

## Pastoral News

**WANTED CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER** who will be responsible for the entire business function of the Diocese of Portsmouth, help to develop policies & procedures to cope with the fast changing nature of the social & legislative environment in which the diocese operates. Further details phone: Katy on 020 7426 3973

**Christ the King Catholic Primary school, Reading**, is seeking to appoint a new headteacher for September 2019. Full details and an application form are on the school website at [www.christthekingreading.co.uk/staff-vacancies/](http://www.christthekingreading.co.uk/staff-vacancies/)

### ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE – SATURDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY: 5 – 7 PM

A celebration of Praise, and a Healing Service at St Joseph's, Tilehurst -

**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.

**CAMINO PILGRIMAGE INFO EVENING** Have you always wanted to walk the Camino to Santiago de Compostela? Come to St James on Friday 15th February at 7.30pm to hear our

**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

plans for September 2019. Also, about following the St James Way from Reading Abbey to Southampton in easy stages this Spring and Summer.

**Healing Seminars at St Joseph church. FR NICHOLAS BROADBRIDGE OSB of Douai Abbey** will do a series of four seminars at St Joseph's in the large hall, from 10 am – 5 pm. On Feb 16th, Mar 9th, Mar 30th & April 6th. Anyone wishing to attend the seminar should send an email to Fr Nicholas ([nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk](mailto:nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk)) as he sends out notes to read and "homework" to prepare before attendance. Please bring a bible and food for sharing at lunch. An offering of £15 is acceptable.

### Offertory Collection 3rd February

Main Envelopes	£ 107.00
Loose Cash	£ 781.14
Standing Orders	£ 724.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,612.52</b>

Thank you all for your kind donations.

**Next Special Collection: 17th February for Racial Justice.** Funds raised through today's collection will be used for promoting racial justice in England and Wales. [www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-Sunday-2019](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-Sunday-2019)

**Youth Group Coordinator: Jean-Sixte**  
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**Emergency numbers for a Priest –**  
*Please call your own priest first*

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

## Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**10th February 2019**

### The world deserves to know the truth about itself - Here I am, send me.

The world deserves to know the truth about itself. The truth partly comes from an amazement. Once any person is amazed by the beauty and power of nature, he or she might admire how much more beautiful and powerful is He who formed them. "For from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator." (Wisdom 13:5). However, no one has ever seen God but only through His only begotten Son (J 1:18). Through Christ then, we know the truth and the will of God and yet the purpose of existence of the world. In him everything is revealed to its absolute fullness and we owe it to the world to pass it exactly as it was given to us. We must never preach other messages but only the one entrusted to us; we are only ambassadors of Christ making his appeal (2 Cor 5:20). "In him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to

reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross." (Col 1:15-20). "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

As the world deserves to know the truth, which is Christ, it is duty of the Church to do it! The Church is compelled by God to do it! How terrible for her if she didn't preach the Good News! (1 Cor 9:16). In Christ then, as the members of the Church we might express: "Here I am, send me". However we must be well rooted in Christ and in the Teaching of the Church, so we are not turning to a different gospel- which is really no gospel at all. We must avoid any confusions and those who may try to pervert the gospel of Christ. (Galatians 1:6-7).

Only then if we are who we are ought to be, we are not only serving the world by bringing the truth about Christ, but at the same time we are the real yeast working in the world, bringing back everybody and everything to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Fr Stan

**Psalm Response: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord..**

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
<b>Sun 10th Feb</b> <b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Evelyne Brooks Intention Richard Johnston RIP Divine Mercy at Christ the King at 2.30pm Aaron & Nicole Thanksgiving
<b>Mon 11th Feb</b> <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Elizabeth Bailey Rip 1st anniversary
<b>Tue 12th Feb</b>	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary John McDonagh's Intention
<b>Wed 13th Feb</b>	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Nelly Donhue's Intention
<b>Thur 14th Feb</b> <b>St Cyril</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Fri 15th Feb</b>	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Mary Reilly's Intention Adoration till 8.00am Saturday
<b>Sat 16th Feb</b>	8.00am 12.00	Overnight Adoration finishes at 8.00am
<b>Sun 17th Feb</b> <b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Gerald Cashman RIP 6th anniversary George Johnson RIP Francis and Lucy Colaco thanksgiving

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

*In February, the Catholic Church celebrates the entire Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In sending His Son to earth as a Baby, born into a family, God elevated the family beyond a mere natural institution. Both as children and as parents, we can take comfort in the fact that we have the perfect model of the family before us in the Holy Family.*

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

**10th Feb:** Kathleen Patience (1977); Catherine Winston (2004);  
**12th Feb:** Mary Wallace (1987); **13th Feb:** Ann Mackie (1992); **15th Feb:** Maria Giovanni (1987).  
**17th Feb:** Robert Green (1991); Christopher Coles (1989); Lauren Savage (2002);  
Jane Grigg (2014); Laurence (Locky) Sheehan (2017), Mary Brannelly (2018)

## This week

**Sunday 10th February Confirmation session:**  
After 11am Mass in Carl Barton Room.

**Sunday 10th February at 2.30pm** Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be at Christ The King Church. Everyone Welcome.

**Monday 11th Feb 7pm: Lent planning meeting IN Father Stan's office.** You are welcome to join Father Stan for this meeting and share any ideas you have to help make our preparation for Lent and Holy week.

**FAITH inquiry evenings** continue on Monday at 7.15pm in Dominic Barberi room. These talks are for anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of the Church's teaching and practice also for those wishing to enter the Church or if you are baptised and wish to be Confirmed. Sessions last just over an hour with coffee or tea beforehand. All are welcome. For further information contact Fr Stan or office.

**Tues 12th 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. Please see poster for more details.

**Neocatechumenal Way Retreat:** February 15th—16th. Father Stan will be leading a retreat for the Neocatechumenal way Community. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Saturday 16 February Defibrillator Fund Raiser in Social Club** The Social Club is raising funds to purchase a defibrillator machine for the church halls' complex. There's no charge (£4 sign-in for non-members), and Pulse (unintended irony!) will be playing. Come along and have a great time and maybe even win a great prize!

### Parish News

#### 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

**Wednesday February 20th:** The CWL group will visit our church at 11.30am to see the Icons. There will be a guided explanation of the meaning of the signs and liturgical structure. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Dominic Barberi room. All interested parishioners are welcome to come.

**Friday 22nd February : Our Lady of Peace Golf Society** AGM in Carl Barton Room at 8.00pm. New members welcome. For more information contact Paul Fahey 926 2710.

**Sunday 24th February Confirmation session:**  
After 11am Mass in Carl Barton Room.

**NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION.** If you wish to be part of this ministry then please speak to Father Stan by Sunday 17th February. After meeting Fr Stan, please contact the church office for the application form for the TRAINING DAY on Sat 2nd March at 9.30am—12.30pm at St James church.

**Advent Tree of Gifts** Please see in the Advent room the Thank you letter from our chosen charity "First Days2" and all that has been achieved due to the donations.

### COMING SOON!

The Award winning, highly acclaimed film 'INTO GREAT SILENCE' Will be presented in our church on the **Friday.15th of March 7.30pm** Please save the date. "A rare celluloid experience that truly transports us into another world" (Time Out ) ("An unforgettable experience") (Guardian Guide)

### 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