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Volunteer Opportunity: Evening Receptionist in Woodley for Marriage Care

We are looking for a friendly and helpful volunteer who can spare a couple of hours on Monday evenings, a couple of times per month, at our venue in Woodley. You will meet and greet couples who come for counselling and remain in the venue during counselling sessions. For more details and informal enquiries please contact: Sue Cooper 07939495774 or email reading.admin@marriagecare.org

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

A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service at St Joseph's, Tilehurst -

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.

CAMINO PILGRIMAGE INFO EVENING Have you always wanted to walk the Camino to Santiago de Compostela? Come to St James on Friday 15th February at 7.30pm to hear our plans for September 2019. Also, about following the St James Way from Reading Abbey to

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

Southampton in easy stages this Spring and Summer.

SCHOOL LEAGUE TABLES Congratulations to Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic Secondary School and our Catholic Primary Schools in Reading on being included in the top level of school results in National School League tables. Once again Church schools did very well.

Healing Seminars at St Joseph church. FR NICHOLAS BROADBRIDGE OSB of Douai Abbey will do a series of four seminars at St Joseph's in the large hall, from 10 am – 5 pm. On Feb 16th, Mar 9th, Mar 30th & April 6th. Anyone wishing to attend the seminar should send an email to Fr Nicholas (nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk) as he sends out notes to read and "homework" to prepare before attendance. Please bring a bible and food for sharing at lunch. An offering of £15 is acceptable.

Offertory Collection 27th Jan

Main Envelopes	£ 74.00
Loose Cash	£ 456.20
Standing Orders	£ 724.38
Total	£1,254.58

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Next Special Collection: 17th February for Racial Justice.

Youth Group Coordinator: Jean-Sixte
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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
Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C p 58 (59) 3rd February 2019

Be ambitious for the higher gifts.

We must work hard to help others to achieve salvation. We must never forget to love, bearing in mind that Christ did not come to make us nice people. He came to make us new men, and He, who created the world without us, will not save it without us. In order to love we must avoid quietism and compromises with the culture which is not permeated by God. Yet we ought go against the flow to fight for souls for Christ, stepping in His footsteps, whose attitude and sermon in the synagogue of Nazareth made good citizen enraged.

Living amongst people who do not know Christ and his demands, or amongst Catholics who behave as if they were not Catholics, is inevitable. We are exposed to wickedness of aggressive culture trying to enter our souls. We are exposed to other expectations and agendas even in our families and amongst our Catholic friends, including our parishes, and our church where we come primarily to worship and give best glory to God alone. We are exposed to unrighteousness and discrimination; to the power of gossips and to the spirit of rejection and desecralisation of religious virtues, spirit of revenge and immodesty in expecting gratitude,

envy, and dealing with other temptations. That is a fact, but we do not have to succumb to the anti-Christ behaviour and wickedness around us.

Abp. Fulton J. Sheen reminds us that we become like that which we love. If we love what is base, we become base; but if we love what is noble, we become noble, even amongst If we do not behave as we believe, we will end by believing as we behave.

Even if your closets, even if your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, sprang to their feet and hustled you out of the town intending to discredit you, to throw you down, be ambitious - love and do not create needs for yourself. Kneel perseveringly at the Tabernacle, either bodily or in your heart, so as to feel safe and calm: but also in order to feel loved... and to love without condition.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts and become one with the Crucified. Be drawn by the fire of love, by consuming charity, as love is greater than our human frame.

Fr Stan

Psalm Response: My lips will tell of your help.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 3rd Feb 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Veronica McDonagh RIP Kathleen Perry Lucy Boselli RIP
Mon 4th Feb	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Holy Souls
Tue 5th Feb St Agatha	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Joe Turner in thanksgiving
Wed 6th Feb St Paul Miki & Companions	No Mass	Fr Stan on retreat.
Thur 7th Feb	No Mass	
Fri 8th Feb	11.00am 7.30pm	Adoration till 7.00pm Parishioners Intention Followed by Adoration till 8.00am on Saturday
Sat 9th Feb	8.00am 12.00	Overnight Adoration finishes at 8.00am
Sun 10th Feb 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Evelyne Brooks Intention Richard Johnston RIP Divine Mercy at Christ the King at 2.30pm Aaron & Nicole Thanksgiving

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

In February, the Catholic Church celebrates the entire Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In sending His Son to earth as a Baby, born into a family, God elevated the family beyond a mere natural institution. Both as children and as parents, we can take comfort in the fact that we have the perfect model of the family before us in the Holy Family.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

4th Feb: Maria Bryant (1977); Richard Johnston (2009);
5th Feb: Monica Carroll (1997); Renza Manning (2014); **7th Feb:** Anna Pelickan (1978)
8th Feb: Roselyn Fernando (1990); and Agnes Teresa Walsh (2007); Elizabeth (Liz) Ann Bailey (2018)

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

Theology of the Liturgy.

The talk by Fr James Bradley last week was excellent. We thank him for coming over and inspiring us.

Tuesday, 26th February, 7.30 pm In continuation of recent talks, we will have a session on "Calling to restoration of the sense of sacredness in the Church."

This week

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.

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.

Change in Mass schedule: There is change in this week's Mass schedule due to Father Stan being away on a retreat. Please note that there is no daytime Mass on Wednesday 6th Feb and Friday Mass on 8th Feb is in the evening at 7.30pm.

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, Tickets £10 adults, under 18s free, available after Masses.

Saturday 9th February 10am—4pm: Catholic Women's Association meeting at our church.

Sunday 10th February at 2.30pm Divine Mercy holy hour will be at Christ The King Church. Everyone Welcome.

Parish News

Tues 12th 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.

Neocatechumenal Way Retreat: February 15th—16th. Father Stan will be leading a retreat for the Neocatechumenal way Community. Please keep them in your prayers.

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!

Sunday 24th February Confirmation session: After 11am Mass in Carl Barton Room.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION. If you wish to be part of this ministry then please speak to Father Stan by Sunday 17th February. After meeting Fr Stan, Please contact church office for the application form. for the TRAINING DAY on Sat 2nd March at 9.30am—12.30pm at St James church.

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.

Pastoral News

WANTED CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER who will be responsible for the entire business function of the Diocese of Portsmouth, help to develop policies & procedures to cope with the fast changing nature of the social & legislative environment in which the diocese