

OTHER NEWS

Pastoral Area

Job Vacancy

Office Business Manager (English Martyrs, Reading) Full time - 35 hours per week.
Interviews: w/c Monday 19th February 2018
For informal enquiries please contact the Parish Office on 0118 957 2149.

Our Parish

Lent preparation

Wednesday 14th February is the beginning of Lent. Just as Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days, we can use this time to embark on a period of spiritual exploration and hopefully growth.

Lent Charity:

We thank people who have contributed ideas and are pleased to announce that Cafod is our Lenten charity. More information to follow.

RCIA

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Or curious about Catholic Teachings?

Or finding yourself asking questions?

Our Enquiry / RCIA sessions are held every Tuesday evening from 8.00pm to 9.30pm in the Dominic Barberi room. If you would like further information contact Parish office or Stan Wilson at 07450 389640.

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain:
Fr JP Lyttle
RBH: 322 7105 Parish: 957 2149.

Christ the King, Whitley Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am
St. John Bosco, Woodley Sat 6.30pm; Sun.10.00am

St. James Sat 6.00pm; Sun 11.00am
English Martyrs, Tilehurst Sat 6.30pm;
Sun 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.00pm

St. Joseph, Tilehurst Sun 8.30am, 10.30am
St. William of York Sun 9.00am, 11.00am (in Latin)
6.00pm (Students' Mass)

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00am, 6.30pm

Dominic Barberi Room availability.

If your group is using the DB room or Church in the evening then please inform the office ASAP. Also going forward, if you need to use the DB room then please contact the office to confirm availability.

Mass Intention:

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. That grace can be applied to specific intentions.

Mass Intention envelopes are in the Advent room. If you would like to offer a Mass then please drop the envelope to the Parish office with a donation of at least £10. If the date is not available then we will contact you with an alternative date.

Offertory Collection 21st Jan

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| Envelopes | £ 59.00 |
| Loose Cash | £ 376.87 |
| Standing Orders | £ 701.15 |
| Total | £ 1137.02 |

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Emergency numbers for a Priest – *Please call your own priest first*

Fr. Pat Madden 0118 931 4469

Fr. Raffaele Cossa / Fr Luca Speziale
0118 969 3423

Cn. John O'Shea 0118 957 4171
Cn. Michael Dennehy 0118 957 2149

Fr. Peter Glas 0118 942 8632

Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Patrick O'Donohue
0118 966 5284

Mgr. Patrick Daly 0118 947 1787

CUBS Mon. 6.45pm / **BEAVERS** Thurs. 5.45pm / **SCOUTS** Fridays 8pm in **HALL**

Our Lady of Peace & Bl. Dominic Barberi

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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28th January 2018

On the difficult relationship between God, man and on the virtue of hating demons

There is a fresco in the Santa Maria del Carmine church in Florence by the Italian Early Renaissance artist Masaccio. It shows the difficult relationship between God and man. Shades of beige, dirty, yellow dominate the painting. Red and grey-blue create the background. On the foreground there are naked people: Adam covers his face with his hands in shame, Eve's face, distorted by despair is facing up. There is another figure: the angel clothed in a red dress: in his right hand there is a sword, the finger on the left hand shows the path to leave Eden. On the left side of the picture there is a fragment of the paradise gate. The amazing story of the Almighty and Good Creator and His Creation, although marked by deep sadness, in fact opens another chapter of the promise of restoration and re-unity between God and man. This is the Bible!

nowadays change the beautiful story of the Creation in our hearts into the story of the banished God, or the accused God. God is punished, indeed. He is portrayed as the guilty one of all misfortune. Behind the scene of that image of God, is Satan.

God has been embracing the punishment of Adam and Eve as well as their enormous unconditional rejection. He has done that with astonishing humility and serenity for the sake of love for each one of us. His humility and love towards us destroy demons and send them to hell which is their place. He teaches us that hating demons in that way is a virtue. It is important to hate them with absolute hate. We have to treat them with disgust. Otherwise we are lost amongst their traps. If we treat them with politeness, we open our hearts to them.

