

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

Resources

Lent editions of My Day by Day £1 per copy
Shorter Morning Prayer £9 per copy
 Please leave money in the boxes next to the books in the Advent Room

Love one another: Please feel free to take a copy.

Pastoral Area News

English Martyrs Parish requires a volunteer DIGITAL LIGHT ENGINEER/OPERATOR (AP140), in particular, for the Easter Vigil where the light in the church and the scriptures walk hand in hand.

23rd March UCM 9.45am-3.30pm Annual Day of Recollection in Corpus Christi, Wokingham . Please see Poster for more details.

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.

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".

Friday 31st May to Sunday 2nd June. There is a weekend retreat for Parents and Children being held at the Verbum Dei Centre, Newport, Isle of Wight.. It will focus on the role of a Christian Parent, with the help of talks, prayer time and opportunities to share with other parents the joys and challenges of parenthood. A children's programme will be provided alongside the sessions for adults. For further details please speak to Phil and Laurinda Brown. More information can also be found at www.uk.verbumdei.org.

25th -29th July—Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes under the guidance of Bishop Philip. See Poster in Advent Room for more details.

Saturday 6th July 2019 If you are celebrating a Significant Wedding Anniversary this year then Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke . Please contact Parish office for more information.

Offertory Collection 3rd March

Main Envelopes	£	87.00
Loose Cash	£	492.48
Standing Orders	£	756.00
Total	£	1,335.48

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Friday 15th March is Cafod Lenten Fast Day .Special Collection is on Sunday 17 March

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

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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

1st Sunday in Lent

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10th March 2019

Suggestions for Lent

Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and allow Him to make your heart and mind completely new. Get rid of your old self and distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt. However, rend your heart and not your garment and always overcome evil with good. Forget you exist when you say you love and search for a humble place amongst others. Take up your cross and follow the Lord: Give up sin ... come back to virtue and God's Law. Give up wrong habits and bad attachments ... follow the path of the Lord to Calvary Give up some of your pleasures and ... exchange it for empathy and unity with the Lord at his Passion. Give up time in front of the screens ... fix your eyes on the Lord in the Bible and come for Adoration.

Give up pessimism ... focus on seeing God's care in your life
 Give up self harm and obsessive thoughts ... allow Jesus to love you
 Give up grumbling ... focus on gratitude
 Give up being impetuous ... learn to be patient
 Give up bitterness ... come back to forgiveness

Give up judging people ... focus on gentleness and find out God's love in your neighbour
 Give up envy ... embrace God's gifts planted in your heart
 Give up gossips ... control how and what you say.

Give up a little bit from your comfortable life ... be open to those who need you.

Give up your fear and tendency to compromise with what is wrong ... protect the vulnerable and those at the peripheries: the unborn, those in danger of euthanasia, in danger of losing faith and moral vigour, the rejected, different or uneducated.

Give up your worries ... trust in Providence
 Give up discouragement ... fix eyes on the Lord
 Give up sadness ... enjoy the beauty of the world around you

Fr Stan

Psalm Response: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

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 10th Mar 1st Sunday of Lent	7.00am-8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm	Adoration Rosary Ezekwe family thanksgiving Rita Rose Ransley RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Paul Doaherty RIP
Mon 11th Mar	9.30am 10.00am 12.15-1.00pm 1.15pm-3.00pm	Rosary Rosalia Krauze—anniversary of her birth Adoration after Mass till 12 noon. Prayer's and reflection followed by Soup Mothers Prayer Group in Our Lady Chapel
Tue 12th Mar	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Blinnie's quick recovery
Wed 13th Mar	5.25am—6.25am 6.30am	Adoration Holy Souls
Thur 14th Mar	No Mass	
Fri 15th Mar	7.00am 10.00am 11.00am 7.00pm	Adoration followed by Rosary at 9.30am Holy Souls Adoration till 7.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration until 9.00am Saturday
Sat 16th Mar	9.00am	Overnight Adoration finishes at 9.00am
Sun 17th Mar 2nd Sunday of Lent St Patrick's day	7.00am-8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Adoration Rosary Methsiri Fernando RIP Olwen Smith RIP Francis and Lucy Collaco Thanksgiving

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

10th Mar: George Scola (2006); **11th Mar:** Irene Garton (1978);
12th Mar: Jacqueline Gallagher (1982); Margaret Molony (2003); **13th Mar:** Chris Dickie (1996)
14th Mar: William Miller (1986); and Doreen Warrick (2000); **15th Mar:** Bridie Cummins (2015)
16th Mar: Sister Christine (1979); Derek Higgs (1992);
17th Mar: Percy Chamberlain (1976); Edward Brookes (1992); Eileen Cafferty (2012);

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 10th March at 2.30pm. Divine Mercy Holy Hour. Every one welcome.

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."

Friday.15th March 7.30pm Into Great Silence! You are invited to come and watch this wonderful film which will be shown in the church shortly after the Stations of the Cross.. Bring a cushion.

Sat 16th Mar: 7.00pm First Holy Communion . Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sat 16 Mar. ST PATRICK'S NIGHT in the Social Club . there's still time to buy your tickets (by Friday, please), includes an Irish Stew supper. Entertainment by David Moore, Irish Musician & Singer. Tickets £8 Members, £12 Non-Members, available from the Social Club bar.

Challenge LENT. We urgently need more people to take part in the Challenge LENT project. It's a fun way to extend and refresh your knowledge of your Faith AND raise money for the MARY'S MEALS charity. PLEASE sign up after Mass this Sunday. We really hope to get this show on the road! Information sheets are in the Advent Room.

Cake sale: We would like to thank everyone who supported the cake sale last Sunday. It was a tremendous success raising £322.56 for the much needed repair programme to the fabric of the church. Thanks to all of you who baked, bought, made and help sell.

Parish News

Fri 22 Mar Social Club AGM This year's Social Club Annual General Meeting will take place in the Club at 8pm . Come along and find out how your club is doing, and have your say in the coming year - vote for your committee members!

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

Sunday 24th March 2.30 pm: First Holy Communion session followed by Stations of the cross at 4.00pm.

Friday 5 April, 8 pm : Challenge Lent! Quiz Evening in the Main Hall.

29 - 31 March. Stationary retreat at Carmelite Priory in Oxford . As one of the Lenten Practices, please consider joining Fr Stan in retreat organised and lead by a Carmelite Priest, Fr Matt Blake, renowned speaker and authority on Carmelite spirituality. The topic of retreat is: The Cross and the Glory of Christ: Maturing in our Following of Jesus Christ, enriched and guided by the Poetry and Teaching of St John of the Cross. Fr Matt will help us discover the gems in the spiritual classics of the Spanish mystic, John of the Cross. Through his commentary on his poetry, John describes how one makes progress in the spiritual life and in the coming to maturity in Christ. Booking available till 18 March in our office or through Carmelite Priory in Oxford, Chilswell, Boars Hill, Oxford, OX1 5HB (01865 735133;01865 730183)Website: www.carmeliteprioryoxford.com

Lent Penitential Services April 2019

Date	Time	Venue
Mon 8th	7.30pm	St John Bosco
Tue 9th	7.30pm	St Joseph's
Wed 10th	7.30pm	Christ the King
Thu 11th	7.30pm	St Anne's
Fri 12th	7.30pm	Our Lady of Peace
Sat 13th	11.00am	English Martyrs
Mon 15th	7.30pm	St James

"Offertory Envelopes" for Sunday Mass: If you would prefer to use envelopes as a method for your planned giving then please contact the Parish office by 10th March as we are getting the envelopes for this year ready.