

Parish Bereavement Support Group
can be contacted via the Parish Office

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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

Vacancy: A new parish administrator is being sought for the Church of Christ the King in Whitley The post is part-time, 15 hours a week spread over three days. Closing date is January 28. Interviews will be held on Tuesday, February 5.. Contact No: 0118 9314469

CAFOD meeting on Monday 18th February from 7:15pm to 9pm at Christ the King Church 408 Northumberland Avenue Reading RG2 8NR . Everyone is welcome so please book your place by emailing 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 13th Jan

Main Envelopes	£ 86.00
Loose Cash	£ 444.90
Standing Orders	£ 736.15
Total	£1,267.05

Thank you all for your kind donations.
Today's second collection is for the Cathedral in Portsmouth. Envelopes are available at all masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

Crib Offerings

This year our Parish is donating crib offerings to Friends of the Holy Land. We raised £366.47, Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing cost.

13th Jan White Flower Appeal (SPUC) raised a wonderful total of £431.39. Thank you..

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".

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	Fr. Pat Madden	0118 931 4469
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am	Fr. Bill Wilson	0118 969 3423
St. James	Sat 6.00pm; Sun 11.00am	Cn. John O'Shea	0118 957 4171
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.00pm	Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 2149
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Sun 8.30am, 10.30am	Fr. Peter Glas	0118 942 8632
St. William of York	Sun 9.00am, 11.00am (in Latin) 6.00pm (Students' Mass)	Fr. Mathew Goddard / Fr. Patrick O'Donohue	0118 966 5284
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00am, 6.30pm	Msgr. Patrick Daly	0118 947 1787

Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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20th January 2019

Mary's guidance before the coming of Christ.

Christ is the Fullness of the Revelation, the Law, the Truth and the Love revealed in the Old and New Covenants. He founded the Church, His Mystical Body, which means that the Catholic Faith is not of human origin, it does not come from people. As St Cyprian confirms for us, the Catholic Church is alone in keeping the true worship. Bl. Card. Newman confesses: "I did not distinctly believe in the *jus divinum* of the Holy See till I joined the Church. I then believed in it as I believed in any other doctrine of the Church, because she was the Church, the oracle of Christ." (Letters and Diaries, Vol. XX).

And yet we find the Church in crisis, many accuse her and leave her, and in addition they say she is equally embodied in they themselves. Many destroy her from within so that her credibility is destabilised in many members; Her visibility is under a question mark. Some of her shepherds are focused on themselves or they act as if they were not interested in salvation but in organising the social, exclusively fraternal element of our life. There are shepherds who set up something that

looks like the Church but it is not She. Many are led astray and fall into the heresy of irenicism. Many are not aware that without the whole and uncorrupted teachings of Christ, without one law of belief, and one Faith of Christians, there would be neither unity in the Church, nor true charity.

In the light of much division and confusion we cry out together with the disciples: "Master, do you not care? We are lost!" (Mark 4:38). We cry out in alarm, as if we have been tossed about by huge waves on the Lake Genezareth of our time. We try to wake up Jesus, who seems to be sleeping in the boat.

We know from the biblical scene that the Lord is coming soon. But now, at this stage, let us find ourselves in the Heart of Immaculate Mary, and do whatever She tells us to do (John 2:5), even if it seems to us "Mission Impossible", or if it seems in our view to be without much sense. It is better not to focus on other things, but on Mary and Her will, on the reciprocal love between the Virgin Mother and her Divine Son.

Fr Stan

Psalm Response:

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

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

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 21st Jan 2019 St Agnes	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Parishioner's Intention
Tue 22nd Jan 2019 St Vincent	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Intention available
Wed 23rd Jan 2019	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Rachel & Jofi Thanksgiving for 25 years
Thur 24th Jan 2019 St Francis de Sales	No Mass	
Fri 25th Jan 2019 The Conversion of St Paul	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Matty Grey RIP Adoration till 8.00am Saturday
Sat 26th Jan 2019 St Timothy & St Titus	8.00am No Mass	Overnight Adoration finishes at 8.00am
Sun 27th Jan 2019 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Vera Gorman RIP Rita Rose Ransly RIP Ann, Angelo & Douglad Napolitano RIP

11am Mass Children's liturgy. Please register your child before Mass.

Next Sunday 27th Jan is Holocaust Memorial Day. In cities and towns across the United Kingdom, events are being held to mark the liberation of Auschwitz and to remember the evil and injustice which has characterised genocide wherever it has appeared. This year, the theme chosen for Holocaust Memorial Day is "Torn From Home". Since the end of World War II, prejudice and hatred have caused many more people to be "torn from their homes". We cannot be silent in the face of injustice and suffering. We must do what we can "to proclaim liberty to captives and to set the downtrodden free".

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

21st Jan: Maud Thomas (1981); Caroline Abram (1998);
23rd Jan: Michael Lynch (1986);
24th Jan: Charles Farr (1996); David Brown (1997); Reg Oakman (2006);
25th Jan: José Matias (2014). **26th Jan:** Rupert Christopher(2006)
27th Jan: Paul McMEnamin (2001);

Theology of the Liturgy.

We are starting some talks on the Liturgy. A good introduction to the talks is an interesting talk on the true nature of the Mass as worship and sacrifice, available on YouTube: Fr Mike Schmitz: "Pray The Mass Like Never Before"

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".

Parish News

Tuesday 22nd January SPUC meeting in the Carl Barton Room 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm. Last week's appeal at our church was much appreciated as over 88 postcards were handed over. SPUC wanted to thank the congregation for their support and hopes that it has inspired someone to uptake pro-life work!

The new SPUC Reading Branch wants to help and support anyone that has an interest in pro-life work and wants to find out more. If you are willing to support the branch in any way, we would love to see you there. For more information please contact Mary Holland antoinette.holland@virginmedia.com or 0118 9268860.

Wednesday 23rd January 4-10pm. Fr Stan and Mark Laynesmith (Anglican Chaplain) will be leading a private pilgrimage around the Westminster Abbey. The visit will pass by the graves of Stephen Hawking, Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton, Charles Dickens and Elizabeth I. The evening will finish with candle-lit Night Prayer, and afterwards there is an optional visit to a local restaurant for supper. If you are not a student at the University, but are of student age and interested in attending this occasion, you are most welcome to make your own way to Westminster Abbey to join us at 5pm.

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (Sun 20 to Sun 25Jan) There will be 3 services for this cause throughout Reading. Please see the poster in the Advent Room for more details

Sunday 27th Jan at 3pm the last service will be held on Holocaust Memorial Day at our church with refreshments afterwards in the Carl Barton Room. .

Sunday 27th January Confirmation session: After 11am Mass in Carl Barton Room.

Sunday 3rd Feb: First Holy Communion session: Candidates to come for 11am Mass and have a meeting with Father Stan after Mass. Later meet for session in Church at 2.30pm.

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 .

Tues 11th Feb: You are invited to a **prayer meeting** in our church 7.45pm for 8.00pm until 9.30pm. It will include praise, thanksgiving, intercession, scripture reading and time to discuss.

Pilgrimage to Poland 2019 (June 5th-11th 2019) See Poster in Advent room for more details.

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