

Reading University Chaplaincy

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Theology of the body- is based on the teaching of St John Paul II. Every Thursday in February, lunch time (1-2pm), at the Chaplaincy on Campus, suitable for people age 18-25.

Wednesday 7th February, 7pm – Play: This Evil Thing - Being a pacifist in WW1. London Rd, LO22. Book:events@reading.ac.uk.

Pastoral Area

LAUDATO SI STUDY EVENINGS on Wednesday 7th February & 28th February, 7.30pm at St. James Presbytery.

Seminar on healing Sat 10th Feb at 11 am – 4 pm in St. Joseph's large hall. Father Nicholas Broadbridge OSB, a Benedictine Monk from Douai Abbey, Woolhampton, Berkshire, will lead a special healing seminar and teach us all about the healing ministry. Please bring food to share for lunch. All are welcome.

WALKING THE CAMINO from Reading, 19th –26th Sept 2018. Flights: Stanstead– Santiago. 30+ people: For new & former walkers, 20 – 25km per day.

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain:
Fr. JP Lyttle
RBH: 322 7105 Parish: 957 2149.

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

Thousands of people do this walk every year. Info evening Fri 23rd Feb 7.30pm St James church. All are welcome.

Diocesan and other news

Saturday 3rd March

Catholic Retreat & Prayer for Healing led by Fr. Soji Mathew Olikkal.
10am—3pm at St. Wilfrid's Catholic School.
St. Wilfrid's way, Old Horsham Rd, Crawley RH11 8PG.

Eucharistic Congress, Liverpool 7TH – 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018. Application for tickets is now open by contacting the Parish Office.

World Youth Day, Panama

Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of aged 18-30s in January 2019 (21st-27th). Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing: youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The cost is in the region of £1800, and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.

Offertory Collection 28th Jan

Envelopes	£ 45.00
Loose Cash	£ 340.57
Standing Orders	£ 701.15
Total	£ 1086.72

Thank you all for your kind donations.

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

Fr. Pat Madden	0118 931 4469
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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 pm in HALL

Our Lady of Peace & Bl. Dominic Barberi

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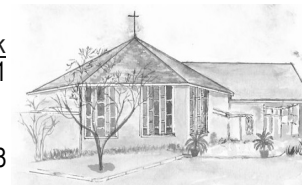
Parish Priest

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Church office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9am-5pm

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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4th February 2018

On healing value of the hunger for God

We believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. However, when we look at the most visible side, at everything that is marked by human conditions, we do not have enough living saints so we do not have a healthy Church. If God is placed only as the background of the praise, liturgy, morality, charity, the drama of an individual comes into the foreground replacing the priority for God. Hence the crisis begins.

There are people who attempt to bring back God to the fore. They teach the meaning of things. However, as they do not love God and neighbour enough, as they do not pray or pray very little, they are like a bridegroom who organises the wedding reception but forgets to declare his feelings to his fiancée.

Where is the answer, then? Everything is possible to be reversed if only we search and embrace God's Will. We are then transparent like Our Lady, for instance at the moment of the Annunciation. In this light we are able to see the role of the hunger for God and its healing value. It entails deeper understanding with the aim of fixing an unhealthy situation in our families, in

the neighbourhood, in communities, in the parish, in the diocese, in the country, in the world, etc. which must be based on prayer, on loving attention, on patience, and in active belief in God's Providence. God indeed is in charge of everything, even of the mess made by His children. All our attempts to deal with problems around us, which do not acknowledge that God fixes, heals and casts out the power of evil spirits, are a form of ingratitude and arrogance; hence these actions do not help.

Additionally, as we grow in sanctification, we will find ourselves experiencing that we are also far away from God. This truth punctures our hearts. It is a torture to observe that the Love is not loved and yet we take part in the story of not loving Him. Knowing the pain of the chasm between our soul and God brings to the soul a deep desire for God; this puncture brings the healing hunger for God; it makes in us a channel in which God's grace comes and it fills us. We only need to love God and people in the midst of the mess around. God is the one who fixes the world.

