Other Events

Young Adults of Peace (YAP): If you 21 or older and are interested in joining YAP please reach out to Fr Stan or meet us every 2nd Sunday of the month after 11:00 mass where we will host teas and coffee in the Dominic Baberi room.

First Holy Communion 2026-27. Session on Tuesday (Term Time) at 15.50 in Bl Dominic Barberi Room.

Pastoral News

Residential Marriage Course 8 – 10 January 2027: Do you want to understand the Church's teaching on Matrimony, and its vision for the Sacrament, more deeply? This weekend at Stonyhurst in the Ribble Valley will explore the theology of Marriage, based on Scripture and structured around the Rite itself. With time for personal reflection and exercises, sharing in couples and as a group, this weekend course can be a standalone or an accompaniment to other in-person or online courses. For details:
https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/

Community News

Woodley food bank: List of items needed are; pasta, rice, toilet-paper/kitchen rolls, cooking oil, tinned meats, tea bags, sugar, coffee, puddings, tinned stewing steak, tinned chicken in sauce, long life milk. Items for food bank can be left in the Advent room.

Offertory Donations

You can set up regular offertory donation by setting up monthly standing order.
Our Bank details are as follows:
A/c name: CDP Reading Our Lady of Peace Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 A/C No: 00886018
If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. You can also pay via the contactless machine in the Advent Room.

Resources

Day by Day: Advent edition in Advent Room. £1.20 per book. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas: The catalogues are available in the Advent Room. Please take a copy.

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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Christ the King, Whitley	Fr. Daniel Agber	0118 931 4469
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Leo Odomeja	0118 969 3423
St. James	Fr. Chris Heaps	0118 957 4171
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Fr. Gaston Forbah	0118 957 2149
St. Joesph, Tilehurst	Fr. Henry Jan Nkop	0118942 9632
St. William of York	Fr. Seth Phipps	0118 966 5284
Our Lady & St Anne, Caversham	Fr. Joe McLoughlin	0118 947 1787

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

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, KIng of the Universe	**Year A page: 813**	**22nd November 2026**

Pslam Response:
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Christ The King of the Universe.

At this very moment of the history of salvation, Christ rules the world from the throne, which is called Cal vary or the Most Holy Eucharist. In our lives, we learn that Calvary is present to us when the Mass is cele brated. Christ Crucified comes into our hearts and there He transforms and rules the world. He rules the universe in us, with us, and through us when we open our hearts and share in his crucifixion at Mass. During the Eucharist, we are invited to co-rule the world with the Lord in union with the crucified One. At the general audience on Wednesday 21 November 2017, Pope Francis reminded us, that when we enter the church for Mass, we should say to ourselves: "I enter Calvary, where Jesus gives His life for me" "When we go to Mass, it is the same as if we go to Calvary," "Imagine that you are actually at Calvary" – he continued – "In that moment, you would look up and know that the man upon the cross is Jesus. Would you even think to chatter or take pictures? "No, because Jesus is there!" On the contrary, we should respond to the Holy Mass actively, which means "in silence, in weeping," and with joy as we have been saved from death and sin. In this way, we are in communion (union with) our Saviour who is exalted above the earth. It happens at each Mass: Christ hanging on the Cross is pronounced as the King of the Jews, King of the Universe! Mass is the Eucharist, Thanksgiving as God reigns! Our God reigns as His Passion and death on the Cross open to us during each Holy Mass. This is then the ultimate victory over death. There, He transformed His death "into the supreme act of love." We are in union with the King Jesus Christ while receiving His Precious Body and Blood. In this way, we are empowered to love and forgive, including loving our enemies. Indeed, during Holy Mass, at the moment of consecration and communion the Lord Jesus, as Pope Francis says, "pours upon us all His mercy and love, as He did on the cross, so as to renew our heart, our existence, and our way of communi cating with Him and with our brothers."

