

**First Holy Communion**

If you are about to start School year 3, 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.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is open to people who are discerning whether to join or come into full communion with the Catholic Church; new sessions to start soon. To find out more, please see Fr. Stan after Mass.

**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

**Pastoral Area News**

**Sunday the 29th September** at Christ the King Church in Whitley, the Ghanaian community are having a Thanksgiving Mass at 2:00pm followed by a reception at the Church Hall. All are welcome to join.

**Friday 18th Oct - 21st Oct.** To celebrate married life in our diocese " Marriage and Family Life " are launching a weekend of prayer and celebration. Please see poster in Advent Room.

**19th October 2019 – Day for Catechists and Children’s Liturgy Leaders – Portsmouth Cathedral, 10am to 4pm.** Everyone engaged in passing on the faith to children, young people and adults are invited for a day of thanksgiving, celebration and formation where we will discover ways to share our faith in Jesus Christ as his witnesses within our ministries. The day will be led by Fr Mark Hogan, and Mass will be celebrated in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists. Lunch will be provided. Register online: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/> catechists or phone the Dominican Sisters to book a place: 01590 681874

**Offertory Collection 1st September**

Main Envelopes	£	67.00
Loose Cash	£	436.82
Standing Orders	£	789.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1,293.28</b>

2nd Collection for Catholic Education Service £250.46. Thank you all for your kind donations.

**2nd Collection on 15th September for Home Mission Sunday**

**Next 2nd Collection on 6th October for CAFOD Harvest.**

**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".

**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**

**Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi**

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**This week Church Office is closed,  
Office will open on 25th September on Wed & Fri 11.00am-4.00pm**

<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Yr C p</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>15th September 2019</b>
<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Yr C p</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>22nd September 2019</b>

**Rejoice with me,” He would say, “I have found my sheep that was lost”**

One day Our Lord stepped ashore and saw a large crowd. He took pity on them, because “they were like sheep without a shepherd, and He set Himself to teach them” (Mk 6:30-34). It happened immediately after He had clearly expressed His will: "Come away to some lonely place, all by yourselves, and rest for a while". Why then did He change His mind? Today's gospel gives us a fascinating insight into the way of Jesus' thinking and into His feelings. His heart becomes more transparent to us when we listen to what He is about to say. 'Rejoice with me' He says. We find ourselves as the Lord's most treasured possessions. We are His precious and beloved! We are His! We belong to Him and He would never sell us to anyone. We can be useless in the eyes of everyone around us and we can be useless in our very own eyes. Regardless of our views, feelings and opinions Christ puts Himself into the position of being seen as a crazy person. He wastes His time only with the aim of finding us, the tiniest creatures on the planet, similar to a needle, and bringing us back He shouts with you: 'rejoice with me'. From a business point of view it does not make sense. The relationship between the time & energy spent and the benefits reaped says something other than joy. However, Christ is focused on individuals. The crowd does not exist for Him. Apart from that, Jesus believes in us. He believes in our trust in Him. When we are helpless, weakened, not able to live without a Shepherd, already lost – He believes in our transformation. When it happens, He is full of joy. Every single case brings Him joy when a life comes back again. As we see, Jesus believes in His lost sheep, who at this very moment are obsessed with their ideas about the meaning of life.

Father Stan

**Psalm Response:**

**15th Sept: I will leave this place and go to my father.**  
**25th Sept: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor. .**

