

OTHER NEWS

A BED FOR THE NIGHT (B4N) is in urgent need of some extra help during the 4 Tuesday nights in Feb.2018 at Providence Chapel (CIRDIC). If you can help please contact Sham; admin@abedforthenight.org.uk or tel: 07749 833476.

CAFOD, The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are currently looking for volunteers to help them in their work. They are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, in your Parish, or raising issues with your MP. To find out more about our work please come to one of our Lent Fast Day briefings on 27th Jan from 10am to 12pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Fordingbridge, or 30th Jan from 7:15pm to 9:15pm at Sacred Heart Church Fareham, or 3rd Feb from 10:30am to 1pm at St Bede's Church Basingstoke, or 8th Feb from 7:15pm to 9pm at English Martyrs Church Reading. For more information and to book your place please call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

Charity Project for Lent

Although we are still in the Christmas period, Lent starts on 14th February. Please give Fr Stan or John Allinson your ideas for Charity Outreach by 31st January 2018.

Safeguarding Officer: Nancy tel: 07504897291

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

Safeguarding team As a parish we are required to appoint a Safeguarding Representative. The position will be vacant soon, and volunteers are needed to form a small team to deal with safeguarding issues.

The Diocese gives full training and support to all involved. If you feel you can help with this vital role, please contact the Parish Office.

Home Prayer Group

The next meetings will be held at 8pm on 15th January and 29th January. For further details, please contact Mel Noronha on tel: 0118 996 7208.

Offertory Collection 7th Jan

Envelopes	£ 43.00
Loose Cash	£ 761.69
Standing Orders	£ 701.15
Total	£ 1,505.84

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: Fr JP Lyttle
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Emergency numbers for a Priest –
Please call your own priest first

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Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 2149
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Our Lady of Peace & Bl. Dominic Barberi

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Love of God

Have you ever been asked: do you love God? Whatever we think, let us say that we do love God to some extent. Do not be afraid to say it. The first step to that love is faith. Faith opens the gate to another world, the world of God's presence, tenderness love, call to mission. It is the faith where our relationship with God is established. Love is also a relationship but deeper than faith as it is the continuation and fulfilment of faith and hope. In this light, in faith, we receive the Lord in Holy Communion. But in love, we receive Him in a way that even our whole being stands in awe.

However, our love is not marked by the same intensity and willingness, the same recognition as to where is God and how to act to make Him happy. Interestingly enough, God's calling is very individual and it is expressed in the sanctuary of our conscience in a very sublime way. It is not a pushing voice as God highly respects the freedom of our hearts.

Our love of God is often impure, marked by our goals, agendas, visions and tendency to push our will. Indeed, even in the loving relationship with our neighbour, it is common that we do not listen, we want to force our will. It is a bigger problem when we are talking about building a relationship with God. Actually, the purity of love is necessary to grow

in our love of God. The Purity of love is preceded by some events called purifications. At the beginning of that process our hearts are like one big stone, in the middle of the process they are like broken stones, later on they are like a selection of pebbles ready to be used for various purposes; and at the end of the process, our hearts have become like a powder, flexible and open, reconciled with the world and transparent to God.

St John the Baptist loved God with a pure heart. He did not have any other goals and agendas in all his life except to point out where the Lord was. He was not afraid of losing his disciples. He was neither afraid of stepping down from his role as prophet and authority, nor was he afraid of being forgotten, humiliated or killed. On the contrary, his joy was great when people, particularly his disciples, recognised Christ, when they became attached to Christ and followed Christ.

Because of his purity of heart and purity of intentions, his passion towards his mission as prophet was powerful. It led St Andrew to follow Jesus Christ, and indirectly it led St Peter to do the same. It did not matter that Peter knew nothing about it. The matter was, that John became united in his love with Christ.

Fr Stan

Psalm Response:
Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc.
Sun 14th Jan 2018 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Parishioners
Mon 15th Jan 2018	10.00am	
Tue 16th Jan 2018	10.00am	Kathleen Marie Hogben RIP (Foundation Mass)
Wed 17th Jan 2018 St Anthony of Egypt	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Eleanor Clarke RIP
Thu 18th Jan 2018	No Mass	
Fri 19th Jan 2018 St Wulstan	9.00am 9.30am 11.00am	Adoration Holy Souls Note change of time Adoration until 7.00pm
Sat 20th Jan 2018 St Fabian	No Mass	
Sun 21st Jan 2018 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Parishioners Rosemary & Matthew McQueen (50th Wedding Anniv)

January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. We pray for all Christians, people of Goodwill and Peace in the World brought by Him.

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

Anniversaries
Please keep in your prayers

Maud Thomas (1981), John Hickson (1983), Josephine Gainey (1997),
Caroline Abram (1998), Terence Da Sa (1999), Lesley Hughes (2004),
Eileen Herbert (2008), Kathleen McQuire (2008), Kathleen Hogben (2010),
Anna Maria Goodchild (2015) and Charles Hay (2017),

TODAY

Crib Offerings

This year our Parish will be donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing cost. FHL is non-political and ecumenical. www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

White Flower Appeal

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the weekend of the 13th-14th January. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation. *Cards to be sent to your MP are available in the Advent Room. Please return the entire card next weekend along with your donation via the second collection.*

THIS WEEK

The RCIA Course will begin proper Formation meetings on Tuesday 15th January 2018 at 8.00pm. For further information, please contact Stan Wilson on tel: 07450 389640.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Andy Johnston RIP

Andy Johnston sadly passed away on 26th December, may be rest in peace. Our thoughts are with his wife Mary, his family and friends.

The Requiem Mass will take place at St John Bosco, 11.45am Tuesday, 23rd January. (It is understood that Andy was well known by several members of our Parish).

“ON FIRE!” Prayer & Healing Service.

The next “On Fire!” Prayer & Healing Service, for the whole of the Reading area, will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church on Saturday, 27th January from 5 – 7 pm. *All are welcome!*

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Seminars - Corpus Christi, Wokingham (Wednesdays 8-9.30 pm, 7 Feb - 21 March). All welcome. Free - donations only.

Pope Francis, speaking at the 'Third Worldwide Priests Retreat' in Rome 2015, said: 'I ask each and every one of you, as part of the current grace of the Charismatic Renewal, to organise **Life in the Spirit Seminars (LSS)** in your parishes, and seminaries, schools and neighbourhoods, to share the baptism in the Holy Spirit.'

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

– **LIVERPOOL: 7TH – 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018**

If you would like to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool, application for tickets is now open by contacting *Canon John O'Shea, Co-ordinating Pastor at St James' Church on 0118 957 4171 email: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*