

Date for your diary

Pastoral Area

Sat 5 Jan (2019) Fr Leon Pereira, Chaplain to the English Speaking Pilgrims in Medjugorje is coming to our parish with a talk entitled "Experience Medjugorje and Our Lady's Messages". We will start with adoration at 11.00am, Holy Mass at midday, followed by lunch and talk and Benediction.

Tuesday, 29th January at 7.30 pm:

A talk by Fr James Bradley : "The Role of the Liturgy in the Renewal of the Church." Everyone's invited. Fr James is Parish Priest of Holy Family Parish in Southampton. He used to be the Catholic Chaplain to the University of Southampton.

Parish news & future events

Pilgrimage to Poland 2019 (June 5th-11th 2019) See Poster in Advent room for more details.

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

Parish Bereavement Support Group can be contacted via the Parish Office

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: 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".

Sun 23rd Dec SIMBANG GABI" MASS: in St James Church at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Bed for the Night Wycliffe Baptist Church will be offering beds on Sunday nights (other nights of the week at other churches: see www.abedforthenight.org.uk). Volunteers are desperately needed. If you would like to help (6 January-the end of March, but not necessarily every week) or to find out more, please contact Simon Bird on 07547 424246 or email simonbirdts@gmail.com. See the poster in the Advent Room for more info, including the type of help needed.

Admissions Policy 2020-2021 Consultation

As required by regulations the governing body of St Dominic Savio Catholic Primary School will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admissions policy for the school year 2020-2021. The consultation period runs for a minimum period of 6 weeks from 27th November 2018 to 8th January 2019. The proposed policy can be downloaded from the school website www.stdominicsavio.co.uk. Comments on the policy should be sent to the clerk of governors at the school by 8th January 2019.

Youth Group Coordinator: Jean-Sixte
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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
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The Church office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 11am-4pm

Third Sunday of Advent

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16th December 2018

Gaudete Sunday—Rejoice, Christ is coming very soon

In order to celebrate Christmas well, we are asked to reflect what does bring joy into our hearts.

Is it a promotion by our employer? A career? Is it good news from doctors about our of someone's health? Is it a material status and the most updated IT products? A test or an exam successfully passed? Is it about excitement regarding plans for holiday? A girl or boy-friend and dreams about mutual future? Is it about our family? Giving and receiving? Forgiveness? Family Christmas dinner? Is it a friend and all the surprises in that relationship? Is it something more hidden and yet fundamental - stability in God who enlightens everything what has been mentioned above?



The Church invites us to find the Lord first and foremost and everything else will be granted to us. Joyfulness will come out from our intimate relationship with Him, regardless of the challenging circumstances and the lack of some of our dreamed things.

We can see how does it work in Mary, Our Lady. In the Magnificat She prays that Her soul magnifies God and exalts in Him. The same attitude we find in John the Baptist who passionately tells us that he is not the Messiah or a prophet. He says that he is only a voice crying in the desert; that he comes to prepare and lead a way for the one who is coming after – Jesus. The mission of being a voice only, the discovered vocation, brings John great unspeakable joy.

Fr Stan

Psalm Response: .

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 16th Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Mrs Beryl O'Dowd & Marion O'Dowd RIP Rita Rose Ransley Mary & Joseph Jorro RIP
Mon 17th Dec	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary John Michael Mcnamara RIP
Tue 18th Dec	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Joseph Johnson RIP
Wed 19th Dec	6.30am	Peter Tilton RIP Foundation Mass Rorate Mass to honour BI Virgin Mary followed by breakfast
Thu 20th Dec	No Mass	
Fri 21st Dec	9.00am 10.00 am 7.00pm	Adoration followed by Rosary A & L Leitao Thanksgiving Adoration till Saturday 8.00am
Sat 22nd Dec	8.00am No Mass	Overnight Adoration finishes at 8.00am
Sun 23rd Dec 4th Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Giannit & Anne Marie Tignonsini RIP Parishioner's Intention George Bentley RIP Foundation Mass

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

Offertory Collection 9th Dec

Main Envelopes	£ 66.00
Loose Cash	£ 462.27
Standing Orders	£ 742.50
Total	£1,270.77

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Resources

January editions of My Day by Day £1 /copy

Shorter Morning Prayer £9 per copy.

