

“My day by day” children's Lent & Easter book. £1/copy are in the advent room. “Infant” book from ages 5-8 and “junior” books from ages 8-11 yrs.

“My day by day” The Lent edition is now available in the Advent Room. £1.00 per copy.

Pastoral Area

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

Friday 2nd March

Women's World day of prayer

Abbey Baptist at 10.30am & URC at 2.30pm

Saturday 3rd Mar—Spring fayre at English Martyr's from 2.00-4.30pm in aid of Life & Samara's aid.

Saturday 10th Mar 2.00-3.30pm. Talk about Whitley past & present at the Whitley library

Sunday 11th March 5.30pm: LENTEN LAMENTATIONS. A unique 18th century Polish “Gorzkie Zale”. Meditation on Jesus Christ's Passion at Sacred Heart Polish Church.

Saturday 17th March 7.30pm at Douai Abbey

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

SCHUTZ St Mathew Passion & LANG The Little Match Girl Passion. More information in the poster in the Advent room.

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

Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life & Peace in the British Isles . Sunday April 29th 2018 at 3pm

Rosary on the Coast is an initiative of the Lay Faithful across the British Isles to a Day of Prayer for faith, life and peace. <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/> Also, see this Youtube video: <https://youtu.be/nSEyyld-Qt0>.

Blessed Hugh Faringdon School

Due to pupils moving out of the area Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School currently have spaces in Year 9.

Please contact the school directly via admissions@hughfaringdon.org

Offertory Collection 18th Feb

Envelopes £ 72.00
Loose Cash £ 498.17
Standing Orders £ 701.15
Total £1,271.32

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Today's Special collection

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

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Fr. Rafaele Cossa/Fr Luca Speziale
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Cn. John O'Shea 0118 957 4171
Cn. Michael Dennehy 0118 957 2149

Fr. Peter Glas 0118 942 8632
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Church office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9am-5pm

2nd Sunday of Lent

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25th February 2018

Our life is stretched between the mountains of Transfiguration and Calvary

On the Mount of the Transfiguration the glory of God's Kingdom was shining out of the Lord. Peter, James and John witnessed that very moment. They also saw Moses and Elijah coming from heaven as the servants of the Lord. Moses came to give testimony that the whole Law finds its fulfilment in Jesus. Elijah, likewise, testified that all the prophets were talking about Jesus.

Taking the disciples to the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus also wanted to prepare them for the events on the Mount of Calvary. He wanted to strengthen the faith of His disciples, based on the truth that the person of Christ is always the same; the same in all circumstances; the same in the past, the same now, the same in the future. If the disciples were people of faith, they would see the Sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary as an expression of the same glory, which was shining on the Mount of the Transfiguration.

It is later understood that neither Peter, nor James nor John embraced the

events from the Mount of Calvary with the same faith. Actually they lost faith in Jesus. In all the trauma and pain, they forgot that Jesus is the Divine Person. On Calvary they saw nothing but the scandal and a shameful death. They forgot that Calvary was the natural continuation of the meeting which happened at the Mount of Transfiguration. Interestingly enough, Jesus knew about the doubts of His beloved disciples. In their darkness, in the most painful moments, Jesus assisted them, and touched them on the most memorable Sunday.

Most likely we are to go through the same journey as the disciples did. In this light, Lent is a time to reflect on the mentioned mysteries in the context of our lives. It is good then to reflect on our lives as stretched between Transfiguration and Calvary with Christ and in Christ. It is good to ask Jesus for His strong support and for the grace to remain in Him always.

Fr Stan

CUBS Mon. 6.45pm / **BEAVERS** Thurs. 5.45pm / **SCOUTS** Fri pm in HALL

Psalm Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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>
Mon 26th Feb	7.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Rosary Holy Souls
Tue 27th Feb	9.00am 10.00am	<i>Adoration followed by Rosary</i> <i>Intention available</i>
Wed 28th Feb	6.30am	Mary Andrews RIP
Thu 1st Mar	7.00am No Mass	Morning prayer
Fri 2nd Mar	11.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm	<i>Adoration until 6.45 pm</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Nan Laffey RIP (Foundation Mass)
Sat 3rd Mar	No Mass	
Sun 4th Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Veronica Beng RIP Rita Rose Ransley James Walsh RIP

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

50th Wedding Anniversary

Wishing Cedric and Margaret a wonderful 50th wedding anniversary. God bless you both and fill your life with more love, compassion, and happiness.

Date for your diary:

Sunday 4th March: Margaret will be doing a last tea & coffee for the 9am & 11am Mass at the Social Club. Please do join us at the Social Club to say our thanks to Margaret.

Saturday 10th March: Farewell do for Cedric and Margaret. More information to follow.

Anniversaries

Please keep in your prayers

Jane Bartington (Jean) (2008), Mary Andrews (2015), Marie Fahey (1995). Nan Laffey (1997), Kenneth Adkins (1992).

Please keep in your prayer Mary Brannelly who died recently. . Mary's funeral is on Monday 5th March at 1pm. We keep her family in our prayers and may her soul rest in peace. Amen

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. Please do join us as this is a beautiful practice which brings us into unity with the crucified Lord.

Lenten Talk - A Biblical Walk through the Mass (DVD) Wednesday 28th Feb, 7th March, 14th March & 21st March at 7.30pm in our church. A great opportunity to discover the many beautiful spiritual treasures in Mass. For more information please contact Parish office, Father Stan or Stan Wilson on 07450 389640 . Everyone welcome.

Tuesday 27th Feb at 7pm Poetry & Pizza

Father Stan is hosting a poetry session in the Catholic chaplaincy in the catholic house. All welcome.

TRAIDCRAFT. The stall will be open on the Sundays in Fairtrade fortnight: 25 Feb, 4 and 11 March. We have a good supply of Real Easter Eggs and other goodies for you to buy. Please visit us.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 4th March

11am Mass: Confirmation Candidates of 2017 will be receiving their certificates.

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

4.00pm: Children's Station of the cross. Come and join the First Holy Communion children and their families for Stations of the Cross.

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 . Sign in sheet is in the Advent room. Please book your hour for our Lord.

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.

Saturday 17th march 7.30pm

St. Patrick's day celebration at our Social Club. Tickets £8/ member, £10/ guest. For more information please see poster in Advent room.

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

Other News

"Offertory Envelopes" for Sunday Mass:

If you would prefer to use envelopes as a method for your planned giving then please contact the Parish office as we are getting the envelopes for this year ready.

NGCF would like to Thank you to all who supported the Gospel Choir concert on 10 February. NGCF is delighted to announce that ticket sales, donations and cake sales together raised over £1,791.62 for the charity.