

## 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](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or phone 01252 329385

## Save the date; 29th September—9th October:

10 Days of prayer is an invitation to stop and pray and seek God for our town. We long to see more of God's Kingdom coming in Reading and to see Jesus at the centre of it all. . See website for more details:

<https://reading.10daysofprayer.info>

**REinspired, Earley and East Reading** - Team Leader vacancy. Closing date 1 August. See the poster outside the Lady Chapel, or on our latest news point [www.reinspired.org.uk/news/](http://www.reinspired.org.uk/news/) or for a full job description please call Julia on 0118 966 3929 or email [julia.jones@reinspired.org.uk](mailto:julia.jones@reinspired.org.uk).

## Resources

### 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.

### Reading Catholic Churches Sunday Mass Times

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*

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**

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

**Catholic Herald**—Please feel free to take a copy.

### Portsmouth Diocese e news:

Don't forget you can keep in touch with what's going on in and around the diocese via e-News: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/>

**Privacy policy is available at** <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/gdpr/>

## Offertory Collection 21st July

Main Envelopes	£	66.00
Loose Cash	£	346.01
Standing Orders	£	784.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1,196.86</b>

Thank you all for your kind donations.

**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".

# Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi

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### Safeguarding Officer Hall Bookings



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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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28th July 2019

**Father.....**

One week ago, our Lord encouraged us to listen to His word and to put it into practice by being for another human being. Today, he directs our eyes, our words, our thoughts, our feelings from people towards God. Since this is our way: from man, through man and on human way to God. Today's readings shows the power of prayer. In the first reading, Abraham intercedes for the inhabitants of Sodom. He wants to find a few righteous people who would save the town from the wrath of God. Abraham asks, and God agrees. This is possible only thanks to the extremely close relationship between Abraham and God. Abraham is not afraid to ask God, he is not afraid to "bargain" with God. Christ is following the same path in the Gospel. First of all, he shows us the necessity and importance of the prayer in our life. He is an example of a man who lives in a deep relationship with God and prays to God. But He also teaches his disciples this relationship, He teaches them how to pray. He shows them that this relationship should be as close as the relationship of the child with the father, and therefore the prayer He teaches us begins with this very word: Father. Holiday time is also time to improve and to devote some time to our relationships, it's time to talk to those who are our mothers, fathers, sons, daughters... It's also time to talk to our best Father - to God. So let us meet often, also again in the hottest time of the day, to pray together to our Father, and to learn how to pray and we always have to start with this wonderful word...Father.

Fr. Marcin

PS. When I wrote about the meeting in the hottest time of the day a week ago, I did not know about Thursday yet... I hope you survived!

Fr Marcin

### Psalm Response:

**On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord..**

## Parish News

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 28 July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Valle Gomes RIP McAteer family's intention Gerard Franco RIP
Mon 29th July St Martha	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary John McDonagh Intention
Tue 30th July St Peter Chrysologus	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Lisa Densley's Intention
Wed 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Shanon Been's Intention
Thur 1st August St Alphonsus Liguori	No Mass	
Fri 2nd August St Eusebius of Vercelli	7.30pm	Jane Mooney RIP.
Sat 3rd August First Saturday devotion to our Lady.	10.00am 12.00	Adoration, Rosary, Reflection followed by Holy Mass: Intention Available
Sun 4th August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Maryann Noronha's Intention Holy Souls Tony O'Neill's Intention

**11am Mass No Children's liturgy during 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 Marcin

### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

**28th July:** Jan Lorenz (1996); Bill Taylor (2005); Ann Taylor (2006);  
**29th July:** Frank Allen (1980); **31st July:** Peter Manning (2015);  
**2nd August:** Annie Duffy (1999)  
**3rd August:** John Nottingham (1978); Ronald Miles (1992); Gus Watters (1994); Laurie Mayes (2013)

We also keep in our prayers Christina Owens, who is seriously ill and in hospital. Her daughter has asked us to keep her in our prayers and hope that she makes a quick recovery.

**Friday Adoration** will start after the Summer break, on 6th September.

**Baptism:** If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan, on his return in August.

**The 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 (on his return in August) and also register with us on our website [www.olo.org.uk](http://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.

## Pastoral Area News

**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](mailto: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](http://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)

### Tell us what you think! An interim report

The overall impression we had when we read through the 35 completed surveys was that the strengths significantly outnumber the weaknesses. Nevertheless, weaknesses have been identified that, in our opinion, can mostly be addressed. We happen to be the three members of the parish team tasked with the review of the responses, and we hope that fellow parishioners will understand that it is best to wait for Father Stan to return before publishing in more detail the survey's results. We take this opportunity to emphasise that our role is to *advise* Father Stan about ways in which the parish might develop, and we are happy to have the survey responses as they will help us greatly in our work. John Allinson, Nancy Johnson, Stan Wilson.

**Hall Refurbishment fundraiser:** A huge THANK YOU to all who were involved with last week's fundraiser. During an evening of country and Irish music, a total of £687 was raised to paint the main hall. .

**Saturday 3rd August 10.00am –12.00: First Saturday devotion to Our Lady:** Last month, we started a project to promote First Saturdays of the month to fulfil Fatima's message. Please help us to develop this devotion and join us on 3rd August.

**Sunday 4th August: After 9am & 11am Mass.** Tea and Coffee in the Social Club. Everyone welcome.

**Mon 5 Aug 8.30pm - Fisherman's Friends** is a film based on a true story about Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends, a group who were signed by Universal Records and achieved a top 10 hit with their debut album of traditional sea shanties. Filmed on location in Port Isaac, Cornwall, and in London, all members of the band have cameos and worked as consultants on the film. Shown free\* in the Social Club (\* non-members £2), popcorn on sale for only 50p.

**Sat 24 Aug 7.30pm** is Members' Night in the Social Club. No charge (£4 for non-members), with a barbecue from 7.30pm, and Fez the Jezter providing the entertainment afterwards. Reduced-price drinks all evening.