

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Mass days on Mondays, Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation 17:30-18:30 or by private appointment with Fr.Stan.

Pastoral Letter: Last Sunday Bishop Philip had sent a Pastoral Letter to be read in Sunday Mass. This wasn't done as we were away on Pilgrimage. We have printed the letter and it is in Advent Room. Please take your copy.

Pastoral News

Diocesan Survey – asking your help. Bishop Philip invites you to complete a short, anonymous questionnaire. By sharing your experience, you will contribute to the development of the Diocese and help me to discern how the Lord is at work.



It will only take a few minutes: you can access it by scanning the QR code above. Thank you in advance. We hope to repeat the survey in three years' time to view the journey made. To access the questionnaire, open your smartphone's camera app, point it steadily at the code until a popup link appears, and then tap that link to open the content. Or you can use [this link](#).

Catholic Chaplaincy in Royal Berkshire Hospital

All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". If you or a loved one are taken into hospital, please inform the Catholic Chaplaincy. Hospital staff are not allowed to ask you. Ring the hospital on **0118 322 7105** to let them know that you or your loved one would like a visit from a priest.

Scan the QR Code to check out our website



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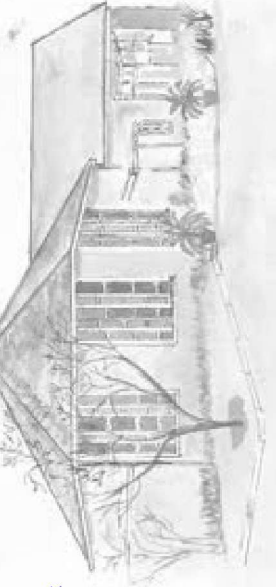
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Parish office opening hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11:00am - 14:00pm

Visitors to the Parish are reminded that photography/video recording is not permitted at any time during mass services unless authorised by the Parish. Photography of children and young people is prohibited.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year A page: 786	4th October 2026
Psalm Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.		

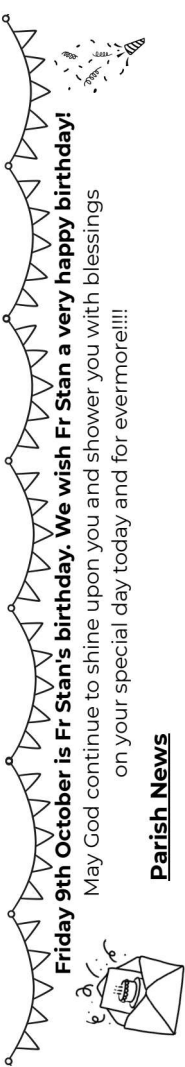
To love the rosary is to love the Gospel (October – the month of Rosary)

It was one of the days of the year 1208, in the South France. In the Church of Prouille, St. Dominic was complaining in his prayers to Our Lady about his unsuccessful evangelisation results, after being well prepared, full of zeal, dedication and professionalism. Suddenly, the Blessed Virgin said in reply: 'Wonder not that you have obtained so little fruit by your labours, you have spent them on barren soil, not yet watered with the dew of Divine grace. When God willed to renew the face of the earth, He began by sending down on it the fertilising rain of the Angelic Salutation. Therefore preach my Psalter composed of 150 Angelic Salutations and 15 Our Fathers, and you will obtain an abundant harvest.'

Our Blessed Lady made known to St. Dominic a kind of preaching that until then was unknown; which she said would be one of the most powerful weapons against future errors and in future difficulties.' (Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange OP). Since then, St. Dominic preached to heretics the mysteries of salvation – the Incarnation, the Redemption, Eternal Life combined with reciting the Our Father and 10 Hail Marys and found great success which brought conversion of the Albigensians.

The Rosary is the prayer of Our Lady and we imitate her in this way of keeping and reflecting on the mysteries of the Son and Mother. Each one of those events becomes alive in us so that meditating on them, we make contact with these mysteries and they become a channel of grace for us. When we pray the Rosary, we are like an image of the Blessed Mother. In a special way we participate in the mysteries, which made up her life and which are central for our salvation as they are the heart of the Gospel. They focus us, without any distraction, on the Lord. St. Francis de Sales said: 'The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary' as this prayer 'shakes the heart of God' (St. Padre Pio).

