

Other News

Thank you for Stations of the cross:

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Marianne and her grandson Joe for renovating the stations and to Joey and Michael for fixing them. We really appreciate all the hard work that has gone into doing this.

“My day by day” children's Lent & Easter book .

We have some books in the advent room. : . “Infant” book from ages 5-8 and “junior” books from ages 8-11. £1.00 per copy

“My day by day”

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

CAFOD 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

In the light of recent press items concerning misconduct by a small number of aid workers. CAFOD has published a statement on its website. You can find it at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Latest-news>. We have also placed a printed copy on the noticeboard.

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplin:

Fr JP Lytle's 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

Room for Priest

Fr Zach Mabee is a priest from the diocese of Lansing and is looking at completing his doctorate in philosophy at Reading. He is looking for accommodation for two years. Please contact the church office if you are able to offer your help.

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.

Bed for the Night 2018:

A big thank you to those who are already helping. We still need more help with clearing up (8 - 9am) and bedding washing on Wednesdays 21st and 28th February at CIRDIC on Berkely Avenue. If you would like to help, please contact Angela Wills as soon as possible: angela.wills@btinternet.com / 07952 775811

Eucharistic Congress, Liverpool 7th - 9th September 2018. Application for tickets is now open by contacting the Parish Office.

Offertory Collection	11th Feb
Envelopes	£ 158.26
Loose Cash	£ 445.12
Standing Orders	£ 701.15
Total	£1,304.53

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Next Special collection

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

Fr. Pat Madden 0118 931 4469
Fr. Rafaele Cossa/Fr Luca Speziale
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
Mgr. Patrick Daly 0118 947 1787

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

1st Sunday of Lent

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18th February 2018

Repent and believe in the Gospel

We have just entered Lent by the words “Repent, and believe in the Gospel” pronounced at each one of us individually. It happened at the very moment when ash was put on our forehead. In this way we have been invited to tear our hearts and to surrender them to Christ; we are invited to allow Him to touch our weaknesses and to focus on Him.

Lent is then both: a discomfiting and healing exercise. The beauty of Lent is expressed in the deep discovery of the Love of God, thus preparing us to celebrate the Passion, the Death and the Resurrection of Christ. This calls us to participate in the Stations of the Cross, make a good examination of conscience with true contrition, a good confession and the decision to improve our life's standards.

In the words “Repent and believe”, we are saying that it is important to hear our very name being called by Jesus in the depth of our hearts. With complete confidence we shall then unravel our sinfulness to God and start the penance, practising spiritual sacrifices, more intense

fasting time and acts of charity. It is important to start from bringing our misery to God to asking Him and our neighbours for forgiveness before we approach the Altar.

Because of the dynamic which are the words “Repent and believe”, in Lent we hear a lot about the dust and mud of our sins and guilt, as well as the truth that we belong to God. We hear that God desires our return to Him. We shall return to God as sinners but above all as His beloved children.

In this way, we, all of us, will tune our hearts with the Church; we shall start Lent as a liberating journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, from the slavery of sin to the dignity and beauty of God's children; from the Biblical foreign countries to the Fatherland (the journey of the Prodigal Son).

Fr Stan.

Psalm Response:

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 19th Feb	7.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Rosary <i>Intention available</i>
Tue 20th Feb	9.00am 10.00am	<i>Adoration followed by Rosary</i> <i>Intention available</i>
Wed 21st Feb	6.30am	<i>Intention available</i>
Thu 22nd Feb The Chair of St Peter feast	7.00am No Mass	Morning prayer
Fri 23rd Feb	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm	<i>Adoration followed by Rosary</i> <i>Intention available</i> <i>Adoration until 6.45 pm</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Adoration till midnight</i>
Sat 24th Feb	8.00am	Adoration till 4pm
Sun 25th Feb 2nd Sunday of Lent	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary John Bradbury RIP Elizabeth & Brian Caton RIP (Foundation Mass) <i>Intention available</i>

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 a few copies for you to take from the Advent room.

Anniversaries

Please keep in your prayers

Henry Ward (1988), Gisella Nottingham (1979); Gerard Conway (2005); Marie Scott (2014); Stanley Tompkins (1989); Beatrice Ntang (2010); Gerard Cashman (2013); Frances Newman (1983); Gerald O'Sullivan (1992); Edgar Wheeler (1994); Peter Anderson (2013); Tadeusz Wielogorski (2006);

The Liturgy in Lent

In Lent we will have the penitential rite at the foot of the altar, before the priest and altar servers enter the Sanctuary. We won't sing "Gloria" from now until Easter. The *Alleluia* is also replaced by "Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory." Flowers and decorations are removed, and music is moderated.

RCIA

We keep in our prayers Paul Garrod, Charlie Doherty, Roberta Galard who went through their Rite of Election yesterday at Portsmouth Cathedral.

This Week

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: Fridays 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.

Lenten Course -A Biblical Walk through the Mass (DVD) Wednesday 21st Feb, 7th March, 14th March & 21st March at 7.30pm in our church.

Did you ever wish you could get "more" out of Mass?

From the opening Sign of the Cross to the closing "Thanks be to God", we will discover many beautiful spiritual treasures. Please contact the Parish office if you are keen to attend this course.

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

the completed form to the Parish Office

Friday 23rd February : CAFOD Fast Day

Forthcoming Events

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

Wednesday 28th Feb at 7pm

Father Stan is hosting a poetry session at our church. All welcome.

Friday 2nd March

Women's World day of prayer

Abbey Baptist at 10.30am & URC at 2.30pm

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

Lent Penitential Services March 2018

Date	Time	Venue
Mon 19th	7.30pm	St John Bosco
Tue 20th	7.30pm	St Joseph's
Wed 21st	7.30pm	Christ the King
Thu 22nd	7.30pm	St Anne's
Fri 23rd	7.30pm	Our Lady of Peace
Sat 24th	11.00am	English Martyrs
Mon 26th	7.30pm	St James