

Sat 27 Apr ST GEORGE'S DAY will be celebrated in the Club on Sat 27 Apr. Tickets on sale now from the bar for just £3, which includes a traditional English supper of bangers (sausages) and mash. (Vegetarian sausages will also be available.)

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

Pastoral Area News

4th—7th April 2019 The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be visiting our Portsmouth Cathedral in preparation of the . rededicated of England as the 'Dowry of Mary' on 25th March 2020 on the Feast of Annunciation.

CIRDIC is recognised as a safe and welcoming drop-in centre by many homeless people. They have a constant need of (new) underpants and socks. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the centre manager, Mrs Mabel Boyd, on 0118 950 2536 or 07817 373773. More info at cirdic.org.uk.

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

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, . 2 coaches for 100 people. Led by Fr John. Cost £16.

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 24th March

Main Envelopes	£	63.00
Loose Cash	£	401.27
Standing Orders	£	756.00
Total	£	1,220.27

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Today's Special Collection is for Clergy Assistance Fund. Its for priests and retired priests who may need financial help.

Youth Group Coordinator: Jean-Sixte

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Emergency numbers for a Priest –

Please call your own priest first

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Cn. Michael Dennehy	0118 957 2149
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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

4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday) Year C p 80 31st March 2019

The Church - Our Mother.

Come together all you who love our Mother, the Church.
Come through Christ, with Christ and in Christ.

Our Mother, the Church, has been left behind with furrows of sins from her children.

Our Mother, the Church, is full of sorrow because of the lost shepherds.

Our Mother, the Church is being hurt and humiliated

as few seek the Lord;

as the Divine Teaching entrusted to Her is being changed into human doctrines;

as many try to separate Her from the Beloved.

Come together all you who worry about the Church. Stay with Her and call:
Magnificat! Let our Mother, the Church rejoice!

As the renewal is given in union with the rejected King of the Universe;

as the source of life is the exalted Body above the earth;

as the presence of the living God is guaranteed so long as the Holy Mass is celebrated

validly; so long as God Himself washes us in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation;

Let us rejoice, we who are worried and sad,
overtaken by the burden of our lives,
crushed by sins and rejections!

We shall go into the house of the Lord.

where we find words of eternal life;

where the meaning of life is restored;

where there is the Host elevated – Christ Himself – the Lamb of God offered to the Father;

Gaudet Mater Ecclesia - Mother Church Rejoices

Fr Stan

Psalm Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 31st Mar 4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday is also known as “Mothering Sunday”	<i>7.00am-8.00am</i> <i>8.30am</i> 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>Adoration</i> <i>Rosary</i> Elizabeth Bailey RIP Giulio Fappiano RIP Sylvia Grealis RIP
Mon 1st April	<i>9.30am</i> 10.00am <i>12.15-1.00pm</i> <i>1.15pm-2.00pm</i>	<i>Rosary</i> Maureen Butler RIP <i>Adoration after Mass till 12 noon.</i> <i>Prayer’s and reflection followed by Soup</i> <i>Mothers Prayer Group</i>
Tue 2nd April	<i>9.00am</i> 10.00am	<i>Adoration followed by Rosary</i> Fr Eamon RIP
Wed 3rd April	<i>5.25am—6.25am</i> 6.30am	<i>Adoration</i> Kasinka Family intention
Thur 4th April	<i>6.30am-7.30am</i> No Mass	<i>Adoration</i>
Fri 5th April	<i>7.00am</i> <i>7.00pm</i> 7.30pm	<i>Adoration till 7.00pm</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Richard & Hayres wedding anniversary <i>followed by Adoration until 9.00am Saturday</i>
Sat 6th April	<i>9.00am</i>	Overnight Adoration finishes at 9.00am
Sun 7th April 5th Sunday of Lent	<i>7.00am-8.00am</i> <i>8.30am</i> 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	<i>Adoration</i> <i>Rosary</i> Elizabeth Bailey RIP Elizabeth thanksgiving Imelda RIP

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

Today the Fourth Sunday of Lent is mid-Lent Sunday or **Laetare Sunday**. As Pope Innocent III said: “Today is the middle of Lent, so some relaxation ought to be provided, lest the faithful break down under the severity of their Lenten fasts.”

It’s also in our country **Mothering Sunday** – and we wish all mothers a very happy day! In medieval England, today was a holiday from work when people went home to the mother church in which they were baptised. As families gathered, they gave gifts to their mothers, hence Mothering Sunday, a day we pray for our mothers and grandmothers too.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers
1st Apr: Patrick Burke (2008); Frederick V. Ntang (2010); Bridget Fuery (2012);
2nd Apr: Mabel Blake (1985); 3rd Apr: Edward Woyczys (1973); John Newton (2003);
4th Apr: Maria Colella (1989); Bridgen Fox (2012). 5th Apr: Christopher McDonagh (2017)

This week

Sunday 31st at 11am Mass : RCIA Candidates' 1st scrutiny. Please keep Kenny and Ana from our Parish in your prayers as they get ready to be received this coming Easter Vigil.

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

Every Sunday during Lent: The TRAIDCRAFT stall will be selling Real Easter Eggs . Large milk chocolate eggs, a bag of chocolate goodies and a booklet telling the Easter story. Each one helps our children to know why they have eggs at Easter and helps TRAIDCRAFT, too. THANK YOU

Lent

Monday 1st April 7pm: Brown Scapular. Thank you to all who have signed up for this. Fr Kevin Ekhoegbe will be coming to our church to help prepare us for this dedication. Please contact Father Stan or Parish office for more information.

Wednesday 3rd April 7.30pm Talk in our church by Joan Dils on the meaning of the elements of the Paschal Vigil - fire, light, water.

Friday 5 April, 8.30 pm : Challenge Lent! Quiz Evening in the Main Hall. . Full details about how you can sponsor are on green forms in the Advent Room, or can be requested by email to olopjp@gmail.com. Please put completed forms through the presbytery letter box or scan and send them to olopjp@gmail.com. Audience places (£5 donation) are also available, but need to be booked via the Parish Office. No payments needed until after the quiz.

Ministers during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Will all ministers please sign the sheet in the Advent Room if you are able to serve at any of the services on Maundy Thursday, Good

Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass (9.00 and 11.00 am). Please give your name and a contact number (phone or email.)You do not need to specify which service; it is enough for Fr Stan to know you are able to serve. The list closes after 5.00 pm Mass on March 31st..

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

Parish News

Thank you from the University Chaplaincy: Father Stan and the Chaplaincy would like to thank all our parishioners who cooked / donated lunch for students on Tuesday’s for the last two terms. The meals were greatly appreciated by all.

14th April Confirmation session: After 11am Mass in Carl Barton Room.

Sunday 28th April 2.30 pm: First Holy Communion session .

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound The parish is asking for additional volunteers for this important ministry. You would be required to take Holy Communion to nearby nursing homes or residences. Full training will be provided. Please call or email the office .if you would like to help or require any further information.

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