

Church Office: Our Parish secretary Rachel has been summoned for Jury service from Monday 19th March. We will try and keep the office going, but please do bear with us and only contact us for emergencies

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje : Sept 12th to 19th Details to follow

Resources

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

“Easter edition of My day by day” . £1.00 per copy.

Junior Reconciliation— Donation

Adult Reconciliation—Donation

Shorter “Morning Prayer” £9.00 per copy.

Pastoral Area

LAUDATO SI STUDY EVENINGS “Care for our common home”: 21st Mar at 7.30pm at St. James Presbytery. Please see poster in Advent Room for more details.

Building a Culture of Life

Being “Pro-life” touches everything from the

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

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

CUBS Mon. 6.45pm / **BEAVERS** Thurs. 5.45pm / **SCOUTS** Fri 8pm in **HALL**

beginning to the end of life issues. Come to an evening of witness and information on Thursday 22nd March at 8pm in the church hall at St. Edward’s Windsor SL4 3HJ.

Life in the Spirit Seminar at St Joseph’s Church, Tilehurst Booking not necessary - just turn up for the first session!. Please see poster in Advent Room for more details

Saturday 14th April at Westminster

Cathedral: “Living the Joy of Love” by Christopher West. More information info.rclondon@gmail.com.

Offertory Collection 11th Mar

Envelopes £ 230.00
 Loose Cash £ 370.65
 Standing Orders £ 755.77
Total £1,356.42

Special collection for Clergy Assistance Fund raised a total of £334.13.

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Next Special Collection

Good Friday: Holy Places

Easter offerings The collections at all the Easter Masses are for Fr Stan. Christmas and Easter are the most substantial part of a priest’s yearly income. Please do use the envelope provided & give generously. Thank you.

Our Lady of Peace & Bl. Dominic Barberi

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

5th Sunday of Lent **Year B p.86 (79)** **18th March 2018**

Acceptance of the Cross

Today we see the Lord proclaiming his crucifixion the last time before the Last Supper begins. He explains plainly that He came for this very hour. From today we focus specifically on the role of the cross. At this stage acceptance of the cross is not only an invitation to follow Jesus Christ, but it becomes a clear condition for discipleship, and the ultimate proof whether we lead a spiritual life; If we do not accept the cross we waste our time, and our life. There are two key elements of accepting the cross.

The first key element is praise and our thanksgiving for what He has done for us, for His Blessed Passion, for His Blessed Death, for the fact He has taken on Himself all our weaknesses, mistakes, errors, offences and transgressions and with them conquered the power of the Evil one. In this way we are invited to praise the Lord and to bless Him: in His Sacrifice, with Him and in Him we are united with the Father.

The second key element is equally important and must never be forgotten: We likewise need to be crucified with full acceptance from our side. If we do not, we will come to a dead end. If we cling to our life, we loose it. The only way of victory is to glorify God through a heart, which embraces crosses. Without losing your life for eternal life there is no Christianity. We are to place ourselves “below”, onto the ground, in order to be fruitful. Humbling yourself is the way of becoming fruitful. In the spiritual battle there is no hope in fighting directly the opponents in their own terms. On the contrary, in all the history of persecutions we learn how fruitful is the martyrdom Christians.

To help us to go “below”, to fall onto the ground and to die for ourselves day by day, let us recall the moment of our death. Especially at that time we will think instantly how to survive, how to fix our wounds, how to take breath, how to have hearts perfectly repaired. However at that time what God wants from us is that we commit ourselves into His hands, to fall and die to be united with Christ. Indeed the moment of our death is a perfect example of an invitation to accept the cross

Fr Stan

Psalm Response:
A pure heart create for me, O God.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 18th Mar 5th Sunday of Lent	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Olwen Smith RIP Jurko Janusz RIP Liz Bailey RIP
Mon 19th Mar St Joseph	7.00am 9.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	<i>Morning Prayer</i> <i>Rosary</i> Varghese RIP 3rd anniversary Rachel Challinor thanksgiving
Tue 20th Mar	9.00am 10.00am	<i>Adoration followed by Rosary</i> Nancy McDonnell Intention
Wed 21st Mar	6.30am	Bridie Cummins RIP
Thu 22nd Mar	7.00am No Mass	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Fri 23rd Mar	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am 7.00pm 7.30pm 9.00pm	<i>Adoration followed by Rosary</i> Isabelle Thorn birthday 50 years thanksgiving <i>Adoration till 6.45pm</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Penitential Service</i> <i>Adoration till 12 midnight</i>
Sat 24th Mar	8.00 am	<i>Adoration till 4pm</i>
Sun 25th Mar Palm Sunday	8.15am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Brian & Gloria Newman 50th wedding anniversary. Nuve thanksgiving Intention available

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

Census 2018

Please go to the Parish website www.lop.org.uk, click on the **Parish Database** button & fill in your details which are for parish use only and confidential. Thank you to our 6 Parishioners who have already registered their details.

Anniversaries

Please keep in your prayers

George (Jurko) Janusz (2012), Owen Kilbane (1999); Eileen Watson (2011); John Miller (2011); Mary Molony (1981); Richard Martin (2003); John Austen Fardy (2006); Joyce Hart (1990); Jorge Hortal (1999); Ray Dilo (2002), Irene Hickson (1994) Ray Dils (2002); and Irene Hickson (1994).

This Week

Sunday 18th March 9am & 11am:

RCIA Candidates' 2nd scrutiny

Sunday 18th March after 11am Mass

Kick-off meeting for Youth. All youth from the age of 11yrs –18yrs are welcome. Please do join us. In the DB Room.

Monday 19th March 6pm Holy Mass for St Joseph

Morning prayer in Lent 7am Mondays & Thursdays.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent at 7.00pm.

Lenten Talk - A Biblical Walk through the Mass (DVD) Wednesday 21st March at 7.30pm in our church.

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

Ministers & Altar Servers during Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Will all ministers please sign the sheet in the Advent Room if you are able to serve at any of the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass (9.00 and 11.00 am). Please give your name and a contact number (phone or email.) You do not need to specify which service; it is enough for Fr Stan to know you are able to serve. The list closes after 5.00 pm Mass on 5th Sunday of Lent, March 18th. We will contact you after that.

Holy week

Sunday 25th March Palm (Passion) Sunday - our morning Masses will begin with a procession from the hall (or from Advent Room if it is raining).

Tues 27th Mar (No Mass at church)

11.00am Chrim Mass (Mass of the Oils) at Portsmouth Cathedral.

Wed 28th Mar (No Mass)

Thurs 29th Mar Maundy Thursday

10.00am Office of Readings: Tenebrarum followed by Altar Servers' meeting & RCIA reconciliation

8.00pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's supper followed by Adoration till midnight.

Friday 30th Mar Good Friday

OLOP 10.00am Office of Readings: Tenebrarum

Walk of Witness at 10.00am with Churches Together will start at from the statue in Palmer Park, we will walk through the park to Liverpool Rd and then along the canal to outside Marks and Spencers for a short 10.50am service. Walkers will then proceed to Forbury Gardens for another service at 11.30am.

OLOP 11.00am Children's Good Friday service

OLOP 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

OLOP 700pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 15 Apr Easter Saturday

10.00am Office of Readings: Tenebrarum. After Tenebrae Blessing of food.

8.00pm Easter Vigil followed by celebration in hall.

Other News

Please find attached the Parish property newsletter.