Fr Stan.

**Psalm Response:
Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted**

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 4th Feb 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Rose Thomson Parishioners Michael Lenaghan
Mon 5th Feb	No Mass	
Tue 6th Feb	No Mass	
Wed 7th Feb	No Mass	
Thu 8th Feb	No Mass	
Fri 9th Feb	No Mass 11.00am	Adoration until 7pm
Sat 10th Feb	No Mass	
Sun 11th Feb 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary John McCarthy RIP Intention available Intention available

**Extended adoration weekend of 9th and 10th is cancelled due to Father Stan being away.
We will review the whole schedule on his return to gain consistency. We thank you for your participation in adoration and for your understanding**

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

**Anniversaries
Please keep in your prayers**

Mana Bryant (1977), Richard Johnston (2009), Monica Carrdl (1997), Rewnza Manning (2014), Anna Pelickran (1978), Roselyn Fernando (1990), Agnes Teresa Walsh (2007), Kathleen Paliance (1977), Catherine Winston (2004)

This Week

Sunday 4th Feb

Tea & Coffee in the Social Club after 9am & 11 am Mass. Everyone welcome.

2.30pm First Holy Communion Session on Reconciliation

Tuesday 6th Feb

8.00-9.30pm. RCIA sessions in Dominic Barberi Room. If you would like further information contact Parish Office or Stan at 07450 389640.

Forthcoming Events

Reading Community Gospel Choir on Saturday 10th February 2018 at OLOP from 7.30pm. NGCF are pleased to announce the return of their charity. There will be a support act from Trinity Church in Earley, "The Rixon Quartet". As always it's a great evening of prayer, music and laughter. Join us and help the NGCF support those whose lives are not as blessed as ours. Tickets are £10 and will be on sale at the back of the church on Sunday 4th February .

Lent preparation

Last Year's Palm Cross:

Please bring last year's Palm Cross and put them in the basket by the Altar. On Tuesday 13th after Mass we will burn (and save the ash for Ash Wednesday) whilst singing hymns. Then we will enjoy hot pancakes.

Wed 14th Feb (Ash Wednesday)

10.00am & 7.30pm Mass
Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday (the Church suggests only one full meal and no meat).

Sacrament of Reconciliation					
Sundays	8.40am -	8.55am	Mondays - Wednesdays	9.40am -	9.55am
	10.40am -	10.55am	First Fridays	6.00pm -	7.15pm
	4.40pm -	4.55pm	Other Fridays	9.40am -	9.55am
- or by private appointment with Fr . Stan -					

Stations of the Cross: We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7.00 pm. The sign in sheets for the Stations is in the Advent Room. Please do volunteer to read one of the stations. This is a beautiful practice which brings us into unity with the crucified Lord.

Preparation for Lent:

"Journey with Christ" Saturday, 17th February: Day of quiet retreat at Our Lady Of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi from 10am-3pm. Please bring your own packed lunch.

Saturday 17th March February -Healing Ministry and Holy Mass at 12 noon with Fr. Joe

(Pastoral Coordinator from Isle of Wight) who organises deliverance prayers. If anyone wants to have a special deliverance prayer said over them then please put your contact details in a closed envelope and hand them over to the Parish Office.

The Healing Mass will be followed by time for more individual prayers over people. All are most welcome.

My Day by Day

The Lent edition of My Day by Day is now available in the Advent Room. £1.00 per copy.

Other News

Baptism Preparation Session: for planning the baptism of children will be held on Tue. 20th Feb and Tue. 27th Feb at 8pm. If you wish to celebrate a baptism here, please complete a baptism form (available in Advent Room) and return the completed form to the Parish Office.

Old projector with stand and two screens

If anyone is keen to take these items then please contact the Parish office. Alternatively if anyone can volunteer to drop these items to the Refuse Centre then it will be deeply appreciated.