

Christmas services

Wed 24th December: The Nativity of the Lord
4.30pm-Children's short service followed by Christmas Vigil Holy Mass at 5.00pm.
11.45pm Carols followed by Midnight mass.

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

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

Sunday 28th December: Holy Family. Holy Mass at 8.30am, 11.00am & 5.00pm

No weekday Mass on Monday 29th December and Tuesday 30th December 2025.

Wednesday 31st December 2025: Thanksgiving Mass for 2025 at 6.30pm

Thursday 1st January 2026: Mary Mother of God: 11.00am Holy Mass

Friday 2nd January 2026: 1st Friday of the month, 6.30pm Holy Mass

Saturday 3rd January 2026: 1st Saturday devotion to our Lady 11.00am Holy Mass

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.

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Reading Catholic Churches

Christ the King, Whitley	Fr. Daniel Agber
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Leo Odomeja
St. James	Fr Chris Heaps
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Fr. Gaston Forbah
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Fr Jude Mbonu
St. William of York	Fr. Seth Phipps
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Fr Joe McLoughlin

Sunday 4th January 2026: 2nd Sunday after Christmas: 8.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Holy Mass.

Monday 5th January 2026: Vigil Mass for Epiphany at 6.30pm.

Tuesday 6th January 2026: Epiphany of the Lord (Holy day of obligation) Holy Mass at 6.30pm

Sunday 11th January 2026 The Baptism of the Lord: 8.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Holy Mass.

No weekday Mass from Monday 12th January – Friday 16th January 2026.

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

You can also pay via the contactless machine in the Advent Room.

If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.



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Hall Bookings



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

Parish office will be closed from Monday 24th November to Friday 28th November.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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23rd November 2025

Next week is the first Sunday of Advent and the start of Liturgical Year A

Psalm Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Christ is the King of the Universe

We belong to the vision of the world presented to us by Christ. In this vision, we find our home. He makes us rooted in the Father and yet remain in the world. He brings stability and integrity to our hearts. He heals the deep wounds of our souls. In Him all the bleeding areas of every corner of our bodies are given new light, new purpose, and new mission. His divinity and humanity speaks to us, embraces us and covers us. His divinity and humanity comes through our being and transforms us. He is our fortress and our yeast - He molds us and make us rise. He is the King of the Universe and everything is submitted to Him.

As we belong to the Christ's vision of life, astoundingly we are given the 'identity card' of Heaven. We treasure it as something extraordinary and we fight to prevent the image of Christ the King in our hearts (*look at John 18:36*). We are His and we are hungry to listen to His voice. It is amazing that the kingdom of God has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it. (*Mt 11:12*). Who are they? They are those who understand that the 'identity card' needs activating. There are those who are rescued by the Holy Blood of Christ. There are those who remember that we need others to receive the citizenship of Christ's Kingdom. They are those who remember that their time might be shorter than others. Generally speaking, all of us need to see that life is too short to create conflicts. Life is too short to focus on moments when we are hurt or unnoticed, humiliated or forgotten. Our life is too short to complicate somebody else's life. It is limited to approximately just 30,000 days before eternity.-

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 23rd November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Claudia's 2nd Birthday Rosary Christina Owens RIP For Parishioners
Mon 24th Nov St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions	6.00pm 6.30pm	Rosary Lina De Mello 20th birthday
Tue 25th Nov: St Catherine of Alexandria	8.00am	Endlee Lee Grand RIP rec. dec.
Wed 26th Nov	8.00am 4.15pm	Holy souls in purgatory Rosary
Thurs 27th Nov	No Mass	
Fri 28th Nov	11.00am - 6.00pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	Adoration Rosary John De Mello RIP 5th anniversary
Sat 29th Nov	No Mass	
Sun 30th November First Sunday of Advent 	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary St Anthony thanksgiving Rosary For Parishioners Angela Plumb RIP rec. dec.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Mondays, 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.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

23rd November: Violet Lefebrune (1977); Kenneth Mansfield (87)
27th November: Mary Underwood (2000); Patrick Patton (2023)
29th November: William O'Riordan (1996); Peter Sellen (2004);
30th November: Z Maratona (1991); Olive Henry (1991);

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

Confirmation 2025-26. Session today Sunday 23rd November after 11.00am Mass in Bl Dominic Barbary Room. Next session on 7th December.

Christmas Cards: The Parish Christmas cards are on sale in the Advent Room. £3.00 for pack of five cards or £5.00 for pack of ten cards.

Advent/Christmas decorations & cards for sale in Advent room.

Parish office will be closed from Monday 24th November to Friday 28th November.

Parish Christmas / Pre-Advent Party: Saturday 29th November at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. (sold out).

Day by Day: Advent edition in Advent Room. £1.00 / book. Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent Room.

First Holy Communion 2025-26. Session every Tuesday during term time at 3.45pm in Bl Dominic Barberi Room.

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. To find out more, please see Fr. Stan after Mass

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.

Events in Advent

Advent Giving: During Advent as a Parish, we will, as usual, be collecting gifts to donate to a good cause. We had a poll in our Parish WhatsApp group and "New Beginnings" had the most vote. "New Beginning", is a local charity, which offers support, food and accommodation for the homeless in town. We will place

receptacles in the Advent room for your gifts. Items required include: socks, underwear, anoraks, shower gel, shampoos, deodorants, disposable razors, shaving foam/gels, loo rolls, pillows and sleeping bags. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Angelus will be said before all Advent Masses

We will again celebrate the Rorate Mass every Wednesday morning in Advent from 3rd December at 6.30am. Rorate is a candlelit Mass in the dark, so please bring lantern.

Saturday 6th December : 1st Saturday of every month at 9.30am: (Dedication to Our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am.

Monday 8th December: The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. (Solemnity) Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

Sunday 14th December (Gaudete Sunday) from 3:15pm to 4:45pm. Carol singing in the local neighbourhood The plan is to meet in Bl. Dominic Barberi Room at 3:15pm for a short briefing and prayer before we set off promptly at 3:30pm. We will sing at several fixed locations along The Knapp, Aldbourne Avenue and Ramsbury Drive, and will start heading back to the church at 4:30pm so that we could finish at 4:45pm in time for the 5pm Mass. Singers and non-singers are all encouraged to join -- not just for the singing, but for knocking of doors and small-chats with the residents.

Sunday 14th December: No Divine Mercy holy hour in our church due to Carol singing in the neighbourhood.

Friday day Adoration. Friday 19th Dec will be the last Adoration for 2025, Adoration will start again after the Christmas break on Friday 23rd January 2026.

Advent Confession on Saturday 20th December at 9.00am - 12noon at our church. Please spare some time for prayer and reflection, this Advent. Start planning now to keep a sense of true perspective during this holy season. All are welcome.