

Friday 15 March: Cafod Lenten Fast Day. Donations via Second Collections on Sunday 17 March .

Friday 5 April, 8 pm : Challenge Lent! Quiz Evening in the Main Hall. Throughout Lent volunteers will be refreshing and extending their knowledge of the history, culture and traditions of our Catholic religion. At the same time they will be raising money for 'Mary's Meals' through the sponsorship of family, friends and fellow parishioners. Information leaflets are in the Advent Room. Contact email: olopjp@gmail.com

Resources

Lent 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

Sat 15th June.: Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham, National Shrine of Our Lady. 2 coaches for 100 people. Led by Fr John. Cost £16. Bookings via your parish office.

CAMINO WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Thu 19th – Fri 27th September 2019. Camino del Norte Stage 1: Ballota to Vilalba: 92 miles, note: we do not finish in Santiago (Stage 2 will be offered in 2020: Vilalba to Santiago.) Flights and coach £270. Hostel or hotel extra. Must be reasonably fit & prepare by walking regularly

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

before the Camino. Info and booking form from the parish office. Closing date: Thu 7th March -

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 15TH–22ND MAY 2019. Due to a cancellation we have 2 places available in a twin or double room. Cost: £1360pp. Deposit: £250 pp. Flights from Heathrow. Led by Frs John & Michael. Contact St James: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 01189 574171 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019 Thursday 25th July – Tuesday 30th July. Departing from Heathrow Airport. Half board accommodation in three star hotel. Costs approximately £460 (max) We have now confirmed most of our arrangements and will be travelling to Lourdes at the same time as The Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available from EM Parish Office – Tel: 0118 957 2149.

Offertory Collection 17th February

Main Envelopes	£ 83.10
Loose Cash	£ 509.30
Standing Orders	£ 736.38
Total	£1,328.78

Special Collection:
 17th February for Racial Justice. £264.46
 Thank you all for your kind donations.

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

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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
Msrgr. 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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C p 65 (66) 24th February 2019

Christianity is religion of love

Many of us are weary, burdened, wounded and unhealthily attached to various things and people. Some of us keep hidden our unhealed areas. God knows about our problems. For that reason He wants to redeem us, also by entrusting us to one another. Because in this life people often add more problems or stir them up, Christ desires that his followers should discipline themselves by not adding burdens to another. He wants them to bring sweetness of heaven to others by taking part in the life of others in a very unique, gentle and subtle way.

Firstly, Christ desires us not to make any mess in another's heart. He does not want us to commit mortal sins or cause others to commit them. We must never make others feel little or stupid, less important or less valued. Christ does not want us to reject or use our neighbours.

Secondly, the Lord wants us to help them in taking from them their unnecessary problems. Next, He asks us to carry with them their burdens. He knows that being together under the same yoke, things are lighter and sweeter. Thirdly, we are to assist people in building in them nobility of their lives. It happen when we accept our cross. Finally, once we forgive those who reject us and hurt us, we in a sense carry also their crosses instead of them. Christ who destroyed hostility in his flesh enables us to carry His mortification in our body so that also in our bodies his life may be made manifest (2 Cor 4:10). This is love.

Fr Stan

Psalm Response: .The Lord is compassion and love..

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

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 24th Feb 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Harold Auch RIP Annamaria Pugliese RIP Brian Lee RIP
Mon 25th Feb	No Mass	
Tue 26th Feb	7.30pm	Lisa Casey's Intention
Wed 27th Feb St Gregory of Narek	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Shanan Bean Intention
Thur 28th Feb	No Mass	
Fri 1st Mar St David	11.00am 7.30pm	Adoration till 7.00pm Nan Laffey RIP (Foundation Mass) Adoration continues after Mass till 8.00am Saturday
Sat 2nd Mar	8.00am	Overnight Adoration finishes at 8.00am
Sun 3rd Mar 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Marie Fahey RIP Rita Rose Ransley RIP Martin & Mary Brannelly RIP

New to Our Parish

We welcome you to our Parish. Please introduce yourself to Father Stan and also register with us on our website www.olo.org.uk, click on **Parish Database** button, log in & fill in your details which are for parish use only and confidential. Thank you

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

23rd Feb: Edgar Wheeler (1994); Peter Anderson (2013); **24th Feb:** Tadeusz Wielogorski (2006); **26th Feb:** Jane (Jean) Bartington (2008); **28th Feb:** Mary Andrews (2015); **2nd Mar:** Marie Fahey (1995); and Nan Laffey (1997). **3rd Mar:** Kenneth Adkins (1992);

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 .

This week

Sunday 24th February: We welcome Father Zac for the 9am and 11 am Mass.

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

Parish News

Sunday 3rd Mar after 9am Mass & 11am Mass: Teas & Coffee in the social club.

Sunday 3rd Mar at 2.30 pm: First Holy Communion session.

Sunday 3rd Mar 6pm Bishop Philip will be celebrating the Student Mass at William of York. University students and people of student age (including A levels) are invited for the Mass and afterwards to spend time with our bishop.

Sunday 3rd March: Cake and Jam Sale in the Dominic Barberi Room after all the Sunday Masses. Please come and buy. However we need to have lots of produce to sell. If you can help then please bring your offering to the Dominic Barberi Room on the 3rd March before the mass you usually attend. For more information please contact Heike or Sheila on jonessheila3@sky.com or at the parish office.

NGCF would like to thank everyone who supported the Gospel Choir concert in church on 9 February. Tickets, cakes and donations together raised the sum of £1,918 for the Next Generation Christian Foundation.

Lent preparation

Last Year's Palm Crosses:

Basket in front of the Altar for last year's Palm Crosses. On Tuesday 5th March after Mass we will burn them (and save the ash for Ash Wednesday) whilst singing hymns. Then we will enjoy hot pancakes.

Monday, 4th March. 7.30 - 9.00 pm in church.

A workshop on the Liturgy of the Word for the five Sundays of Lent Year C. We will look at how the readings, psalm and Gospel make up the theme for each Sunday Mass, and how the Old Testament in particular relates week by week the History of Salvation.

Please bring your missal or Mass Book, and something to write on and with. Discussion will be an important part of the evening. Please come, especially if you are on the rota to read during Lent. You may find the workshop helpful.

Wed 6th March (Ash Wednesday)

6.30am, 10.00am & 7.30pm Mass

Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday (the Church suggests only one full meal and no meat).

Stations of the Cross: We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7.00 pm. The sign in sheets are in the Advent Room. Please do volunteer to read one of the stations. This is a beautiful practice which brings us into unity with the crucified Lord.

Each Monday in Lent at 12.15 pm: Soup of the Day and a Chance to Pray Prayer and reflection in the church followed by soup and a roll in the Dominic Barberi room. Minimum donation to Mary's Meals charity: £3

Tuesday, 12th March, 7.30 pm In continuation of recent talks on Theology of the Liturgy, we will have a session on "Calling to restoration of the sense of sacredness in the Church."

From Wednesday 13th Mar during Lent - Rorate Mass at 6.30am. Come and celebrate Mass by candlelight before dawn at 6.30am .

Friday, 15th of March 7.30pm

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