

Pastoral Area News

14th July at 11am Thanksgiving Mass at St James for Fr John O Shea. We offer our warm congratulations and most fervent good wishes to Fr John on the happy event of the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Attend RISE Theatre's YOUTH Summer School 15th – 18th August for just £65 (Bursary) Up to 10 bursaries are available for Catholic young people aged 12 to 18 from the Reading parishes to attend RISE Theatre's Summer School at St Cassian's in Kintbury. For an application form please email Michele at admin@risetheatre.co.uk - to qualify, applicants will need to briefly outline why they would benefit from a bursary and obtain a supporting signature from their parish priest or headteacher. See www.risetheatre.co.uk/summer-school for more information..

6th –8th September Handing on the deposit of the faith at Newman Hall , University Catholic Chaplaincy, Cardiff. This conference is open to all who are concerned with safeguarding the deposit of our faith in our families and in society. For more information and booking details [www.voiceofthefamily.com/ cardiff](http://www.voiceofthefamily.com/cardiff)

CAFOD Update meeting 4th September

You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Wednesday 4th September from 7:15pm to 9pm at St Joseph & St Margaret of Clitherow Church, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell RG12 1BE. Please book your place so that we have an idea of how many people are coming by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone 01252 329385

Offertory Collection 7th July

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| Main Envelopes | £ | 66.00 |
| Loose Cash | £ | 542.74 |
| Standing Orders | £ | 784.85 |
| Total | £ | 1,393.59 |

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Special Collection today is for Apostleship of the Sea; The collection is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.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".

Reading Catholic Churches Sunday Mass Times

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| 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) |
| Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham | Sat 5.30pm; Sun 10.00am, 6.30pm |

Emergency numbers for a Priest – Please call your own priest first

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| 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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This week Church Office is open on Tuesday & Wednesday 11.00am-4.00pm

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Good Samaritan

Jesus the Lord shows as a Samaritan as a model of our attitude towards others. A man who went over to the injured man and poured oil over his wounds tenderly and who focused himself fully on another, giving up his time, money and energy on another person, is given to us by Jesus as a pattern to be put into practice. The Lords does not give us a nice story to moved by its beauty, but He demands on us a certain way of life. All those who would follow Him, who would live according to the will of Christ, need to allow Christ to shape their lives into the same model. In this light we learn that our Christianity is measured not by how do we feel, but by our attitude towards God and towards those who are given to us, regardless of our feelings, if we are noticed, recognised or even respected.

The Samaritan is also a symbol of lower class, rejected people whose humility shows forth. Being rejected and ignored, he approaches the needy person without any bitterness and expectations to be given back anything. In this way he becomes the reference point of any Christian relationship, and involvement in family life and other forms of interactions between people. It includes all kind of duties and ministries in the parish. As long as we depend our involvement on our moods and feelings, the hunger of being recognised and appreciated, and as long as we focus on establishing a pecking order amongst ourselves, we will be spiritually disordered and disabled. As long as we do our ministry in a manner of judging and expecting any form of benefits, and as long as we focus too much on possibility of being hurt by another, we will not be able to notice "a half dead man" in our pews and closer to the sanctuary, outside the church and outside the parish. The story which took place on the street of Jerusalem to Jericho happens very often, indeed. It its because people are too busy judging and self-seeking their own comfort zone, key positions in dictating their will. This is why we are not able to see more and build the civilization of love.

Our inner attitude must reach the humility of that person, who had to carry on his shoulders many judgments of people around, who patiently focused only on pouring oil over a wounded man. As we must become like the Samaritan to follow Christ, let us ask ourselves, as Pope Francis does, "is our faith fertile? Does it produce good works? Or is it rather sterile, and so more dead than alive? Do I make neighbours, or do I just pass by?"

Fr Stan

Psalm Response:

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your heart will revive.

| Date & Dedication | Time | Mass Intentions etc |
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| Sun 14th July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 2.30pm 5.00pm | Rosary Dermot Durnin RIP Foundation Mass George Johnson RIP Divine Mercy Holy Hour Kathleen's Intention |
| Mon 15th July St Swithun | 9.30am 10.00am | Rosary Fedelia RIP (rec. dec.) |
| Tue 16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel | 9.00am 10.00am | Adoration followed by Rosary Eva Nora's Intention |
| Wed 17th July | 9.30am 10.00am | Rosary Luke thanksgiving |
| Thur 18th July St Bonaventure | No Mass | |
| Fri 19th July | 9.00am 10.00am 11.00am | Adoration followed by Rosary Bridget's birthday thanksgiving Adoration until 7.00pm |
| Sat 20th July St Apollinaris | No Mass | |
| Sun 21st July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm | Rosary Wayne D'Souza RIP Dennis Buckley RIP Foundation Mass Alan Williams RIP |

11am Mass Children's liturgy.

Please register your child before Mass.. 21st July is the last Children's Liturgy before the Summer Break.

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

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

14th July: Alexander Croft (1989); 15th July: Richard Wallace (1991); Martin Keeler (2004);
16th July: Henry Thomas (1976); James Howard (1979);
17th July: Emma & Catherine Novell (1979); and Jack Tierney (1982).
18th July: Stanislaw Wisniewski (2012); 19th July: Eileen O'Riordan (2016);
21st July: Denis Buckley (2011);

Today 14th July 2.30pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour at our church. Everyone welcome.

Parish News

Next week Father Stan will be taking his well deserved summer break; his break this time will be in the form of long retreat in Fatima, full of silence and contemplative prayer. We wish him a good break and restful summer.

We welcome Fr Marcin Wysocki, Professor from Poland, who will be with us during this period. Father Marcin is a professor of the Catholic University in Lublin, a member of the North American Patristic Society, a member of Patristic Commission of Polish Bishop Conference, a member of European Society of Catholic Theology and a member International Association of Patristic Studies (AIEP). He has written many articles and books related to patristic period. One of them is a very interesting book: „Eschatology of persecution period on the basis of Tertulian and Cyprian”.

Parish Office: This week the Parish office is open on Tuesday and Wednesday only. All e mails and calls from Thursday, will be answered the following week.

Parish Family Barbecue: A huge thank you to all who prepared and delivered the barbeque last Sunday and also thank you to everyone who came to build the social aspect of the parish community . It was a great opportunity for members of the Parish to meet and enjoy each other's company.

First Saturday devotion to Our Lady: Last Saturday we started a new big project to promote First Saturdays of the month to fulfil Fatima message. It was great event and please help us to develop this demotion.

“Tell us what you think” Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey forms. If you wish to take part please fill in a form today, as the Parish Team will meet on July 15th to collate the results, which will be published in the following week's newsletter.

Brown Scapular - Our parishioners and others from Reading Area who have been preparing in our parish for last few months will receive the Brown Scapular in Carmelite Retreat Centre at Boars Hill in Oxford on 16 July on the Feast Day of Our Lady at Mount Carmel. Please pray for them or, if you find time, assist them in person at that special spiritual moment in their lives

Friday day-time Adoration is from 11am - 7pm until Friday 19th July. After the Summer break, Adoration will resume on 6th September.

Saturday 20th July at 7.30pm Fundraiser for the redecoration of Main Hall. Finbarr & Paul are back to play again to help raise funds. Tickets are available from the bar in the Social Club, after Masses in the Advent Room . Members £5, non-members £7.

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

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 the **register now** button, log in & fill in your details which are for parish use only and confidential. Thank you.

Resources

July / August 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.

“VIVA VOCE”: is the new Diocesan magazine . Please feel free to take a copy.