

Resources

August / September 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

1st September - World Day of Prayer for Creation Pope Francis has established 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. On this Day of Prayer, let us "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

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

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

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

CAFOD Update meeting 4th September
7:15pm to 9pm at St Joseph & St Margaret of Clitherow Church, , Bracknell RG12 1BE. Please book your place. portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone 01252 329385

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>

Offertory Collection 11th August

Main Envelopes	£	72.00
Loose Cash	£	358.42
Standing Orders	£	789.46
Total	£	1,219.88

Thank you all for your kind donations.

18th August: Second Collection - Thank you Collection for Fr Marcin

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: 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".

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

Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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**This week Church Office is closed, office will open on 27th August
 Tues, Wed & Fri 11.00am-4.00pm**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Yr C p 62	18th August 2019
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Yr C p 64	25th August 2019

Witnesses...

In today's second reading, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews says about "so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us." Indeed, if we look at our religious life, our development of faith, and the history of the Church, we can see countless witnesses, those who testify of God with their lives, their faith and their teachings. We, too, must be such witnesses, because the world needs the witnesses to the Gospel. Such witnesses were certainly the Church Fathers and Christian writers of the first centuries of the Church's existence. We talked about them at our meeting for which I would like to thank you. Then, I was asked to prepare the list of the most basic books about the Church Fathers and the series in which their texts can be found. Here they are! Let the witnesses speak!

"The Fathers of the Church: from Clement of Rome to Augustine of Hippo". Catecheses by Pope Benedict XVI.

"Beginning to Read the Fathers" Boniface Ramsey

"How to Read the Church Fathers" Adalbert-G. Hamman

"The Fathers of the Church: an Introduction to the First Christian Teachers" Mike Aquilina

"The Fathers of the Church: a comprehensive introduction" Hubertus R. Drobner (for more advanced!)

Series:

"Ancient Christian Writers Series: The Works of the Fathers in Translation" Paulist Press

"Classics of Western Spirituality Series" Paulist Press

"Fathers of the Church, A New Translation Series" Catholic University of America

Fr Marcin

PS. Of course, I would like to thank all of you for this month among you in Reading. I didn't even notice that I left home in Lublin! Similarly so much work, university very near, friendly people... Thank you!

Psalm Response:

18th Aug: Lord, come to my aid!

25th August: Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 18th Aug 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Rosary
	9.00am	Grateful thanks to the Holy Spirit Baptism of Luka and Jonah
	11.00am	Tommaso RIP rec. dec
	5.00pm	Alan Pollard RIP Foundation Mass
Mon 19th Aug St John Eudes	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Patricia Doblir RIP
Tue 20th Aug St Bernard	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Lisa Dancy's Intention
Wed 21st Aug St Pius X	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Parishioners Intention
Thur 22nd Aug The Queenship of Mary	No Mass	
Fri 23rd Aug St Rose of Lima	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Giuseppe & Maria Catrambone RIP
Sat 24th Aug - St Bartholomew	No Mass	
Sun 25th Aug 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Rosary
	9.00am	Holy Souls Baptism of Antonella Torres Corbari
	11.00am 5.00pm	MaryAnn & Satheesh Thanksgiving Alan Williams RIP Mass
Mon 26th Aug Blessed Dominic Barberi	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Thyveetil family Intention
Tue 27th Aug St Monica	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Lisa Casey intention
Wed 28th Aug St Augustine of Hippo	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Intention available
Thur 29th Aug The Passion of St John the Baptist	No Mass	
Fri 30th Aug SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line * Margaret Ward	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Parishioners Intention
Sat 31st Aug—St Aidean & All Saints of Lindisfarne	No Mass	
Sun 1st Sept 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Rosary
	9.00am	Mary Burke RIP Foundation Mass
	11.00am	Emilio and Norma 40 yrs (renewal of Vows)
	5.00pm	Tony O'Neill RIP

We welcome Father Stan back and hope he had a restful break. We thank Fr Marcin for being with us and helping us with our Spiritual growth. On Sunday 18th August, there will be a second collection for Fr Marcin to show our appreciation.

Parish News

The Parish Office will be closed from 18th August to Monday 26th August. .

Social Club Movie "Fisherman's Friends" on Monday 19th Aug at 8.30pm Due to popular demand, the Social club is showing the movie again. Free for members (* non-members £2), popcorn on sale for only 50p.

Sun 25th August 12.30pm. Youth Group Picnic Day at Sol Joel Park. For all youths aged 12 +. Bring some food to share. There will be outdoor games, prayers and reflection.

Monday 26th August is dedicated to Blessed Dominic Barberi: It is a Special day for our Parish and hope that many of you will come for Mass at 10am.

First Holy Communion

If you are about to start School year 3 and will be at least 8 years old between 1st Sep 2019 and 31st August 2020, then you are eligible to join our next First Holy Communion preparation programme. Parents—please email or write to Father Stan at the church office by Mon 23rd Sep, with the child's name date of birth, date and place of baptism, and parents' names, address, phone number and contact details. Further details about the programme will then be communicated.

Friday Adoration will start after the Summer break, on 6th September. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company! And it's no bother for Jesus. In fact, He very much wants to see you!

We need more volunteers so please contact us and join the Adorers. For Friday slots between 11.00am-7.00pm please contact Mel on noronhamel@hotmail.com. and for slots between Friday 7.00pm - Saturday 8.00am contact June on june@junecarmichael.com

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan..

The Parish Bereavement Support Group can be contacted via the Parish Office

Relics of the Saints of Fatima Francisco and Jacinta. Our Parish has been truly blessed to be entrusted with the relics. The condition to receive them was that the relics will be always kept in the parish with respect and devotion and they will not be given to any private people. Father Stan would like to start a project "Request a visit of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima". He will start the project in October but from September we will open the calendar for families, individuals and groups who wish to practice this particular devotion.

Wedding Bells

Saturday 24th August 2.00pm. Maryann Noronhna and Jonathan Gant are to be married at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 96 Pyle Street, Newport PO13 1UH. We wish them all the best for the day and every blessing for the future.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

18th Aug: Bruce Bentley (2018) 19th Aug: Joan Kennedy (1992); Alan Williams (2011);
20th Aug: Caroline Wheeler (1985); Pauline Pringle (1999);
21st: Francis Molony (1956) and Gordon New (2000). 25th Aug: Marlene Quinlivan (2014);
26th Aug: Thomas Callaghan (1976); Timothy Sugme (1979); Paul Nunn (2001);
27th Aug: Mafalda Mastaglio (1985); George Tinson (1988); and Mary Kelly (1989).
30th Aug: Albert Bone (1978); 1st Sept: Geoff Way (1994); Mary Burke (2002);