

**Baptism:** If you wish to celebrate the Baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

**Parish Bereavement Support Group** can be contacted via the Parish Office

**Privacy policy is available at** <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/gdpr/>

### University Students

from 20th January Sunday Mass at St William of York 6pm.

Adoration at Our Lady of Peace at 6pm on Mondays.

Student Masses on the Campus restart on Tuesday 22nd Jan at 1.00pm.

### Resources

**February editions of My Day by Day** £1 /copy

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

Please leave money in the boxes next to the books in the Advent Room

### Pastoral News

**CADOD:** You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on Monday 18th February from 7:15pm to 9pm at Christ the King Church 408 Northumberland Avenue Reading RG2 8NR . Sally Kitchener CAFOD's writer for the Communications Team

#### 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".

will be talking about her recent visit to see CAFOD's projects in Bangladesh and there will be an opportunity to explore the resources for Lent fast day on 15th March. Also on Tuesday 5th March from 7:15pm to 9pm at St Joseph's Church London Road Newbury RG14 1JP Kezia Harrow our Step into the Gap Volunteer will be talking about her recent trip to visit CAFOD's projects in the Holy Land. Everyone is welcome so please book your place by emailing [portsmouth@caofd.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@caofd.org.uk) or call 01252 329385

**Sat 15th June.: Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham**, National Shrine of Our Lady. 2 coaches for 100 people. Led by Fr John. Cost £15. Bookings via your parish office.

### Offertory Collection 6th Jan

Main Envelopes	£ 67.25
Loose Cash	£ 466.37
Standing Orders	£ 742.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,276.12</b>

Thank you all for your kind donations.

### Second Collection

13th January : White Flower Appeal (SPUC)  
20th January : Cathedral

#### Youth Group Coordinator: Jean-Sixte

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#### 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. Bill Wilson	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
Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

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

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The Church office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 11am-4pm

**The Baptism of the Lord**

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**13th January 2019**

## Baptism of the Lord

The great joy of Christmas Celebrations has been flowing through the Epiphany to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, where it has reached its fulfilment. Here, at the bank of the river Jordan, the Only Begotten (not Created) Son of God joined those sinners who asked for the gift of conversion, seeking God and His Commandments. Here, we find Jesus Christ, the Lord, who expressed God's closeness to all the sinners seeking conversion and belonging to God and His vision of life. Here, Jesus showed his solidarity with them, but also with all of us, who put all our efforts to convert, to be rid of our selfishness. Here, we approach with the desire that the Lord would drag "an old man" out of us and prepare us to do His deeds by putting on us "a new man", created according to the model of God, in His righteousness and holiness based on Truth. Here, we come with desire of transformation us into the image of Christ Himself.

At the moment of the Baptism of the Lord, we recognise the humbleness of love. By immersing Himself in the river of Jordan, He

immersed Himself in our human condition, embracing our weakness and frailty and became a penitent with us, healing the wounded by sins as detached from God. Only then the heavens opened the manifestation of the Blessed Trinity took place, in order to announce Jesus from Nazareth as the promised Messiah who was to destroy the work of Satan and his empty promises; to destroy the ruling powers which would keep our will imprisoned. In Him, the bondage is liberated to live according to God's style, ending the reign of mortal sins in their life.

Christ disarmed the Evil One by stretching out His arms on the cross. He immersed us in Himself and empowered us to fight against sin, and through His resurrection we are really enabled to triumph over the Evil One. In the sacrament of Baptism of all individuals, not only them, but also the Church experiences the living and active presence of the Holy Spirit who vitalises, enriches and develops her.

Fr Stan

### Psalm Response:

**Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are!**

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 13th Jan 2019 The Baptism of the Lord	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Vivian Duarte RIP Mr K.Christopher Sivaganeshan anniv. Manuelina Fernandes RIP
Mon 14th Jan 2019	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary
Tue 15th Jan 2019	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary
Wed 16th Jan 2019	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Kathleen Marie Hogben RIP Foundation Mass
Thur 17th Jan 2019 St Anthony of Egypt	No Mass	
Fri 18th Jan 2019	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Adoration till 8.00am Saturday
Sat 19th Jan 2019 St Wulstan	8.00am No Mass	Overnight Adoration finishes at 8.00am
Sun 20th Jan 2019 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Ekekwe Family thanksgiving George Denizot Jessie & Sonng Jocelyn RIP

11am Mass Children's liturgy will resume on Sunday 13th January..

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

20 minutes before Sunday & Weekday Masses. On Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation 6.00pm-7.15pm or by private appointment with Fr Stan

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

13th Jan: Emma Fiorentini (2017)  
14th Jan: Terence De Sa (1999); Eileen Herbert (2008); Kathleen McGuire (2008);  
15th Jan: John Hickson (1983); Lesley Hughes (2004);  
16th Jan: Kathleen Hogben (2010); Charles Hay (2017)  
17th Jan: Josephine Gainey (1997); Anna Maria Goodchild

### This week

#### Sunday 13th January: White Flower Appeal

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the 13th January. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

*Cards to be sent to the Prime Minister are available in the Advent Room.*

#### Sunday 13th January Confirmation session:

After 11am Mass in Carl Barton Room.

#### Sunday 13th January at 2.30pm. Divine Mercy

Holy Hour. Every one welcome.

### Theology of the Liturgy.

We are starting some talks on the Liturgy. At the moment there are two talks:

1) **Tuesday, 22nd January, 7.30 pm** - Fr Seth Phipps "Holy Mass as Sacrifice"

2) **Tuesday, 29th January, 7.30 pm** - Fr James Bradley "The role of the Liturgy in the Renewal of the Church".

A good introduction to our forthcoming talks is an interesting material on the true nature of the Mass as worship and sacrifice, available on YouTube: Fr Mike Schmitz:

"Pray The Mass Like Never Before" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uG3dOziTY8M>)

### Date for your diary & Parish News

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

From Sun 20 Jan to Sun 27 Jan there will be 3 services for this cause throughout Reading. the last will be with us at 3pm on Sun 27 Jan, with refreshments afterwards in the Carl Barton Room. Please see the poster in the Advent Room .

#### BURN'S NIGHT - 26 JANUARY at the Social Club

OK, it's actually on Fri 25 Jan, but it will be celebrated in the Social Club on the following day - with a genuine Scottish Piper, Tickets are on sale NOW from the bar in the Club: With Food Members £8, Non-Members £12 (includes a haggis supper and a dram of whisky). Just Entry (without food) Members £2, Non-Members £4. If you're lucky enough to be entitled to wear tartan, please do!

#### Pilgrimage to Poland 2019 (June 5th-11th 2019)

See Poster in Advent room for more details.

#### NGCF Saturday 9th February at 7.30pm

Concert in church by Reading Community Gospel Choir, with support from soprano Luisa Donatella, in aid of Next Generation Christian Foundation, funding education for disadvantaged children in Nigeria. Please come and enjoy a wonderful evening of spiritually uplifting music and support this worthy cause. Tickets £10 adults, under 18s free, available after Masses in January.

#### Volunteers needed: First Aiders & Fire Wardens for Sunday Masses.

We need designated First Aiders and Fire Wardens for all our Sunday Masses. If you are already First Aid registered, then please contact the Parish Office and we can set up a Rota . Also if you are happy to be a Fire Warden (Training provided), please contact the Parish office. Thank you for your support.