

(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 a time for more individual prayers over people. All are most welcome

Other News

Message from Pope Francis for Lent

<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2018/02/06/180206c.html>

Please do visit the website to read Pope's message. We have printed few copies for you to take from the Advent room.

My Day by Day

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

Baptism Preparation Session: 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.

Cafod's Family Fast Day is on Friday 23 February. An update on Cafod's work and a short appeal will be made after all Masses on Sunday 18th February

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

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

Fr. Pat Madden 0118 931 4469
Fr. Rafeale Cossa/Fr Luca Speziale 0118 969 3423

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)

Cn. John O'Shea 0118 957 4171
Cn. Michael Dennehy 0118 957 2149

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00am, 6.30pm

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

Pastoral Area

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

WALKING THE CAMINO 19th–26th Sept 2018. 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.

Offertory Collection 4th Feb

Envelopes £ 66.00
Loose Cash £ 728.23
Standing Orders £ 701.15
Total £ 1,495.38

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Next Special collection

25th Feb - CAFOD Fast Day

Our Lady of Peace & Bl. Dominic Barberi

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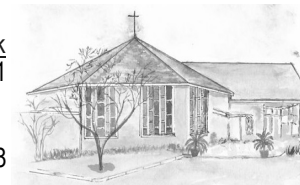
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Church office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9am-5pm

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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11th February 2018

God touches hearts even in the middle of their decay

After all the traumas of spiritual, moral, psychological and physical leprosy, the triumph of the evil one might have been announced. This has never happened, and the world still exists. After the evil one has shown his ugliness, the ocean of consolation is again at hand.

This is the evidence of the triumph of the patient and loving Presence of God. Indeed, the Lord heals us from our deadly inability to love God and our neighbour. Jesus Christ touches hearts even in the middle of their decay, and changes them into the most beautiful fragrance of love. This happens at the foot of the Cross, at the Sacrament of Confession, at the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, at the fruitful participation of the Holy Mass, at the act of forgiveness.

Once we approach Jesus with a contrite heart, His love can then heal the mess done in us by others, by illness, by our unhealthy actions.

Whatever is touched by God's love brings freshness and the bud of hope and beauty.

The healing touch of Christ makes us free to love and to cherish. It even establishes in us the potential of our loving hearts to grow bigger and wider than the range of our hands.

Fr Stan.

Psalm Response:

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sundays	8.40am - 10.40am	8.55am - 10.55am	Mondays - Wednesdays	9.40am - 9.55am
	4.40pm - 4.55pm		First Fridays	6.00pm - 7.15pm
			Other Fridays	9.40am - 9.55am

- or by private appointment with Fr. Stan -

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 11th Feb 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary John McCarthy RIP Parishioners' wellbeing
Mon 12th Feb	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Holy Souls
Tue 13th Feb	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary John McCarthy RIP
Wed 14th Feb Ash Wednesday	9.30am 10.00am 7.30pm	Rosary
Thu 15th Feb	7.00am No Mass	Morning prayer
Fri 16th Feb	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am 7.00pm	Adoration followed by Rosary Adoration until 7pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 17th Feb	No Mass 11.00am	Rite of Election for RCIA candidates at Portsmouth
Sun 18th Feb 1st Sunday of Lent	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 12.30pm 5.00pm	Rosary Gerard Cashman RIP George Johnson RIP Baptism of Imogen Stamp Mrs Barbara Alves RIP

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, the all-holy one, who gives us life and all things. As we live through this Ash Wednesday, may the crosses of ashes that mark our foreheads be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to your Son. May our almsgiving and prayer and fasting this day be sustained throughout these 40 days of Lent. Bring us refreshed and renewed to the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. Amen.

Anniversaries Please keep in your prayers

Mary Wallace (1987), Ann Mackie (1992), Maria Gravanne (1987), Robert Green (1991), Christopher Coles (1989), Lauren Savage (2002), Jane Grigg (2014), Lawrence (Locky) Sheehan (2017), Henry Ward (1988)

Please keep in your prayer Elizabeth (Liz) Ann Bailey (Betty's daughter) who died on 8th February. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

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

Little Poets' Corner

I am so pleased to receive these lovely poems about Christmas from our children. We have some budding poets amongst us!
Fr. Stan

My Family

My family, it isn't the perfect one -
But sometimes I think we are.
I have a wonderful father, and a
Mother who is best by far
My sister and my little brother,
I love them no end.
But sometimes they can be so annoying.
But I know they don't mean to offend.
The Lord is our model for living.
He asks us to be kind and never
stop loving.
I hope my family stays together,
Even when I grow old and we are
not so near.

Nicole Fernandes

A Christmas Poem

Mary and Joseph travelled far
Looking for place to stay
Jesus was born in Bethlehem in a stable
And laid upon the hay
Three Kings came and the shepherds too
To celebrate Christmas Day

Carah McDowelle

Christmas

Follow the bright star
Shepherds and kind kings
Angels sing Alleluia

Benjamin Nora

Baby Jesus

Shiny star from far
Baby Jesus in the trough
The best gift of all

Chiara Nora

This Week

Tuesday 13th Feb after 10am Mass

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

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

Wed 14th Feb (Ash Wednesday) 10.00am & 7.30pm Mass

Ash Wednesday this year falls on St Valentine's day, it is really important that we observe the day as the special time of fasting (one full meal per day) and abstinence from meat.

Morning prayer in Lent 7am Mondays & Thursdays. It takes approx 20 minutes, so you should be able to get away in time for work, school, etc.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday in Lent at 7.00pm. The sign-in sheets for the stations is in the Advent Room. Please do join us as this is a beautiful practice which brings us into unity with the crucified Lord.

Sat 17th Feb at 11am - Rite of Election for RCIA candidates at Portsmouth Cathedral

Forthcoming Events

Friday 23rd February 8pm Carl Barton room. OLOP Golf Society Annual General meeting. New Members welcome.

Friday 9th Mar to Sat 10th Mar 24 hrs adoration "With you is forgiveness", a twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

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