

Pastoral Events

Tuesday 11th September 2018: SPUC meeting will take place from 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm at English Martyrs' Church, Liebenroad Road, Reading, RG30 2EB. . Please consider attending the event. For more information please contact Edward Gibbons at SPUC on 02078203140 .

15th and 29th September 2018 – Refugee Event. The picture of the 3-year-old Syrian boy Aylan Kurdi's lifeless body on a beach horrified us all and begs the question of just what can we do as a parish to sponsor and house refugees? In response to this a practical way of housing refugee families will be presented at two Caritas "Welcoming our Neighbour" events, one in the Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville on 15th Sep and another repeat event at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead on 29th Sep. Find out more under "Events" on the diocesan website.

Wednesday 19th September. You are invited to come to our Harvest fast day briefing meeting to hear about CAFOD's work in Peru on Wednesday at English Martyrs' Church from 7:15pm to 9pm . Please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 .

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".

Saturday 6th October 10am-4pm: The Church's Solution to the Sexual Revolution. A celebration of family life on the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae. Please save the date..

Saturday 13th October: Annual Day for Altar Servers at Christ the King Church 10am—5.00pm. Please see Notice board for more information.

Sunday 21 October at 7pm. Are you a single man? Is your Catholic Faith really important to you? Have you ever considered the Lord may well be calling you to be a priest and to continue his work in the world? Are you just intrigued about the priesthood?. We would like to invite you to English Martyrs Presbytery for an informal evening with the priests from the pastoral area to explore what the priesthood is about and to ask any questions you have.

Flame Catholic Youth Event (aged 14-21 yrs): 2nd March 2019 at the SSE Arena, Wembley . More information www.cymfed.org.uk/flame

Offertory Collection 2nd Sept 2018

Envelopes	£ 75.00
Loose Cash	£ 729.83
Standing Orders	£ 716.08
Total	£ 1,520.91

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Special Collection 9th September

Catholic Education Service

Special Collection 16th September

Home Mission Sunday

Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

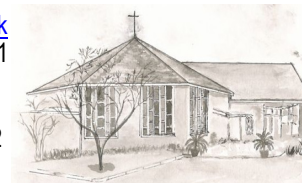
Christ the King, Whitley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am
St. James	Sat 6.00pm; Sun 11.00am
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.00pm
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Sun 8.30am, 10.30am
St. William of York	Sun 9.00am, 11.00am (in Latin) 6.00pm (Students' Mass)
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00am, 6.30pm

Fr. Pat Madden	0118 931 4469
Fr. Bill Wilson	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

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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The Church office will be closed from Wednesday 12th September—Friday 21st September

23rd Sunday of Ordinary time	Year B p 67	9th Sept 2018
24th Sunday of Ordinary time	Year B p 69	16th Sept 2018

Impeding God's grace

Jesus was travelling through the region known as the "Decapolis," between the coast of Tyre and Sidon, and Galilee, therefore in the "peripheries" and even in areas outside the Holy Land. Yet, people had heard of the Lord and they wanted His touch. They were ready to convert to Christ: they had open minds, contrite hearts. However, as it happens, there were also some with broken but stubborn heart and locked up minds, fixed in their own world. God's grace could not permeate them. We find this kind of inner closure and isolation represented by a deaf and a mute man who was brought to Jesus for healing.

As we learn, Jesus took the deaf and mute man aside, touched his ears and tongue, and then, looking up to the heavens, with a deep sigh said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened." And immediately the man began to hear and speak fluently.

Interestingly, these peripheries within the valley of the spiritually dead, with the deaf and the mute, with broken hearts and locked up minds - can easily be found in central Christian areas, where the Gospel is well known. This includes our hearts. We find many around us who are convinced that nobody can avoid living a corrupted life; that we are sinners, enslaved in our compulsions, that hence it is not possible to live according to God's vision for our life. There are even false teachers who preach that whoever might call us to the moral standards prescribed by the ten Commandments is a hypocrite.

We turn in prayer to Holy Mary, the Mother attentive to her Son Jesus. Her heart listens to his Word. Her special relationship with Jesus is totally "open" to the transforming love of the Lord. May her motherhood towards the Church help us be open, and to hear "Ephphatha". We also bring with her all those spiritually deaf and mute to Jesus.

Fr Stan

9th Sept-	Psalm Response:	My soul, give praise to the Lord.
16th Sept-	Psalm Response:	I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 9th Sept 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Agnieszka's Intention James & Kathleen Buckey RIP Foundation Mass Divine Mercy Kathleen McAteer RIP
Mon 10th Sept	10.00am	Special Intention & Thanksgiving to Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues 11th Sept	10.00am	Henry & Ethel Wiggins RIP Foundation Mass
Wed 12th Sept— Sat 15th Sept	No Mass	
Sun 16th Sept 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Dolores Intention & Thanksgiving to St Anthony Intention available Intention available
Mon 17th Sept—Thurs 20th Sept	No Mass	
Fri 21st Sept— St Matthew	10.00pm 11.00am	Intention available Adoration till 7.00pm
Sat 22nd Sept—	No Mass	
Sun 23rd Sept 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Mary Andrew RIP Intention available Intention available

11am Mass Children's liturgy: Please register your child before Mass..

