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PASTORAL AREA

Walk of Witness at 10.00am on Good Friday with Churches Together in Earley & East Reading will start from the statue in Palmer Park. We will walk through the park to Liverpool Road and then along the canal to outside Marks & Spencer’s for a short open-air service at 10.50am. Walkers will then proceed to Forbury Gardens for another service at 11.30am.

Offertory Collection 18 Mar

Envelopes	£185.54
Loose Cash	£351.78
Standing Orders	£755.77
TOTAL	£1,293.09

Next Special Collection

Good Friday: Holy Places

Easter offerings The collections at all the Easter Masses are for Fr Stan. Christmas and Easter are the most substantial part of a priest’s yearly income. This is our opportunity to show our appreciation for Fr Stan. Please use the envelope provided & give generously. Thank you.

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplin: Fr JP Lyttle
 Mobile: 07391 896559, RBH: 0118 3227105
 Sunday Mass 4.00pm
 Patients, staff & visitors welcome.

On admission all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic & if they wish to have Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are “Patient Led”.

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

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** Fri 8pm in **HALL**

Reading Gospel choir are holding a concert at **Park URC** at **7.30pm** on **Good Friday** evening.

Life in the Spirit Seminar at St Joseph’s Church, Tilehurst Booking not necessary - just turn up for the first session!. Please see poster in Advent Room for more details

Saturday 14th April at Westminster Cathedral: “Living the Joy of Love” by Christopher West. For more information, write to info.rclondon@gmail.com.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at **St Bede’s Church in Basingstoke** on **Saturday 30th June 2018**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/ and complete the on-line form, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk (*Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient.*) Alternatively, we have forms available in the Parish Office.

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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The church office is closed this week

Passion Sunday Year B p 88 (81) 25 March 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

While contemplating the Passion we become closer to our Lord. Let us be with the Lord in the moment of the rejection. God was rejected. He embraced and picked up all kinds rejections. Some of them have happened to us. Some of them we have showed to others.

There are some of us who are not happy when they hear about the Cross. However, this challenge is calculated in the process of growing to the maturity of Christian life. The same happened to St Peter, who enthusiastically professed Jesus Christ then denied the Cross. St Peter saw a lot and yet escaped; was close in the Upper Room, was alongside when the Lord prayed in the Olive Garden. Indeed, he did not climb the Mount of Golgotha but in his act of contrition and by our Lord’s prayer from the Cross, he ended up right in the middle of the heart of Jesus.

When we have great devotion to the Passion we learn better that through the Sacrifice of His Cross the darkness is overcome.

By adhering to the crucified Jesus, our love and faithfulness increases. By adhering to the disfigured and crushed image of Jesus we equally see His glorified face. With Him we unite our wounded hearts and allow Him to reign. Indeed, the Lord reigns over the Universe and reigns from the Cross. The Cross of Christ is our stronghold as it conceives in us the joy of the Resurrection. We experience that miracle at every single Holy Mass as there we mysteriously take part in the events of Calvary. At every single Mass the Sacrificial Offering of Jesus is made and the fruits, the Holy Body and Blood of the Lord, are given to us.

We proclaim His death and resurrection to the world ...

Fr Stan

Psalm Response:
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 25 Mar Passion Sunday	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Brian & Gloria Newman 50th wedding anniversary Nvue thanksgiving Burn family deceased members
Mon 26 Mar	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Orla Dockery RIP
Tue 27 Mar	No Mass	
Wed 28 Mar	No Mass	
Thu 29 Mar Maundy Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm followed by	Combined Lauds & Office of Readings (Tenebrarum) Adoration (until midnight)
Fri 30 Mar Good Friday	10.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 7.00pm	Combined Lauds & Office of Readings (Tenebrarum) Children's Good Friday Service Stations of the Cross
Sat 31 Mar	10.00am 8.00pm	Combined Lauds & Office of Readings (Tenebrarum) Parishioners' Family & Friends
Sun 01 Apr Easter Sunday	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Parishioners' Family & Friends Parishioners' Family & Friends (No 5pm Mass)

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

Census 2018

Please go to the Parish website www.olo.org.uk, click on the **Parish Database** button & fill in your details which are for parish use only and confidential. Thank you to our 6 Parishioners who have already registered their details.

Anniversaries

Please keep in your prayers

Irene Hickson (1994), Elizabeth Caten (1999),
Vera Secky (1979), Daniel Lynch (2004),
Andrew Molony (1997), Chantelle Pattinson (2000)

THIS WEEK (HOLY WEEK)

Today Palm (Passion) Sunday - our morning Masses will begin with a procession from the Hall (or from Advent Room if it is raining).

Tue 27 Mar (No Mass)

11.00am Chrism Mass (Mass of the Oils) - if you are able to attend this Mass, you are strongly encouraged to make the time and journey! Why not ask a friend to car share? See all the priests in the Diocese renew their vows for another year, and receive the oils that will be used throughout the coming year - including the imminent confirmations.

*St John's Catholic Cathedral
Portsmouth PO1 3HG*

Wed 28 Mar (No Mass)

Thu 29 Mar Maundy Thursday

10.00am Combined Lauds & Office of Readings (Tenebrarum)

then Altar Servers' meeting

8.00pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper - we still need altar servers for all of the triduum Masses. Please let Fr Stan know if you are available to serve at any or all of these Masses.

then Adoration (until midnight) - if you do not usually attend adoration, why not start by staying after Mass? "You could not watch me for one hour?" (Mt 26:40)

Fri 30 Mar Good Friday

10.00am Combined Lauds & Office of Readings (Tenebrarum)

11.00am Children's Good Friday Service

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 31 Mar Holy Saturday

10.00am Combined Lauds & Office of Readings (Tenebrarum)

then Blessing of food - this is a tradition

associated mostly with middle and Eastern European countries, where priests bless Easter food before the Easter celebrations begin; it is getting more popular elsewhere, too. If you would like your Easter food blessed please bring a *small* sample of Easter foods (eg some bread, an egg, some fruit, cake, etc) - preferably in a small open basket, and Fr Stan will bless them after Tenebrarum.

8.00pm Easter Vigil - including confirmations
then Celebration Agape Supper in the Hall

NEXT WEEK (EASTER WEEK)

There will be no 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday. There will also be no morning Mass on Easter Wednesday or Easter Thursday. As this is the first week of the month, Mass on Easter Friday will be at 7.30pm.

Church Office Our Parish secretary, Rachel, has been summoned for Jury Service from Monday 19 March. We will try and keep the office going, but please do bear with us and only contact us for emergencies

LATER

Sun 08 Apr Divine Mercy Sunday

2.30pm Divine Mercy Service - will be held in our Church, for approximately one hour.

12 to 19 Sep Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

See posters for further details or call Nancy Challinor-Johnson on 07745 434888 or email nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com.

Resources

"Children's My day by day" Lent & Easter book. £1 per copy are in the advent room. "Infant" book from ages 5-8 and "junior" books from ages 8-11.

"Easter edition of My day by day". £1 per copy.

Junior Reconciliation— Donation