

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 Holy Communion at home.

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:

Vacancy for Catholic Governor: St Joseph's College, the only Catholic independent school in the Reading area is seeking to recruit new governors, particularly people with skills in any of the following areas: Finance, Safeguarding, IT, Health, HR or Estates. For more information please contact David Hallé, Chair of Governors on chair@sjcr.org.uk or on 07484 318174.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022 18th – 22nd July. You are invited to join Bishop Philip whether as pilgrim or youth helper. Leaving from Bournemouth Airport and staying at Hotel La

Solitude. For further details email at lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje- 23rd-30th September: You are invited to the pilgrimage to Medjugorje at the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Bosnia Herzegovina. From September 23- 30th departing from Gatwick half board £630 single room supplement if required. Early booking discount of £30 applies until 31 January 2022. Full support from Marian Pilgrimages. www.marian-uk.com. Please contact Heather Hauschild at hauschild287@btinternet.com or 07810310316 for a booking form and further details

Resources

Day by Day: February edition is in the 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 23rd Jan 2022

Envelopes	£ 10.00
Loose Cash	£ 356.47
Standing Orders	£ 592.71
2nd Collection for our Cathedral	£48.00.

Thank you all for your kind donations.

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

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year C	30th January 2022
Psalm Response: My lips will tell of your help.		

Be ambitious for the higher gifts.

We must work hard to help others to achieve salvation. We must never forget to love, bearing in mind that Christ did not come to make us nice people. He came to make us new men, and He, who created the world without us, will not save it without us. In order to love, we must avoid quietism and compromises with the culture which is not permeated by God. Yet, we ought to go against the flow to fight for souls for Christ, stepping in His footsteps, whose attitude and sermon in the synagogue of Nazareth made good citizen enraged.

Living amongst people who do not know Christ and his demands, or amongst Catholics who behave as if they were not Catholics, is inevitable. We are exposed to wickedness of aggressive culture trying to enter our souls. We are exposed to other expectations and agendas even in our families and amongst our Catholic friends, including our parishes, and our church where we come primarily to worship and give best glory to God alone. We are exposed to unrighteousness and discrimination; to the power of gossips and to the spirit of rejection and desecralisation of religious virtues, spirit of revenge and immodesty in expecting gratitude, envy, and dealing with other temptations. That is a fact, but we do not have to succumb to the anti-Christ behaviour and wickedness around us.

Abp. Fulton J. Sheen reminds us that we become like that which we love. If we love what is base, we become base; but if we love what is noble, we become noble, even amongst If we do not behave as we believe, we will end by believing as we behave.

Even if your closest, even if your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, sprang to their feet and hustled you out of the town intending to discredit you, to throw you down, be ambitious - love and do not create needs for yourself. Kneel perseveringly at the Tabernacle, either bodily or in your heart, so as to feel safe and calm: but also in order to feel loved... and to love without condition.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts and become one with the Crucified. Be drawn by the fire of love, by consuming charity, as love is greater than our human frame.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 30th Jan 2022 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Niomi Fernando RIP Rosary Brigid C Intention Magdalena Mijares RIP
Mon 31st Jan 2022 St John Bosco	6.00pm (Students & Parishioners) 6.30pm <i>Novus Ordo Mass in Latin</i>	Adoration, Confession & Rosary in Latin Yakpv Amran thanksgiving
Tues 1st Feb 2022	No Mass	Nikita Alexander thanksgiving
Wed 2nd Feb 2022 The Presentation of the Lord	No Mass 4.00pm	Julian Amran's 1st birthday Rosary
Thur 3rd Feb 2022 St Blaise	No Mass	Kathleen Mongan RIP rec.dec
Friday 4th Feb 2022	No Adoration 6.00pm No Mass	Rosary Jerzy Fieber RIP
Sat 5th Feb 2022 St Agatha	10.00am - 1.00pm 1st Sat Devotion to Our Lady	Achillies & Methsiri Fernando RIP
Sun 6th Feb 2022 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Vera Gorman RIP Rosary Evelyne Brooke's intention Lochlin (new grandson in Wilson family)

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

Confirmation group meeting on Sun 30th Jan at 10.00am in Carl Barton Room: 7th session.

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

.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.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

1st Feb: Edyth Cameron (1979); Joseph Fernando (1984); Mary Tompkins (2001); Sue Rose (2001);

2nd Feb: Elizabeth Ballard (1986); Elena Atkinson (2015)

4th Feb: Maria Bryant (1977); Richard Johnston (2009);

5th Feb: Monica Carroll (1997); Renza Manning (2014);

Please also pray for members of the parish and their families who are sick or housebound. Please keep in your 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.

COVID-19 update:

As we move ahead in the fight against COVID-19, please see below our guidelines for safe worship.

- We strongly encourage everyone to wear face covering inside church but at the same time be respectful to those who choose not to wear a face covering.
- Use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Maintain a safe distance between families.
- Thank you for keeping our church safe.

Parish News:

Kathleen Mongan RIP: We are really sad to inform that Kathleen Mongan died on Saturday morning 22nd January 2022. Kathleen was a much loved parishioner and has been in our parish for 61 years. She will be missed by all of us. We pray for the repose of her soul & keep the whole family in our prayers. Requiem Mass at our church (invitation only) on 23rd February at 11.00am.

Father Stan will be taking his Christmas break from 1st Feb to 24th Feb. There will be no weekday Mass during this period. We wish Father Stan a restful break. Mass Intentions can still be made as Father Stan will continue to celebrate Mass during his break.

Friday Adoration: There will be no Friday Adoration on Friday 4th, 11th & 18th February. Adoration will start again on Friday 25th February at 11.00am.

Sunday Mass: We welcome Father Paul Mooney from Mill Hill Missionaries who will celebrate the 1st Sat Mass on 5th Feb at 12 noon and Sunday Mass on 6th February. On Sunday 13th February, we will welcome Fr Gerry also from Mill Hill missionaries who will celebrate all 3 Sunday masses.

2nd February - The Presentation of the Lord: Please do have a look at the local church timings and attend Mass on this feast day.

Saturday 5th February : 1st Saturday of the month at 10am-(Dedication to our Lady) Adoration, Rosary followed by Holy Mass at 12 noon.

Synod 2023: Pope Francis is gathering the entire Church, wanting every single person to be listened to. He desires more discernment, prayer and dialogue. In our parish we have formed synodal groups. If you are interested to fill the form as an individual, please take a printed copy from the back of the church and submit your answers through the letter box.

"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.

Message from CAFOD: This Lent we are asking you to help us to stamp out hunger by joining our Walk Against Hunger. You can take on the individual challenge of walking 200km (5km each day for the 40 days of Lent) or walk as a group to reach 200km. Why not organise a group from your parish to join our community Walk against Hunger on Saturday 26th March?

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 a Mass Intention via the Parish office either by visiting in person or phoning the Parish office during opening times.