

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.

A MEMORIAL MASS will be celebrated on Saturday 12th October at 11am in English Martyrs church, Reading. This is for Fr Bon's brother & family members who were killed recently in Cameroon. The Mass will be a concelebrated Mass by the Reading priests, along with the Cameroon priests serving in our diocese.

11th – 13th October Retreat for married and engaged couples at the Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Newport, Isle of Wight. If interested please speak to Phil and Laurinda Brown, or contact the Verbum Dei Community at iow@verbumdei.org.uk, or telephone 01983 529554. Find out about the Verbum Dei Community at www.verbumdei.org.uk.

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 Lunch will be provided. Register online: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or

phone the Dominican Sisters to book a place: 01590 681874

20th October 2019, 2pm on Mission Sunday, Bishop Philip invites you to join him to celebrate Mission Sunday Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, followed by Refreshments in the Discovery Center.

Offertory Collection 15th September

Main Envelopes	£	195.30
Loose Cash	£	465.63
Standing Orders	£	789.46
Total	£	1,450.39

2nd Collection for Home Mission Sunday £302.67. Thank you all for your kind donations.

Offertory Collection 22 September

Main Envelopes	£	72.00
Loose Cash	£	423.17
Standing Orders	£	789.46
Total	£	1,284.63

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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

	Fr. Pat Madden
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

Christ the King, Whitley	Sat 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am	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	
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Our Lady of Peace & BI Dominic Barberi

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Parish Office is open on Tues, Wed & Fri 11.00am-4.00pm

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C p 76 29th September 2019

Reflection on awareness of hell in our time

Have you noticed that we hardly hear in our churches about the threat of hell? Maybe priests these days are afraid of discouraging their flock from coming to the church? Indeed, some of the faithful come to Masses to find rest, joy and company and they are not willing to listen to about uncomfortable subjects. In the case of fear of preaching on hell priest must be helped by all of us to be brave and never to give up. Their duty is to show us love to God and Heaven as our destiny and a place already prepared for us but at some point they are obliged to teach us wisely on realm of eternal condemnation. The teaching must be well presented to show us a path to God and to be warn of abysses on our way. We must hear about being watchful as "enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1P5:8). If we lead bad immoral life (according to God's commandments) we will find ourselves outside of God, literally in reality called hell. In this way St Maria Goretti was educated by the Church. Knowing the danger of abyss of hell she shouted at her neighbour Alessandro when he wanted to have an impure act from her: "No, never, that is a sin! God does not want it and we would go to hell". Thanking her preaching at that dramatic moment, and her determination in protecting chastity and yet in her immense prayers, in the eighth year in prison Alessandro was able to produce a deep act of contrition. He then only acknowledged and rejected his sins and all evil he did. He started living life in the spirit of great penance. He was just about to enter hell when he was rescued and he knew about it till the last day of his life.

The fact is that because God does not occupy the centre of lives of many people, their thoughts and actions are based on other principles. Hence many say that there are no temporary and eternal consequences. However, Fathers of the Church are firm on the reality of an eternal hell. St Ignatius of Antioch says: "Corrupters of families will not inherit the kingdom of God. And if they who do these things according to the flesh suffer death, how much more if a man corrupt by evil teaching the faith of God for the sake of which Jesus Christ was crucified? A man become so foul will depart into unquenchable fire: and so will anyone who listens to him" (Letter to the Ephesians 16:1-2 [A.D. 110]).

The issue that some will go to hell is already decided! We must be aware of it. Of course, there is an issue of who in particular will go to hell and it is not within the range of our decision.

Fr Stan

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 29th Sept 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Thyveetil family Thanksgiving John Lilley RIP Foundation Mass Tony O'Neill RIP
Mon 30th Sept St Jerome	9.30am 10.00am.	Rosary Peter Pittaway RIP Foundation Mass
Tue 1st Oct St Teresa of the Child Jesus	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration followed by Rosary Nelly Donhue intention
Wed 2nd Oct The Holy Guardian Angels	9.30am 10.00am	Rosary Requiem Mass Mrs Desolina Auch RIP
Thur 3rd Oct	No Mass	
Fri 4th Oct St Francis of Assisi	11.00am 7.30pm	Adoration till 7.00 pm Holy Souls Adoration after Mass until Saturday 8.00am
Sat 5th Oct	10.00am	Adoration until 8.00am Adoration, Rosary. Talk followed by Holy Mass- Holy Souls
Sun 6th Oct 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 9.00am 11.00am 5.00pm	Rosary Intention available Michael John Shaw RIP Intention available

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

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

29th Sept: David Wilford (2007); Noel Shiels (2012); 30th Sept: Ethel Wiggins (2005).
3rd Oct: William Collins (1988); Mary Murray (1999); Ita Olivier (2014);
4th Oct: John Tierney (1990); Marion Collins (2007); 6th Oct: Jeanette Barron (1983);

University Students: Today Sunday 29th September, we welcome back our University students to our 5pm Mass at our church. Students will take the lead role in the Mass during the university term dates .

Annual Mass Count: Mass Count for Pastoral Statistics will be done on all Sunday Masses on 29th Sep, 6th Oct , 13th Oct & 20th Oct.

This week

Gregorian Chant friends group 1st introductory meeting today after 5pm Mass. 1st Session on Monday 14th Oct at 7pm in the Catholic Chaplaincy house opposite St William of York church.

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.

Wednesday 2nd Oct at 10.00am Requiem Mass for Mrs Desolina Auch RIP followed by Committal at Reading Crematorium at 12 noon. Our thoughts and prayers are with her son Tony Auch and family. May her soul rest in peace.

CAFOD Family Fast day Friday 4th October
CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously or you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/fastday .

Saturday 5th October : 1st Saturday of every month 10am-12.00.(Dedication to our Lady)
Adoration, Rosary followed by Holy Mass.

Sun 6th Oct after 9am & 11am Mass
Tea & Coffee in the Social Club. Everyone welcome.

Mon 7th Oct 8.30pm - Monday film in the club.
"Rocketman". Shown free* in the Social Club (non-members £2), popcorn on sale for only 50p.

Parish News

COME and LISTEN= The Neo-Catechumenal Way Beginning Tuesday 8th October at 8.00pm continues Thursday evening, in Advent room. A new movement, now in 130 countries with over 20,000 parish communities. An Announcement of the GOOD NEWS. A reality raised by Christ and Our Lady for His people in our time and situations.

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.

October 26th: Visit to Stonor House

We are planning a visit to Stonor House , leaving the church car park at 10am . Father Stan will celebrate Mass in the chapel, and we will then be given a private tour of the house; a highlight of the tour will be to see the hidden room where Saint Edmond Campion used his printing press to communicate with Catholic's throughout England. If you would like to join us please sign the list in the Advent room.

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.

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 30th 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