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 15th Sept 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Kathleen McAteer Fernandes family thanksgiving Recardo Raganit & Vincent Jones RIP
Mon 16th Sept Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	9.30am 10.00am 1.00pm	Rosary Henry & Ethel Wiggins RIP Foundation Mass Requiem Mass Antonio Napolitano RIP
Tue 17th Sept St HideHildegard of Bingen	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Nelly Donhue intention
Wed 18th Sept	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Holy Souls
Thur 19th Sept St Januarius	No Mass	
Fri 20th Sept St Andrew Kim Taegon & St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Mary Andrews RIP (100th birthday) Adoration until Saturday 8.00am
Sat 21st Sept St Matthew	No Mass	Adoration until 8.00am
Sun 22nd Sept 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Gorman family thanksgiving Cham's family thanksgiving Ina Dias RIP
Mon 23rd Sept St Pio of Pietrelcina	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Irene's Intention
Tue 24th Sept Our Lady of Walsingham	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Shanon Bean's Intention
Wed 25th Sept	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Barbara Broxup RIP 3rd anniversary
Thur 26th Sept Ss Cosmas & Damian	No Mass	
Fri 27th Sept St Vincent de Paul	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Eva Nora's Intention Adoration until Saturday 8.00am
28th Sept— St Wenceslaus	No Mass	Adoration until 8.00am
Sun 29th Sept 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Intention available John Lilley RIP Foundation Mass Tony O'Neill RIP

#### 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.

## Parish News

**Sunday 15th Sept** There will be an appeal at the end of the masses on behalf of SPUC (Society for the protection of unborn children). SPUC will also be sharing some important news and upcoming events. For more details, please contact [stephanie.monot@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.monot@gmail.com).

**The Parish Office will be closed from 13th September to Tuesday 24th September.**

**Monday 16th Sept 2019 at 1:00 pm Requiem Mass for Mr Antonio Girolamo Napolitano** at our church followed by interment at Mays Lane Cemetery, Earley at 2:15 pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Rosaria and family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Monday 16th September at 7.30pm in Father Stan's office - Children's Liturgy team & First Holy Communion Team meeting**. If any Parent wants to put any suggestions then you are most welcome to attend the meeting as well.

**Sunday 22 September:** The Reading Catenians will be at all Masses to talk about their activities. For more details contact Sean Walsh 07850 933647 [sean.walsh@btconnect.com](mailto:sean.walsh@btconnect.com), <http://www.thecatenians.com/>

**Parish General meeting on Monday 30th September 2019 at 7.30pm.** All parishioners are invited to the Parish hall. The purpose is to present our main pastoral projects for the coming year and also a summary from the Property and maintenance team.

**13th October at 9am & 11am Mass:** Dr Simon Uttley headmaster of Blessed Hugh Faringdon School and Sixth Form school will give a talk about the school to our Parish.

**Report on Vandalism:** There has recently been a spate of vandalism carried out on cars parked on Aldbourne Avenue on Sundays during Mass, mostly involving paint being sprayed or daubed on the cars. We are in touch with the police. If your car has been damaged then please let us know via the Parish office.

#### Report from the Parish Team meeting:

- ◆ Year of the word
- ◆ Analysis of the survey
- ◆ Pastoral focus for the coming year
- ◆ Church opening times. Its been confirmed that from October, the church will be open during weekday from 8.30am -4.00pm.

**Volunteers:** As we enter the new Academic year, we need your involvement in some areas of the Parish:

- A. **Readers for all Masses** (Training will be provided)
- B. **Adoration volunteers** for an hour from 11am on Friday to 8.00am on Saturday. Please put your name on the Adoration list in Advent Room.
- C. **Altar servers** (Open to all post Communion Children). Training will be provided.

If you or your child would like to volunteer in any of the areas then please contact the Parish Office.

**Rosary Group for Men:** If you are interested in praying the Rosary with likeminded men then please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**"Request a visit of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima".** this project will start in October but from September we will open the calendar for families, individuals and groups who wish to practice this particular devotion.

#### Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

15th Sept: Mary Salmon (1975); Ethel Gibson (1988); 18th Sept: Richard O'Connell (2002); and Graham Smallbone (2003); 19th Sept: Sylvia Grealis (2018) 20th Sept: Bridget Malone (1990); 22nd Sept Michael Sorenson (1990); Surinder Dhir (2001); Theresa Semple (2006); John McCarron (1998); 24th Sept: Maria Agostino (2009); 25th Sept: Bernadette Barnes (1985); John Thompson (1990); and Fr. Eamon Walsh (2013); 28th Sept: John Lilley (2002); Godfrey Vivian Watson (1998); 29th Sept: David Wilford (2007); Noel Shiels (2012);