

**Day by Day - January edition is in the Advent Room £1.20 / book:** Please leave money in the box next to the books in the Advent room.

**Missio 2026 Calander:** Please take your copy of the Missio Calander from the Advent room.

### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

24th Dec: Muriel Bowman-Smith (1976); Pauline Thackram (2001); 25th Dec: Donald Wignall (1996);  
 26th Dec: Anthony Lesner (1999); Mary James (2009); William Cham (2024);  
 29th Dec: Mary Kayley (1982); 30th Dec: Joy Sellen (1993);  
 1st Jan: Zena Pringle (1997); David Botherel (1992);  
 2nd Jan: Sarah Doherty (1979); Brian Sheldon (1997); Cis Byrne (1999); Arthur Pearl (1976);  
 3rd Jan: Thomas Flannery (2015); 4th Jan: Robert Scott (1989); Kathleen Rooney (2001);  
 5th Jan: Therese Polanski (2008); Elizabeth York (2015)  
 7th Jan: Wally Kulan (2001); Annie Aldridge (2011);  
 8th Jan: Anne Wellman (1980); Lesly Borg (2002); Margot Wignall (2017)  
 9th Jan: Tim Chapman (1995); Fran Oliver (2012);  
 10th Jan: Emma Cattaneo (1984); Teresa Smith (2006);  
 11th Jan: James Ahern (baby, 1998); and Roger Joseph (2007).  
 12th Jan: Vincent McLoughlin (1987); Martin Brannelly (2007);  
 13th Jan: Emma Fiorentini (2017); Paola Moretti (2021)  
 14th Jan: Terence De Sa (1999); Eileen Herbert (2008); Kathleen McGuire (2008);  
 15th Jan: John Hickson (1983); Lesley Hughes (2004);  
 16th Jan: Kathleen Hogben (2010); Charles Hay (2017)  
 17th Jan: Josephine Gainey (1997); Anna Maria Goodchild (2015)

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 would like to add a name to this list, or if you have any queries, please contact Rachel at the Parish Office**

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### Catholic Chaplaincy in Royal Berkshire Hospital

Contact duty priest: 0118 3227105.  
 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".  
 Fr. Daniel Agber will now coordinate the Hospital Chaplaincy. On call Hospital Chaplains are the priests from the FSSP (07445106330) Fr. Seth Phipps and Fr. Matthew Goddard

### 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

### 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

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Parish office will be closed from Wednesday 24th December 2025 to Wednesday 14th January 2026.  
 Parish office opening hours from 14th January : Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

**We wish you a blessed, peaceful & joyful Christmas and Happy New Year from Fr Stan and Rachel (Parish Office).**

**Christmas Midnight Mass**  
**Christmas Daytime Mass**  
**The Holy Family**  
**2nd Sunday of Christmas**  
**Baptism of the Lord**

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**24th December 2025**  
**25th December 2025**  
**28th December 2025**  
**4th January 2026**  
**11th January 2026**

**He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in His name. John 1:11-12**

*God became small for us in the Child Jesus,  
 St Mary had conceived him by the Holy Spirit  
 With love she caressed him.  
 St Joseph looked upon him with humility of faith  
 The shepherds received him with awe and simplicity  
 With Joy they returned home.  
 This Child is born for us.  
 Let us embrace him in our lives*