Please leave money in the boxes next to the books in the Advent Room

Christmas services

Sun 23rd	Normal Mass times
Mon 24th	4.30pm—Children's Service followed by Christmas Vigil Holy Mass.
Mon 24th	11.00pm Vigil Service followed by Midnight mass
Tue 25th	9 am & 11am - Holy Mass
Wed 26th	10am Holy Mass(special celebration for Altar Servers - (Children and Adult Servers).
Sunday 30th Dec:	Holy Family Sunday . 9am. 11am & 5pm Holy Mass with renewal of marriage vows- married couples are especially welcome.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

20th Dec: Gladys Arnold (2001); 22nd Dec Martha Franks (1998); Margaret Sellers (1998);
23rd Dec: Maureen Chapman (2000); George Bentley (2003);

Thank you

CWA: Thank you from CWA to all of us for supporting them through their journey. It was a great celebration and we are really proud of our CWA women and wish them to flourish.

Poetry competition: Father Stan would like to thank Jacob Harvey age 4, Adonai Chibango age 9 yrs, Benjamin Nora age 9, Chiara Nora age 11 & Jet Dela Cruz age 11 for submitting their poems. All of them are great and all are joint first in this competition. Come and see Father Stan as he has a special gift for you. .

This Week

Sunday 16th December: . **Cake and Jam Sale** after all masses. Come along to Dominic Barberi room after mass and buy cakes and jams for Christmas! If you have made a cake, please drop it off before mass.
Cake Raffle will be drawn at 11am Mass.

Parish Christmas Cards

Our Parish Christmas Card are ready for distribution. It has information on our Christmas services and an occasional poem written by Father Stan. Please feel free to take some cards for your families and friends.

Monday 17th December 7.30pm: Last Penitential Service at St James before Christmas

Thursday 20th Dec 5.30 -6.30pm: Our Youth group are going to be in Reading Station supporting Launch Pad who focus on supporting the homeless in Reading. The Youth Group will help them with Christmas carol singing collection. Please keep them in your prayers and if you are in Reading Station then do look out for them and support this initiative.

Sat 22 Dec 7.30pm onwards Social Club Christmas Party - free to members, or £4 for members' guests. Music by Rob Sowden.

Christmas offertory collection

The collections at all the Christmas Masses are a gift for Fr Stan. Christmas and Easter are the most substantial part of a priest's yearly income. Please give generously. Thank you.

Advent charity action

Tree of Gifts This year our chosen charity for our Advent Giving Tree is "First Days", a local charity which provides essential items for children in families experiencing financial difficulty.

Give the gift of a Christian book to children of prisoners this Christmas. CWR are partnering with Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree programme to send Christian books wrapped up beautifully, and with a note from their parent, directly to the children. More details on <https://www.cwr.org.uk/christmas-gifts-for-children-of-prisoners>

Christmas service update

Rehearsal for Midnight Vigil mass for Musicians :17th December starting at 7.30 pm in the church. Everybody is welcome. All instruments are welcome.

Calling all shepherds, angels, stars and wise men! The children's nativity service is at 4.30pm on Christmas Eve, before 5.00pm mass. Everyone is invited! Children, aged 0 till primary school are welcome and please dress up, so that you can be part of our special nativity.

Adoration: Friday 21st & Friday 28th December. Adoration from Friday 7pm to 8am Saturday morning. Come and spend some time with the Lord. Everyone welcome.

Monday 31st Dec at 6.30pm Thanksgiving Mass. . Join us in church for thanksgiving mass for 2018. Spread the word, Everyone is invited.

Mon 31 Dec 7.30pm until late Social Club New Year's Eve Party- Music by Eclipse. Tickets (on sale NOW in the Club): Members £10, Guests £14, Under 18s £2 - bring something for the buffet.