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 22nd November 2026 **Our Lord Jesus Christ,** **King of the Universe**	*08:00* **08:30** *10:30* **11:00** **17:00**	*Rosary* **Blessing of Pozniak & Wojtowicz families** *Rosary* **Peter Mooney RIP** *Baptism of Keon Alexander Racelis* **For Parishioners**
Mon 23rd Nov: **St Clement I** *Holy Mass (Novus Ordo) in Latin*	*17:00* *18:00* **18:30**	*Adoration* *Rosary (Latin)* **Deceased souls of the university community**
Tues 24th Nov: St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	**08:00** **11:00**	**Joshua Thyveetil healing** **Requiem Mass Blinnia McAteer RIP**
Wed 25th Nov: St Catherine of Alexandria	**08:00** *16:15*	**Holy Souls of George Ferns family** *Rosary*
Thurs 26th Nov	**No Mass**	
Fri 27th Nov	**10:00** *11:00- 18:00* *18:00* **18:30**	**Funeral service for Pietro Cassano RIP** *Adoration* *Rosary* **Trevor York RIP rec. dec.**
Sat 28th Nov:	17:00	*Pre Advent Party in the Parish Hall*
Sun 29th November 2026 **First Sunday of Advent** 	08:00 **08:30** 10:30 **11:00** **17:00**	*Rosary* **Stanislaw RIP** *Rosary* **For Parishioners** **Eva Berja RIP**

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

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

22nd November: Joan Andrijecko (1983); Norman Preston (2013);
23rd November: Violet Lefebrune (1977); Kenneth Mansfield (87);
25th November: Martin Sexton (1995); Harold Nunn(2002);
27th November: Mary Underwood (2000); Patrick Patton (2023);
29th November: William O'Riordan (1996); Peter Sellen (2004); Eva Berja (2025);

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.

Parish News

Sunday 22nd November at 11.00am - Baptism of Keon Alexander Racelis. Please keep Keon in your prayer. He is getting baptised and welcomed into our faith community. We pray for his family that they may always follow the guiding light of Christ.

Monday 23rd November at 18:30: The students of Reading CathSoc are organising a Requiem Mass in our church for the deceased of the university community. It will be a Sung Mass followed by the traditional Absolutions at the Catafalque.

Tuesday 24th November 11:00. Requiem Mass for Blinnia McAteer RIP: Blinnia was a cherished member of our Parish and served as a Sacristan till 2017 and has been housebound for some time. We pray for her soul and keep her family in our prayers. Requiem Mass on at our church followed by burial at Wokingham Free Church Burial Ground at 12.45pm.

Saturday 25th November at 17.00 in the Parish Hall. Parish Christmas / Pre-Advent Party:

Sunday 6th December 8:30 Mass - Fire Drill

UPDATE: Parish Fundraising for Church windows: A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has already donated. Our target is £24,000.00 for all 6 windows. We have raised £21,000.00 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 Dona contactless payment or through our parish website.

Events in Advent

Angelus will be said before all Advent Masses

Rorate Mass: We will again celebrate the Rorate Mass every Wednesday morning in Advent from 2nd December at 6.30am. Rorate is a candlelit Mass in the dark, so please bring lantern.

Saturday 5th December : 1st Saturday of every month at 9.30am: (Dedication to Our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am.

Tuesday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

Sunday 13th December: 2nd Sunday of the Month – Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 14:30.

Friday day Adoration. Friday 11th Dec will be the last Adoration for 2026, Adoration will start again after the Christmas break on Friday 23rd January 2027.

Advent Retreat 17th-20th December: Welcoming Christ with Mary and the Angels: Join us for a special Advent Retreat lead by Fr Fiddlis as we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ with Mary and the Angels.

Children's Nativity service on Wednesday 24th December: Parents of children in primary school, please be in touch with Fr Stan for the planning of the children's nativity service on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Service

Thur 24th December: The Nativity of the Lord
16:30-Children's short service followed by Christmas Vigil Holy Mass at 17:00.
23:.45 Carols followed by Midnight mass.

Fri 25th December: 9.00am & 11.00am - Holy Mass.

Sat 26th December: St Stephen 10.00am Holy Mass.

Sun 27th December :8:30, 11.00 & 17:00 Holy Mass
No weekday Mass from Mon 28th Dec to Thur 30th Dec.
Thur 31st December: Holy Mass at 6.30pm

Fri 1st January 2027: Holy Mass at 11.00am
Sat 2nd January 2027: 1st Saturday devotion to our Lady 11:00am Holy Mass
Sun 3rd January :8.30am, 11.00am & 17:00 Holy Mass .