl Barton Room: 6th session.**

**28th January 2022 - Last Friday of the month overnight adoration after the 6.30pm Mass till 6.00am Saturday.** There is also a new initiative this year to join via zoom other rosary groups in Europe to recite the Penance Rosary at 8.45pm. More details to follow.

**"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible". 7 week session from Tuesday 22nd Feb. 7.00 pm start in our church..** *Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. This DVD course helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible. It will give an insight into your Catholic faith and help to understand its true beauty.* You can book your place by contacting the parish office or after Mass on Sunday 13th Feb & 20th Feb. Please note that there is a fee of £5.00 to cover administration cost.

**MISSIMO RED BOXES:** Anyone holding a red box, please could you bring it to church. If you are unable to come to church, then please contact Kate Gorman on 07834734067 for collection.

**Mass Intention:** The Mass Intention book for 2022 is available for you to book your Mass Intention. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we cannot place the book in the Advent room. You can book Mass Intention via the Parish office either by visiting in person or phoning the Parish office during opening times.

**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.

### Community Support

**Woodley food bank** :List of items needed are:- Toilet paper./Kitchen rolls, Cooking oil./Tinned meats, Tea bags./ Sugar, Coffee./ Puddings. (sweet), Tinned stewing steak, Tinned chicken in sauce, Long life milk. "NO PASTA/RICE"as they have enough. Items for the food bank can be left in the Advent room.

### Pastoral News:

Diocesan Formation for Mission team will be running the following online courses in January and February 2022 . All their initiatives are listed on the website: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/>

**For Catechists:** Essential Training for Catechists (5 Mondays, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30 to 9.00 pm) followed by our new course, Further Training for Catechists (5 Mondays, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – 21<sup>st</sup> March, 7.30 to 9.00 pm). Both courses are open to