*Blessed Christmas*

*Fr Stan*

### Psalm Response:

**Midnight Mass:** I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.  
**Daytime Mass:** All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.  
**28th December:** O God, be gracious and bless us.  
**4th January:** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.  
**11th January:** The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
<b>Wed 24th December</b> <b>The Nativity of the Lord</b> <i>Solemnity with octave</i>	4.30pm <b>5.00pm Holy Mass</b> 11.45pm	<i>Children's Nativity followed by Holy Mass</i> <b>For The Parish</b> Carols
<b>Thurs 25th December</b> <b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b> <b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b>	<b>For The Parish</b> <b>For The Parish</b> <b>For The Parish</b>
Fri 26th Dec: St Stephen	10.00am	Ann Parker RIP
Sat 27th Dec	No Mass	
<b>Sun 28th December 2025</b> <b>Holy Family</b>	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary <b>Martin &amp; Kate Gorman wedding anniversary</b> Rosary <b>Evelyne Steventon thanksgiving</b> <b>For Parishioners</b>
Mon 29th & Tues 30th Dec	No Mass	
Wed 31st Dec 2025	6.30pm	Thanksgiving for 2025
Thur 1st January 2026 Mary Mother of God	11.00am	Felix Pinto RIP
Friday 2nd Jan 2026	†12.30pm 6.30pm	Requiem Mass Eva Berja † Fr Krzysztof Wojcieszak intention
Saturday 3rd Jan 2026 The Most Holy Name of Jesus	11.00am	Aili Koskinen RIP
<b>Sun 4th January 2026</b> <b>2ns Sunday after The Nativity</b>	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary <b>Pozniak &amp; Wojtowicz intention</b> Rosary <b>For Parishioners</b> <b>Holy souls of D'Souza &amp; Pinto family</b>
Mon 5th Jan	6.30pm	Everlyne Fernandes 80th birthday thanksgiving
Tues 6th Jan <i>(Holy day of Obligation)</i> The Epiphany of the Lord	6.30pm	For Parishioners
Wed 7th Jan	8.00am	Paul - grace for forgiveness
Thur 8th Jan:	No Mass	
Friday 9th Jan	6.30pm	Jozef's healing
Sat 10th Jan	No Mass	
<b>Sun 11th January 2026</b> <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary <b>Latta family's intention</b> Rosary <b>Holy Souls</b> <i>Divine Mercy Holy Hour</i> <b>For Parishioners</b>

Mon 12th- Sat 17th Jan 2026	No Mass	
<b>Sun 18th January 2026</b> <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary <b>Kathleen Marie Hogben RIP Foundation Mass</b> Rosary <b>For Parishioners</b> Merlin Pereira thanksgiving

### Parish News

**Census 2026:** It is time to conduct a new Census in our Parish. The last Parish Census was completed in 2018. The Census can be completed online via our website. If you prefer not to use the online option, physical copies are available in the Advent Room. Completed forms to be returned to the Parish Office. *Please note that we will not be importing data from previous censuses. In order to comply with GDPR requirements, we must ensure that only current information is held in our database.*

**Christmas day collection:** The collections from all the Christmas Masses are a gift for Fr Stan's ministry amongst us. Please either use our contactless payment or use the envelope provided

**Christmas Crib Collection:** In the Diocese, we alternate our annual Christmas Crib offerings between Friends of the Holy Land and the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. This year, the Christmas Crib offerings will go to the Friends of the Holy Land (FHL). As violence rages in the Holy Land, the situation for our Christian family there has gone from very difficult to critical. Caught in the middle of terrible conflict after a year of pressure, many more families from places like Bethlehem, East Jerusalem and Ramallah are thinking seriously about emigrating. We face the possibility of the last members of the ancient Christian community leaving the homeland of our faith forever. Your support can make all the difference. Thanks to your donations so far, FHL have been able to send practical life-saving supplies to around 1,100 people sheltering in the Gaza church compounds – including children and people who are injured and ill.

**The Christmas newsletter** will cover the 3 Sundays while the parish office is closed (28th Dec, 4th Jan & 11th Jan.) - so please keep your copy!

**Parish office will be closed from Wednesday 23rd December 2025 to Wednesday 14th January 2026.**

**Friday Adoration.** Adoration will start again after the Christmas break on Friday 23rd January 2026.

**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.

**The Parish Bereavement Support Group** can be contacted via the Parish Office.

### Pastoral News

**Bed for the Night** will start in January 2026. During the coldest winter months, Wycliffe church (along with other churches) provide a meal and shelter for people who need a place to sleep. Here at Wycliffe we will be hosting refugees on Tuesday nights from 6th January-31st March 2026. If you're interested in volunteering, please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/3h48nC6P8D>. If you have any questions, get in touch with Kathryn (07765 600372).

### 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.