

**Sunday 5.00 pm mass:** A request for anyone with musical talent or singers for 5.00pm mass to contact office, Fr Stan or Stan Wilson no. 07450389640.

**Catholic Chaplaincy Reading**

Fr Stan says a great thank you to all those who volunteered to make soup and help out on Tuesdays. If you are able to help in any way then please do contact him as help is always needed

**Resources**

**September edition of My Day by Day** £1 per copy.

**Shorter Morning Prayer** £9 per copy.

**Pastoral Events**

**Tuesday 11th September 2018: SPUC** meeting will take place from 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm at English Martyrs' Church, Liebenroad Road, Reading, RG30 2EB. This has been organised by local SPUC supporters in the area who want to set up a branch of SPUC in Reading. The benefits of establishing a SPUC branch in Reading include mutual support for pro-lifers and to provide a greater pro-life impact both in Reading and nationally. Please consider attending the event. We are looking for people to take on leadership roles in the branch but

**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".

also for people who are willing to support the branch in any way, either large or small. For more information please contact Edward Gibbons at SPUC on 020 7820 3140 or email edwardgibbons@spuc.org.uk

**15th and 29th September 2018 – Refugee Event.**

The picture of the 3-year-old Syrian boy Aylan Kurdi's lifeless body on a beach horrified us all and begs the question, just what can we do as a parish to sponsor and house refugees? In response to this a practical way of housing refugee families will be presented at two Caritas "Welcoming our Neighbour" events, one in the Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville on 15th Sep and another repeat event at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead on 29th Sep. Find out more under "Events" on the diocesan website, look it up on Eventbrite or send an email to caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**Saturday 6th October 10am-4pm:** The Church's Solution to the Sexual Revolution. A celebration of family life on the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae. Please save the date..

**Offertory Collection 26th Aug 2018**

Envelopes	£ 55.00
Loose Cash	£ 375.55
Standing Orders	£ 716.08
Total	£ 1,146.63

Thank you all for your kind donations.

**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

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

Fr. Pat Madden 0118 931 4469

Fr. Raffaele 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

**Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi**

338 Wokingham Road Earley Reading RG6 7DA Website [www.olo.org.uk](http://www.olo.org.uk)  
Portsmouth Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No 246871

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**Hall Bookings**

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

**22nd Sunday of Ordinary time**

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**2nd September 2018**

**Humility before God**

Our Lord describes Pharisee-ism as an attitude that removes us from God's Law, which is our true moral DNA. It happens when our conscience becomes scrupulous in superficial things, but softened towards God. Then the surface becomes crucial for us, but authentic prayer and real faithfulness to the Commandments are seen as "rigid" and unwelcome.

The yeast of the Pharisees is like a weed. We might not see it, and in blindness we overcome Christian moral barriers by embracing a concept of living, and even of the Church, which is not Christ-like and does not come from God but from man. We take God's clear moral demands, which are very penetrating and challenge us to the core, and we replace them with our own inventions, which have an appearance of goodness but do not penetrate.

This has slipped into our Catholic culture, for example, when we focus a lot on "ecology"

but pass over sexual immorality. Or when we label ourselves as progressive, traditionalist, conservative... losing our identity of being the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, we forget God!

We need humility before God, in contrast to the pride of the Pharisees. Let us remember Moses: his humility before God, receiving everything from Him. Remember his 40-day long prostration on the mountain to beg forgiveness for the people's pride, when they replaced the ten commandments with their own golden calf. The pharisee makes his own religion, he is the focus, not God. But if we come reverently before God in humility and penitence we will be welcomed by Him.

May we allow Our Lady to act in us in a way that all the enemies of God might embrace His Law and bend before Him.

*Fr Stan*

**Psalm Response:**

**The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 2nd Sept 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am 3.45pm 5.00pm	Mary Burke RIP Foundation Mass Parishioners Intention Adoration & Benediction Parishioners Intention
Mon 3rd Sept St Gregory the Great	10.00am	Rev Fr John Mugabo Rec. Dec in Uganda
Tues 4th Sept St Cuthbert	10.00am	Deceased members of Barnabos Family
Wed 5th Sept	10.00am	Bruce Bentley RIP
Thurs 6th Sept	No Mass	
Fri 7th Sept	11.00am 7.30pm	Adoration till 7.00pm Thanksgiving Eva's intention
Sat 8th Sept The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am 12.00 4.00pm	Intention available Baptism Leah Mae Causer Jonathan Ukeje RIP
Sun 9th Sept 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Intention available James & Kathleen Buckey RIP Foundation Mass Divine Mercy Intention available

Children's liturgy will start again next week.

