

Pastoral Area News

Message from Christ the King Church: Vicky Hummell is trying to track down the family of Albert Twiney, as his mother Theresa Twiney (nee Hummel) is having a house named after her at St Joseph's College. Please get in touch with her on vhummell@btinternet.com.

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

ST JAMES WAY – Reading to Southampton. A group of walkers have arranged to walk the old pilgrim route from Reading – Southampton in 6 stages (10-12 miles each). Starting on Sat 23rd Mar Reading – Mortimer (12.5 miles). Meet at St James Church at 9.15am. Start 9.30am sharp. 2nd stage Mortimer – Worting on Apr 13th. Information St James: 957 4171.

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.

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

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

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 the Parish office for more information.

Offertory Collection 10th March

Main Envelopes	£	82.75
Loose Cash	£	499.83
Standing Orders	£	756.00
Total	£	1,338.58

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Special Collection: Cafod Lenten Fast Day .
CAFOD Lent family fast day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth so please collect your fast day envelope from church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day> .

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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
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

2nd Sunday in Lent

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17th March 2019

Transformation in the desert

As we remain in the desert called Lent (fasting and almsgiving, examination of conscience and confession, inner prayer and more silence, spiritual books, and other Lenten discipline), we get to know God more closely. In Lent we also learn more about our weaknesses and fears, wounds and hidden faults and motives.

At the same time we must never forget that Christ, by rejecting the evil One and renouncing all temptations, and by accepting the Cross, extinguished in his body hostility, which blocked our hearts and separated us from each other. It means that in Christ there are no obstacles for generosity of our charity towards another. We are literally free to love like Christ has loved us. If we then accept Christ in our life, we allow Him to dwell in us and have companionship with him, also at the point when we openly uncover to Him the state of our soul and let him crucify in us our habits and tendencies: tendencies to pride and to seek power, to impurity and passions that feed our ego. He indeed comes to our aid: I will melt you down and skim off your slag. I will remove all your impurities (Isaiah 1:25).

It may be a painful challenge to lay open our body to drag out of ourselves all our sins, bad habits and tendencies, with the intention to pin them to the Cross of Christ and to kill them all. However, apart from sacrifices out of our generosity, also in this context we are encouraged by St Paul: I appeal to you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice (Rom 12:1).

Importantly, we should never forget that we are created in the image and likeness of God to do noble deeds, that we are immersed in the Loving Presence of God. Otherwise, the temptation to escape the desert and come back to our old negative and obsessive thoughts, bad habits and practices would be irresistible. Without more consistent prayer, particularly inner prayer, we will not survive long.

As God promised to transform us, if we cooperate with him, he will work on us and sculpt out of our poor souls a new creation. He will keep us in perfect peace if our mind is bent on Him, because we trust in him.

Fr Stan

Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

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

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
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
Mon 18th Mar	9.30am 10.00am 12.15-1.00pm 1.15pm-2.00pm	Rosary Jueko (George) Janusz RIP Adoration after Mass till 12 noon. Prayer's and reflection followed by Soup Mothers Prayer Group
Tue 19th Mar St Joseph Solemnity	9.00am 10.00am 7.30pm	Adoration followed by Rosary Nelly Donhue's Intention Mary Rielly's Intention
Wed 20th Mar	5.25am—6.25am 6.30am	Adoration Shannan Bean
Thur 21st Mar	6.30am-7.30am No Mass	Adoration
Fri 22nd Mar	7.00am 9.30am 11.00am 7.00pm	Adoration followed by Rosary at 9.30am Michael McDonagh's Intention Adoration till 7.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration until 9.00am Saturday
Sat 23rd Mar	9.00am	Overnight Adoration finishes at 9.00am
Sun 24th Mar 3rd Sunday of Lent	7.00am-8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 4.00pm 5.00pm	Adoration Rosary Anthony Thyveetil & V.I. Paul RIP Teresa Lydeb RIP Rec. Dec Children's Station of the Cross Barbara Moran RIP

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers
17th Mar: Percy Chamberlain (1976); Edward Brookes (1992); Eileen Cafferty (2012);
18th March: George (Jurko) Janusz (2012); 19th Mar: Owen Kilbane (1999);
20th Mar: Eileen Watson (2011); John Miller (2011);
22nd Mar: Mary Molony (1981); & Richard Martin (2003); 23rd Mar: John Austen Fardy (2006);
24th Mar: Joyce Hart (1990); Jorge Hortal (1999); Ray Dils (2002);

This week

Sunday 17th Mar: Today after each mass our Chair of Finance, Isabelle Thorn, will present the Finance Report. In the Advent Room you will find leaflets on Planned giving. and also Gift Aid declaration forms. Please feel free to pick up a copy.

Offering envelopes for financial year 2019/20 are ready for collection from the Advent Room. Please take your named box.

Tue 19th Mar: Feast of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Day of solemnity. Masses in our church at . 10am & 7.30pm.

Fri 22nd Mar: Please note change in Mass times due to Father Stan's meeting with Bishop Philip in Portsmouth.

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 .

Sunday 24th March 4pm: Children's Station of the Cross. We invite all young families to come with their children. This will be lead by our First Holy Communion Children.

25th Mar The Annunciation of the Lord
Day of solemnity. Masses in our church at . 10am & 7.30pm.

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

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

Volunteer Role: Altar Servers secretary: We need someone to organise the care of our altar servers. Duties will include ordering and allocation of robes, organising enrolment in the Guild of St Stephen, planning a programme with Fr Stan for their spiritual development, setting up a rota for the upkeep of the robes. This is a sensitive role and will require an enhanced DBS check and references. Please email the parish office if you are interested

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

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.lop.org.uk, click on **Parish Database** button, log in & fill in your details which are for parish use only and confidential. Thank you

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 .

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