

Resources

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Pastoral News

PARISH ADMINISTRATORS VACANCIES

CHRIST THE KING 15 Hours per week over 3 days. Phone 01189 314469 for details. Closing date 5th Feb.

ST JOHN BOSCO 25-30 hours per week. Phone 01189 693423 for details. Closing date 12th Feb.

ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE – SATURDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY: 5 – 7 PM

A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service at St Joseph's, Tilehurst - Come and worship with us. Please bring your friends and family. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes. See what wonders the Lord has for you! Do not be afraid to open your heart to the power of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome!

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".

Sat 15th June.: Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham, National Shrine of Our Lady. 2 coaches for 100 people. Led by Fr John. Cost £15. Bookings via your parish office.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

March 23rd Diocesan Confirmation day at Our Lady Help of Christian church in Farnborough. This is for catechists. Young people who have been confirmed in the last 3 years are welcome to attend to support their networking with like minded young people and continue their spiritual formation. Please register interest with Parish office.

Offertory Collection 20th Jan

Main Envelopes £ 71.00
Loose Cash £ 369.64
Standing Orders £ 736.15
Total £1,176.79

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Special Collection on 20th Jan for Cathedral raised a total of £258.03. Thank you for your generosity..

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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
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The Church office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 11am-4pm

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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27th January 2019

Reflection on lukewarm Christians.

Christians rightly say and learn to treat others with humility and respect. They rightly reject all kind of agenda of indoctrination. But they lose missionary zeal and they use methods that do not work with many challenges. It looks like alien ideas take over more and more space in the Christian sphere, whereas Christians act as if they had very little to offer. They hardly believe that God really established the Church to save the whole world; that they are commissioned to bring the fruit of conversion. It looks like Christians are lost in naive convictions – they act with dispense of prudence, which they not supposed to use. If only they had had some charity towards their neighbours they would not.

Many of them think that all those with whom they enter into dialogue have good motives, good will, good intentions, and want well; Many of them think that others are perfect and have their sufficient stories bringing them salvation. Many of them embrace believes, convictions, values and virtues of their non-Christian friends. The have learnt from the world that chastity does not matter, but calling to conversion, indeed it does – it is a grave sin. They strangely believe that civilization is eternal and will never fall apart.

It looks like lukewarm Christians discredit faith in Jesus Christ and betray the world.
How come others can call upon God in whom they have not believed?
How are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard?
And how are they to hear if nobody proclaims the Gospel? (Romans 10:14)
If only Christians knew what they have received.
If only they knew who there are.
If only they were united with Christ.
If only they embodied full teaching – their treasure – in each one of them.

Then, they would have had something special to offer,
far more than salt, which lost its taste
– the world would regain its soul.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 27th Jan 2019 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Vera Gorman RIP Rita Rose Ransley RIP Ann, Angelo & Douglad Napolitano RIP
Mon 28th Jan 2019 St Thomas Aquinas	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary George Keane Thanksgiving
Tue 29th Jan 2019	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Parishioners Intention
Wed 30th Jan 2019	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Intention available
Thur 31st Jan 2019 St John Bosco	No Mass	
Fri 1st Feb 2019	11.00am 7.30pm	Adoration till 7.00pm Clements & Hardy families Foundation Mass Adoration continues after Mass till 8.00am Saturday
Sat 2nd Feb 2019 The Presentation of the Lord	8.00am 10.00am	Overnight Adoration finishes at 8.00am Intention available
Sun 3rd Feb 2019 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Veronica McDonagh RIP Kathleen Perry Lucy Boselli RIP

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

This Sunday 27th Jan is Holocaust Memorial Day. In cities and towns across the United Kingdom, events are being held to mark the liberation of Auschwitz and to remember the evil and injustice which has characterised genocide wherever it has appeared. This year, the theme chosen for Holocaust Memorial Day is "Torn From Home". Since the end of World War II, prejudice and hatred have caused many more people to be "torn from their homes". We cannot be silent in the face of injustice and suffering. We must do what we can "to proclaim liberty to captives and to set the downtrodden free".

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers	
27th Jan:	Paul McMenamin (2001); 30th Jan: Joseph Haughton (1973);
1st Feb:	Edyth Cameron (1979); Joseph Fernando (1984.); Sue Rose (2001); Mary Tompkins 2001)
2nd Feb:	Elizabeth Ballard (1986); Elena Atkinson (2015)

Theology of the Liturgy.

The first talk by Fr Seth last week was brilliant and thought provoking. We thank Fr Seth for the talk.

Tuesday, 29th January, 7.30 pm - Fr James Bradley "The role of the Liturgy in the Renewal of the Church".

A good introduction to the topic is an interesting talk on the true nature of the Mass as worship and sacrifice, available on YouTube: Fr Mike Schmitz: "Pray The Mass Like Never Before"

This week

Sunday 27th January Confirmation session: After 11am Mass in Carl Barton Room.

Sunday 27th Jan at 3pm the last service for Christian Unity week will be held at our church with refreshments afterwards in the Carl Barton Room. .

Sunday 3rd Feb: First Holy Communion session: Candidates to come for 11am Mass and have a meeting with Father Stan after Mass. Later meet for session in Church at 2.30pm.

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Sunday 3rd Feb after 9am Mass & 11am Mass: Teas & Coffee in the social club.

Monday 4 February Film Night in Social Club. Come on to watch the romantic comedy, Book Club. It's FREE (£2 sign-in fee for non-members), with popcorn available at a modest price. The bar will be open from 7.30pm, and has a wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and snacks.

NGCF Saturday 9th February at 7.30pm Concert in church by Reading Community Gospel Choir, with support from soprano Luisa Donatella, in aid of Next Generation Christian Foundation, funding education for disadvantaged children in Nigeria. Please come and enjoy a wonderful evening of spiritually uplifting music and support this worthy cause. Tickets £10 adults, under 18s free, available after Masses .

Sunday 10th February at 2pm Divine Mercy holy hour will be at Christ The King Refreshments afterwards in the hall.

Tues 11th Feb: You are invited to a **prayer meeting** in our church 7.45pm for 8.00pm until 9.30pm. It will include praise, thanksgiving, intercession, scripture reading and time to discuss. Please see poster for more details.

Saturday 16 February Defibrillator Fund Raiser in Social Club The Social Club is raising funds to purchase a defibrillator machine for the church halls' complex. There's no charge (£4 sign-in for non-members), and Pulse (unintended irony!) will be playing. Come along and have a great time and maybe even win a great prize!

Charity Project for Lent

Although we are still in the Christmas period, Lent starts on 6th March 2019. Please give Fr Stan or John Allinson your ideas for Charity Outreach by 10th February.

Volunteers needed:

First Aiders & Fire Wardens for Sunday Masses. Thank you for those who have volunteered. We still need few more to make the Rota for each Mass. If you have any work experience of being involved with Health and Safety matters it would be great if you could consider joining this small but pro-active team. Even if you don't have any experience please consider volunteering to be either Fire Warden or a First Aider for our Sunday Masses. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. Training day is on Saturday 23rd Feb at English Martyrs This training day will include fire training, basic first aid training, including the use of defibrillators.

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