God's hope towards us is being stopped in many hearts by the Enemy of human race. Demons, who were also behind the Fall and drama of the Expulsion from the Garden of Eden,

Fr Stan

Psalm Response:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

| Date & Dedication | Time | Mass Intentions etc. |
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| Sun 28th Jan 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm | Rosary Vera Gorman RIP Rita Rose Ransley |
| Mon 29th Jan | 7.00am | <i>Parishioners</i> Please note earlier time due to a funeral service at Crematorium. |
| Tue 30th Jan | 9.00am 10.00am | <i>Adoration & Rosary</i> <i>Michael & Mary McDonagh RIP and for all the holy souls of both the families</i> |
| Wed 31st Jan | 9.30am 10.00am | <i>Rosary</i> Holy Souls in Purgatory and for lost souls |
| Thu 1st Feb | No Mass | |
| Fri 2nd Feb The Presentation of our Lord | 10.00am 7.30pm | <i>Adoration until 7.30 Mass</i> Clements & Hardy families (living & dead members) Foundation Mass |
| Sat 3rd Feb | No Mass | |
| Sun 4th Feb 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm | Rosary Rose Thomson Parishioners |

January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. We pray for all Christians, people of Goodwill and Peace in the World brought by Him.

Children's liturgy: Please register your child before Mass.

Anniversaries
Please keep in your prayers

Joseph Haughton (1973) Edyth Cameron (1979), Joseph Fernando (1984), Elizabeth Baclard (1986), Mary Tomplans (2001), Sue Rose (2001), Elena Atkinson (2015)

This Week

Saturday 27th January 2018

International Holocaust Remembrance Day for the victims of the Holocaust.

Monday 29th January 2018

8.30pm Home Prayer Group. Contact Mel Noronha on tel: 0118 996 7208

Sunday 4th Feb 2018

2.30pm First Holy Communion Children session on Reconciliation.

Forthcoming Events Our Parish

Reading Community Gospel Choir on Saturday 10th February 2018 at OLOP from 7.30pm. NGCF are pleased to announce the return of their charity. There will be a support act from Trinity Church in Earley, "The Rixon Quartet". As always it's a great evening of prayer, music and laughter. Join us and help the NGCF support those whose lives are not as blessed as ours. Tickets are £10 and will be on sale at the back of the church on Sunday 28th January and 4th February .

Preparation for Lent: "Journey with Christ"

Saturday, 17th February: Day of quiet retreat at Our Lady Of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi from 10 am till 3pm. Please bring your own packed lunch.

Reading University Chaplaincy

Theology of the body- A project organised by the Catholic Chaplaincy at the Reading University is based on the teaching of St John Paul II. Every Thursday in February, lunch time (1-2pm), at the Chaplaincy on Campus, there are sessions on theology of the body from the Catholic perspective. Suitable for people age 18-25. Covered topics include: Created in the image of God, Freedom, The human person,

Fall and redemption, what is love, chastity, vocations.

"This Evil Thing" on Wednesday 7 February, 7pm, at London Road. To mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, the University is hosting the 80-minute show by actor and playwright Michael Mears. He will be interviewed afterwards by the Vice-Chancellor. Tickets are free but booking is essential: <http://www.reading.ac.uk/15/about/newsandevents/Events/Event749269.aspx>

Pastoral Area

LAUDATO SI STUDY EVENINGS on Wednesday 7th February & 28th February, 7.30pm at St James Presbytery. Protection of the environment is our responsibility - God's beautiful creation. An open invitation to all of the parishes in Reading to join these sessions and be able to respond to the call of Pope Francis "to Care for our Common Home".

SEMINAR ON HEALING . Saturday, 10th February: 11 am – 4 pm IN ST JOSEPH'S LARGE HALL

Father Nicholas Broadbridge OSB, Benedictine Monk from Douai Abbey, Woolhampton, Berkshire, will lead a special healing seminar and teach us all about the healing ministry. Please bring food to share for lunch. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Congress, Liverpool 7TH – 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018. Application for tickets is now open by contacting the Parish office.

World Youth Day, Panama

Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30s in January 2019 (21st-27th). Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than 15th January. The cost is in the region of £1800, and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.