Fr Stan



Friday 9th October is Fr Stan's birthday. We wish Fr Stan a very happy birthday!
May God continue to shine upon you and shower you with blessings on your special day today and for evermore!!!!

Parish News

Catechesis on Sunday 4th October 2026, at 08:30 and 11:00 Mass: The Topic "The Guardian Angel, our guide on the path of holiness". Fr Fidelis Stöckl ORC will preach at both our 08:30 and 11:00 Masses, speaking about the ministry of the Holy Angels. Between the two Masses at 10:15am, he will also give a special talk in the church entitled "The Guardian Angel – Our Guide on the Path of Holiness". After the 11:00 Mass, there will also be an opportunity for those who are interested to meet him.

Parish office will be closed for two weeks from Monday 5th October due to Jury Duty. Emails will be checked regularly but there will be a delay in responding back. Thank you for your patience.

Newman Night Walk from Oxford to Littlemore, Thursday 8th October 2026. Interested individuals should inform Fr Stan directly. See poster in Advent Room for more details.

Sunday 11th October 14:30 - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday 1st Nov: The Solemnity of All Saints. Blessings of grave at Mays Lane Cemetery at 3.00pm. Blessings of grave at Henley Road Cemetery. TBC.

Monday 2nd Nov: "All Souls Day": Holy Mass at 18:30 Mass. The 18:30 Holy Mass is for the deceased family members and friends of parishioners. Everyone will be invited to light candles before Mass. "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".

First Holy Communion 2026-2027. Thank you to all the Parents who have spoken to Father Stan and expressed their desire to register their children for First Holy Communion. Please send your details to the Parish office via email at office@olop.org.uk . The last date to register is Sunday 18th October 2026 and the first session with parents and children will be on Sunday 25th October after 8.30am Mass.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to people who are discerning whether to join or come into full communion with the Catholic Church; Session will start on Friday 9th October 2026 after 18.30 Mass for half hour.

Our 2nd Collection on Sunday 4th October 2026 is for CAFOD. CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and donate the money saved. Your support for our Harvest appeal will share hope with vulnerable families by providing them with the practical help they need. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church and give generously or you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/fastday. In Church after Mass, you can donate via the collection basket or use our card machine in the Advent Room.

Annual Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will be done on all Sunday Masses on 4th & 11th October.

UPDATE: Parish Fundraising for Church windows: A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already donated. We have raised £18,800.00 so far. Every contribution, large or small, is sincerely appreciated and brings us one step closer to completing this work. **Donations can be made easily via Donat contactless payment or through our parish website.** We await for the approval from the AAP committee in the diocese, who will be meeting in October. With the amount raised to date, once approval is granted from the diocese, we are in a position to nearly replace 5 of the 6 3 windows.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 4th October 2026 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:00 08:30 10:30 11:00 17:00	Rosary Thyveetil family thanksgiving Rosary For Parishioners Waclaw & Regina
Mon 5th October: St Faustina Kowalska	17:15 18:00 18:30	Adoration Rosary Holy Souls
Tues 6th Ocotber: St Bruno	08:00	Thyveetil family intention
Wed 7th Ocotber: Our Lady of the Rosary	08:00 16:15	Con & Emily Harvey RIP Foundation Mass Rosary
Thurs 8th Ocotber	No Mass	
Fri 9th Ocotber: St John Henry Newman	17:00 18:00 18:30	Adoration Rosary Thanksgiving Fr Stan's birthday
Sat 10th October	No Mass	
Sun 11th Ocotber 2026 28rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:00 08:30 10:30 11:00 14:30 17:00	Rosary For Parishioners Rosary Thanksgiving Fr Stan Divine Mercy Holy Hour Greg & Monica Thanksgiving

October: Month of Rosary: The month of October, each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

4th Oct: John Tierney (1990); Marion Collins (2007);
6th Oct: Jeanette Barron (1983); Kamilia Corbari (2022); Leonardus Dekok (2023)
8th Oct: Albert Twiney (2013);
10th Oct: Philomena Butler (1988); Emily George (1996); Caroline Hobbs (2004);
11th Oct: Mary McGlynn (1998); Marie Maestranzi (2001); Sadie Luyten (2010); John Lynch (2010);

We keep in our prayers our parishioners who are sick and housebound .
We pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them.

If you or someone you know is sick and housebound and would like to mention them here, or if you have any queries, please contact Rachel at the Parish Office.