Anniversaries Please keep in your prayers

9th Sept: Bill Hunt (1994); Regina Zaboklicka (2007); **10th Sept:** Frederick Grigg (1993); **11th Sept** Janice Robins (1995); and Bernard Coakeley (2004); **12th Sept:** Anthony Davis (1997); **13th Sept:** Doris Frost (1990); Marjorie Sheldon (1997); **14th Sept:** Eric Karas (2001); **15th Sept:** Mary Salmon (1975); Ethel Gibson (1988); **18th Sept:** Richard O'Connell (2002); and Graham Smallbone (2003); **20th Sept:** Bridget Malone (1990); **22nd Sept:** Michael Sorenson (1990); Surinder Dhir (2001); Theresa Semple (2006); John McCarron (1998);

Newsletter: If you would like to receive the newsletter via email then please register in the Parish Database on our website. From October 2018, the newsletter will only be sent out to those who have registered their interest on the parish database online.

Parish News

The Visitation of Bishop Philip Egan:

Dear Parishioners, last weekend it was with immense joy that we welcomed Bishop Philip on his Pastoral Visitation to our parish. We came together as a team and the Bishop saw a vibrant cohesive parish. Many thanks to all who helped with regards to the preparation for the Bishop's visit. Bishop Philip has asked me to express his thanks for the joyful and warm welcome that he received. You can read his whole message on <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/>. Fr Stan.

Sunday 9th September at 2.30pm. Divine Mercy Holy Hour. Every one welcome.

September 12th—19th—Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. The Church office will be closed and there will be no weekday mass and adoration during this period. Please keep the pilgrims in your prayers. If you would like to give any personal petitions to Our Lady then please do drop them in sealed envelopes to the Parish Office by Tuesday 11th September. Please do not put any money in the envelope.

Friday Sept 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross feast. Unfortunately due to Medjugorje Pilgrimage, there will be no Mass at our church. Please do try and attend Mass at our local church on this feast day.

Saturday 15th Sept 2018 Hall refurbishment Dance Proceeds from ticket sales (and raffle) will go towards the much-needed refurbishment of the Main Hall. Details on the poster in the Advent Room and within the complex. Tickets from the Social Club Bar or Parish Office. Members £5/ Non-Members £7.

Sunday 16th September

We welcome Fr Edward Stachurski who will celebrate 9am & 11am Mass and Fr Richard Maniak will celebrate 5.00pm Mass.

Requiem Mass on Tuesday 18th August:

We pray for the repose of the soul of Bruce Bentley, who passed away on 18th August. Bruce & Angela were our parishioners for a long time. Our prayers are with his wife Angela, family and friends. The Requiem Mass will be held at St John Bosco at 11.45am on Tuesday 18th September.

Saturday 22nd September Littlemore Pilgrimage : Calling all children and their parents for this pilgrimage. Littlemore is the place where BL Cardinal Newman became catholic and made his 1st confession and 1st holy communion with Bl Dominic Barberi. Please contact Fr Stan or the Parish Office by Tuesday 25th September so that we can decide if it is viable to organise this pilgrimage.

Sunday 23rd September 11am Mass:

All First Holy Communion candidates and all Post Holy Communion Children from the last two years, are invited to the 11am Mass. The candidates and parents will meet at the Carl Barton Room with Father Stan from 12.30-1pm. Parents only meeting on Monday 24th September at 7.30pm in Dominic Barberi Room.

First Holy Communion

If you have just started School year 3, and will be at least 8 years old between 1st Sep 2018 and 31st August 2019, then you are eligible to join our next First Holy Communion preparation programme. Parents please email or write to Father Stan at the church office by Mon 24th Sep, with the child's name date of birth, date and place of baptism, and parents' names, address, phone number and contact details.

Confirmation is offered for all young baptised Catholics who are in school Year 8 or above in September 2018. If interested, please drop the Confirmation Form, Consent Form and a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the Parish Office. Last date for registration is 15th September 2018. **Sunday 30th September 11am Mass** All the Confirmation candidates are invited to come for the 11am Mass followed by meeting in the Carl Barton 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; new sessions start in September. To find out more, please see Fr. Stan after Mass, or Parish office.

Sunday 5.00 pm mass: A request for anyone with musical talent or singers for 5.00pm mass to contact office , Fr Stan or Stan Wilson no. 07450389640.

Annual Mass Count: Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will be done on all Sunday Masses on 23rd Sept, 30th Sep, 7th Oct & 14th Oct.