

Parish News & Future Events

Saturday 1st Dec 7pm Parish Christmas Meal in the Parish Hall: SOLD OUT. Thanks for all your support, much appreciated.

Monday 3rd Dec You are invited to a prayer meeting to take place on Monday the 3rd Dec 2018 in Our church 7.45 for 8pm prompt start to 9.30pm.. It will include Praise, Thanksgiving, Intercession, Scripture reading and time to discuss.

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

Missio Red Box Holders.

The 2019 Mission Today Calendars have arrived. Please collect from the leaflet rack in the Advent Room. The Missio Financial Year closes at the end of December. If your Red Box needs emptying please contact your promoter, bring it to the church office or call Jack Noronha on 0118 9967208. Thank you for helping Missio in their work of supporting the Missions across the world.

Youth Group Coordinator: Jean-Sixte
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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

Pastoral Events

Sunday 18th of November at 4.30pmThe Archbishop of Goa, Filipe Neri Ferrao will celebrate the Mass in St James Church, for the Goan community in Reading. (Monthly Mass 3rd Sunday of the month). All members of the Goan community are asked to make a special effort to share in this Mass.

Advent Retreat & Holy Mass in Tamil on Sunday, 11th November between 1:30pm - 6pm at St.James Church, Reading lead by Bro. Rajkumar, Divine Retreat Centre, Ramsgate & Rev Fr Joseph Soosaimarian. Contact: Arun 07440570034 or visit facebook.com/ReadingTamilCatholics.

'BREATH OF LIFE' INTERFAITH WEEK RECEPTION on Wednesday 14th November at RISC Conference Hall, 35 -39 London St, RG1 4PS. From 7-9pm. The aim of this gathering is to explore with the different faith communities ways of praying, reflecting and meditating.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Wed 15th-22nd May 2019. In the Footsteps of Jesus, visiting the Holy Sites in Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Dead Sea & more. Cost: £1360pp. 50 places. Flights from Heathrow. Deposit £250pp. Led by Canons John O'Shea & Michael Dennehy. . Applications to be in ASAP. Info evening Fri 16th Nov at 7.30pm at St James. Apply to St James, Reading email stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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

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

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

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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The Church office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11am-4pm

31st Sunday of Ordinary time Year B p 84 4th November 2018

Sainthood? What does this mean?

Sainthood is the most beautiful thing, the greatest human fulfilment. It is a union with the life of Jesus and Mary in Nazareth, the life we find in the Catholic Church. But how do we understand sainthood? In many hearts there is a vision of sainthood as something rigid, artificial, unreal, strange, not good, not authentic and not true: "We could do with good, normal, real, authentic and true life, but not with saints" – someone has said recently. "We should be inclusive and promote diversity as an equal option for life. We have civil law which is good, but talking about sainthood is about exclusivity and it makes me think that the Church is behind society" – pointed out someone else. "Do not lie, do not hurt others, treasure your job and be aboveboard" – and it would be enough – added another person. "Sainthood is nothing but being good, normal, authentic and real" – said another. "We should not even think about dividing life for secular life and sainthood" – said a subsequent disputer – "all our sins are already judged on the Cross and if we honestly bring our corrupted thoughts, words, and deeds to Christ, we are saints in the midst of our life. That is God's gift – just open your heart".

But let us find out what the Church says about sainthood. Let it be our task for the month of November, bearing in mind that none of the above answers is satisfactory. Let us also accept that we are created for heaven, to co-love not to co-hate, that our souls can have life to the full and enjoy life to the full only when we become saints, as it is written in our moral and spiritual DNA and fully expressed in God's Ten Commandments and the Revealed Life and Teaching of the Son of God. Let us acknowledge that God does not accept a "halfway" saint, if any of us at the deathbed is not a saint, his life is failed in many areas. Hence purgatory as a great act of Mercy from God becomes a place for further purification, as nothing impure can enter heaven. Finally, Christ often says that we should be also careful of not entering the path leading to hell.