**9am Childrens liturgy:** We would encourage 9am parents to contact the Parish Office by 8th September to let us know if your child(ren) will be attending the 9am Children's Liturgy. Based on the current information, it will not be viable for us to run the 9am session. Please reply back urgently..

#### Anniversaries Please keep in your prayers

2nd September: Angela Hughes (2012); 4th September: Linda Clayton (1979); Dee Faithfull (2008); 6th September: Lydia Robertson (1979); 7th September: William Dailly (1992); Peter Dawson (2008); 9th September: Bill Hunt (1994); Regina Zaboklicka (2007);

**Newsletter:** If you would like to receive the newsletter via email then please register in the Parish Database on our website. From October 2018, the newsletter will only be sent out to those who have registered their interest on the parish database online.

#### Sunday September 2nd 2018

##### The Visitation of the Rt Rev Philip Egan Bishop of Portsmouth Diocese

We welcome Bishop Philip amongst us, not as a guest but Our Shepherd. He, as a successor of the Apostles, is coming to support us in the faith, which is the faith of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church - Our Mother.

Bishop Philip will be available to meet us all parishioners after all Masses.

**After 9am Mass:** Teas & Coffee in the social club.

**International Lunch at 1pm:** We wish to thank everyone for contributing so generously to our get together with Bishop Philip. Please do come and join us at the Parish Hall.

**3.45pm:** There will also be a Holy Hour for vocations and Benediction at 3.45pm. Please come along to pray for the Shepherd of our Diocese and also for many vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

#### Parish News

**Saturday Sept 8th 10.00am** Is the feast day of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a Solemn Mass at our church followed by procession to the Grotto. Everyone welcome. Please spread the word.

Also there is Latin Mass at 11am in Douai Abbey followed by Marian procession in the grounds of the Abbey.

##### Saturday Sept 8th 6.00pm-8.30pm Celebrating Day of Creation in Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi, Reading

We are hosting a talk on creation entitled 'Evolution – Creation: what is a Catholic to think' Presenters will be Hugh Owen from the USA and Greg Clovis from UK.

The talk (and discussion) consists of two parts. The first provides an enlightening insight into the emphatic teachings of the Church Fathers, Doctors, Popes, saints and Councils over the past 2000 years on the subject of Creation. The second presentation looks at what cutting-edge science is now revealing about life on earth. Did Adam and Eve really exist, Is genetic mutation and natural selection a credible mechanism for creation and evolving life? Finally, the talks will consider the serious dangers to our Faith and life choices when we adopt a belief system based on human evolution from primitive forms. The

presentations are designed for lay people: you do not need scientific or Church history knowledge for this talk.

**Sunday 9th September at 2.30pm.** Divine Mercy Holy Hour. Every one welcome.

**Saturday 15th Sept 2018 Hall refurbishment Dance** A (fantastic!) mother-and-son tribute duo will be performing in the Parish Hall. Proceeds from ticket sales (and raffle) will go towards the much-needed refurbishment of the Main Hall. Details on the poster in the Advent Room and within the complex. Tickets from the Social Club Bar or Parish Office. Members £5/Non-Members £7.

#### Maintenance Update:

Advent Room: the redecoration for the room is complete. We thank you your patience and thank everyone involved in making it so welcoming.

#### First Holy Communion

If you have just started School year 3, and will be at least 8 years old between 1st Sep 2018 and 31st August 2019, then you are eligible to join our next First Holy Communion preparation programme. Parents please email or write to Father Stan at the church office by Mon 25th Sep, with the child's name date of birth, date and place of baptism, and parents' names, address, phone number and contact details. Further details about the programme will then be communicated.

**Confirmation** is offered for all young baptised Catholics who are in school Year 8 or above in September 2018. If interested, please drop the Confirmation Form, Consent Form and a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the Parish Office. Last date for registration is 15th September 2018.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is open to people who are discerning whether to join or come into full communion with the Catholic Church; new sessions start in September. To find out more, please see Fr. Stan after Mass, or Parish office.

**Mission magazine. Red Box.** The Autumn magazine has arrived. Please collect from the Stand in the Advent Room or from Jack Noronha. Thank you for your support to the missions.