Fr Stan

Psalm Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

20 min before Sunday & Weekday Mass . On Friday and Holy Day of Obligation 6.00pm—7.15pm or by private appointment with Fr. Stan.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 4th Nov 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 5.00pm	Rosary Mary Jennings RIP Rita Rose Ransley Blessing of Graves at Mayes lane Cemetery Cafagna Maria RIP
Mon 5th Nov	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Margaret Weightman RIP
Tues 6th Nov	9.00am 10.00am	Rosary followed by Adoration Michael McDonagh's Intention
Wed 7th Nov St Willibrord	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Alan Thomas RIP
Thurs 8th Nov	No Mass	
Fri 9th Nov The Dedication of the Lantern Basilica	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Rosary followed by Adoration John Michael Mcnamara Adoration till 8.00 am Saturday
Sat 10th Nov St Leo the Great	8.00 am 12.00 noon	Overnight Adoration finishes at 8.00am Healing Mass with Fr. Joe
Sun 11th Nov 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Eileen & Eric Watson RIP (Foundation Mass) Michael John Shaw RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Cafagna Maria RIP

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

Anniversaries : Please keep in your prayers

4th Nov: William Tully (1988); 5th Nov: Michael Pegg (1990);
6th Nov: Doug Gudmundson (2015); and William Sawyer (2002); 7th Nov: Sheila Louri (2004),
9th Nov: Violet Knight (1981); 10th Nov: Theodora Ward (1987); (Jean) Mary Oakman (2005);

Offertory Collection	28th October 2018
Envelopes	£ 97.94
Loose Cash	£ 517.15
Standing Orders	£ 742.50
Total	£ 1,357.59
Thank you all for your kind donations.	
Special Collection: Sunday 4th November: Bamenda	

Resources
November edition of My day by day £1 per copy, Shorter Morning Prayer £9 / copy. Please leave money in the box next to the books.

Sunday 4th Nov:

After 9am Mass & 11am Mass: Teas & Coffee in the social club.

First Holy Communion session ∴ Candidates to come for 11am Mass and have a meeting with Father Stan after Mass. Later meet for 2nd session in Church at 2.30pm.

Youth Group session: in Carl Barton room straight after 11am Mass.

Blessing of Graves
Sunday 4th November at 3pm. Fr Stan will bless the graves at Mayes Lane Cemetery.

New Altar Servers training:
Father Stan will be training the new Altar Servers at 11am Mass on 4th November, 11th November and then on 18th November they will be robed and will serve at the Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

Roses for Remembrance Sunday
If you would like to purchase a single Red Rose in Memory of a loved one, please write their name on the list in the Advent Room and place £1 per name in the box. The list will be placed on the Altar on Sunday 12th November—Remembrance Day—together with the Red Roses. **Names are needed by today.**

Traidcraft Christmas cards and gifts. . Last chance to order cards and gifts on Sunday 4th Nov for Christmas. Payment when orders are collected, after 10 November.

Altar Servers Rota: Dear Altar Servers, thank you for your continued support in this ministry. Your new rota is ready. Please collect it from the Advent room.

NOVEMBER INDULGENCES FOR ALL SOULS DAY
To obtain a Plenary Indulgence from 1-8 November
Make a good Confession within a week of before or after All Souls Day
Be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin, for a plenary indulgence
Visit a cemetery and pray for the dead
Say one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" for the monthly intentions set by the Pope
Receive Holy Communion worthily on the same day or soon after

This week & Next Sunday

Monday 5th November at 8.00pm to 9.00pm.
BIBLICAL Theme of EXODUS. The Lord takes us from slavery to freedom, from death to life in Christ.

Thursday 8th November at 8.00pm to 9.00pm
THE WORD of GOD", The History of Salvation from Abraham to Jesus Christ and we will hear the Good News.
All welcome.

Friday 9th Nov –Saturday 10th Nov
Nicodemus' Night (guided overnight Adoration by Father Stan)
9 pm: Rosary, litany, meditation
10 pm: Intercessory prayers and forgiveness
Midnight: Angelus, Benediction, praise & worship
1 am: Women for the Lord
2 am: Men for the Lord
3 am: Divine Mercy Chaplet, intercessory prayers
4 am- 8am: Silent Adoration

Saturday 10th November 12 noon: Healing Mass led by Fr Joe. Everyone welcome If you would like to have a deliverance prayer, then please contact the Parish Office and a time will be allocated to you either on Friday 9th Nov evening or Saturday. 10th Nov .

Sunday 11th November: is Remembrance Sunday - our Scouts group will lead a Remembrance Parade at 11am Mass.

Confirmation session on Sunday 11th November: After 11am Mass in Carl Barton Room.

Sunday 11th November at 2.30pm. Divine Mercy Holy Hour. Every one welcome.

Sunday 11th November at 3.00pm :Blessing of the graves at Henley Road Cemetery